

IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

A. 2005 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

“Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World”

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

- 9:00 A.M. “A Spiritual Day Apart,” Long’s Chapel Church, led by Dr. Rex D. Matthews, Visiting Assistant Professor of Historical Theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
(Registration at 9:00 A.M., session at 10:00 A.M., conclusion by 3:00 P.M.)
- 6:45 P.M. Service of Healing and Hope, 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 9, 2005

- 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: Dr. Robert M. Blackburn, Jr., Senior Pastor, Central Church, Asheville
- 1:45 P.M. Opening Plenary Session for Organization and Business
Recognition of Bishop and Mrs. J. Lawrence McCleskey and Report of Committee on Episcopacy, Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Chairperson
Necessary Elections
Welcome to Lake Junaluska Assembly and Report of Southeastern Jurisdictional Connectional Table, Jimmy L. Carr, Executive Director
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: James T. Trollinger, Cabinet Secretary
- 2:30 P.M. Composite Report of the Cabinet
- 3:15 P.M. Meetings of Forum Groups
- 7:30 P.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Council on Congregational Development, Michael G. Carle, Chairperson
Report of Conference Ministries Advisory Council, Robert E. Shepherd, Chairperson
- 9:00 P.M. Recess

Friday, June 10, 2005

- 7:30 A.M. The Sacrament of Holy Communion, Memorial Chapel
- 8:30 A.M. Morning Bible Study, led by Reverend Susan Pendleton Jones, Director of Special Projects, Duke Divinity School
- 9:15 A.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Conference Board of Trustees, Joseph P. McGuire, President
Report of The United Methodist Publishing House
Report of Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Katherine Clontz Sherrill, President
- 9:30 A.M. Laity Address: Mary Lou Roller, Providence Church, Charlotte
- 9:45 A.M. Reports on Ministries of the Laity:
Conference Lay Leader, Betty Jo C. Hardy
President, United Methodist Men, Ray G. Boger
President, United Methodist Women, Mary K. Kizer
Vice-President, Council on Youth Ministries, John F. Howard, Jr.
Confirmation of District Lay Leaders and Associates
- 10:20 A.M. Presentation of Dr. Nido R. Qubein, President of High Point University
- 10:30 A.M. Report of Board of Ordained Ministry, J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, President
Recognition of Licensing School Graduates
Recognition of Course of Study Graduates
Reception of Probationary, Associate, and Full-Connection Classes
Recognition of Clergy Transfers and Other First-Time Appointees

- 11:30 A.M. Service for the Commissioning of Probationary Members
 12:15 P.M. Recess
 2:00 P.M. Plenary Business Session
 Presentation of Dr. Richard H. Brodhead, President of Duke University
 Report of Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Mark B. Edwards, President
 Report of Council on Finance and Administration, James C. Windham, Jr., President
 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
 Vote on Constitutional Amendments
 Reports of Forum Groups
 Adoption of Consent Calendar
 5:00 P.M. Recess
 7:30 P.M. Evening Celebration: Focus on Africa University
 Address: Dr. James H. Salley, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Africa University
 Special Music by Africa University Choir

Saturday, June 11, 2005

- 7:30 A.M. The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Service of Healing, Memorial Chapel
 8:30 A.M. Morning Bible Study, led by Dr. W. Mark Ralls, Pastor, St. Timothy Church, Brevard
 9:15 A.M. Plenary Business Session
 Annual Statistical Report: Charles D. White, Jr., Statistician
 Cabinet Resolutions, James T. Trollinger, Cabinet Secretary
 Report of The Duke Endowment, Valerie B. Rosenquist, Associate Director, Rural Church Division
 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: Dr. J. Michael Leatherwood, Superintendent, Lexington District
 10:15 A.M. Plenary Business Session
 Report of Council on Higher Education Ministries, James C. Howell, Chairperson
 Report of Commission on Archives and History, James L. Pyatt, Chairperson
 11:00 A.M. Presentation of Bishop's Awards of Excellence in Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting
 11:15 A.M. Celebration of Life Service
 Sermon: Dr. Arnetta E. Beverly, Superintendent, Northeast District
 12:30 P.M. Recess
 7:30 P.M. Service of Ordination of Deacons and Elders
 Sermon: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey

Sunday, June 12, 2005

- 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 Andrew D. Brown, Pastor, First Church, Valdese
 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 7, 2005

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

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

- 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
- 5:30 P.M. Dinner and Training Session, Conference Ushers, Back Dining Room, Lambuth
- 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 9, 2005

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast, Women in Ministry, International Room, Lambuth
- 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Tent beside Stuart Auditorium (through Saturday)
- 12:15 P.M. Training for Youth Members of Conference, Kern Youth Building Auditorium
- 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Aldersgate Retirement Community, International Room, Lambuth
- 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Drew University Alumni/ae and Friends, Saville Room, Lambuth
- 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, Room 100, Lambuth
- 2:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 5:00 P.M.)
- 5:00 P.M. Reception, Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Terrace Lobby
- 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Terrace Auditorium
- 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Board of Ordained Ministry, Cabinet, and Persons Being Ordained and Commissioned, First Church, Waynesville
- 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Pfeiffer University Alumni/ae and Friends, Sunset Café
- 5:30 P.M. Banquet, United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Long's Chapel Church, with Carol Thompson, Town and Country Ministries, General Board of Global Ministries, as speaker
- 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 10, 2005

- 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, 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.]
- 7:52 A.M. Dutch-Treat Breakfast, North Wilkesboro District, Terrace Auditorium
- 8:30 A.M. Health/Wellness Fair, tent on lawn between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center (until 1:00)
- 10:00 A.M. Coffee, Honoring Spouses of Retiring Clergy, Terrace Hotel Lobby
- 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 Churches, 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, First Church, Waynesville
- 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Wesley Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Room 316, Terrace
- 5:30 P.M. Picnic, Youth Members of Conference and Members of Council on Youth Ministries, home of John Howard
- 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 11, 2005

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast, Educational Opportunities, International 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, Commission on Equitable Compensation and clergy and lay members of conference from churches receiving Equitable Compensation Fund grants, with Dr. Ron Crandall as speaker, Room 319, Terrace
- 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.)
- 6:00 P.M. Methodist MotorSports Evangelism Youth Rally, Nanci Weldon Gym
- 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 8, 2005 – 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 8, 2005, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Hymn 57 (*UMH*), "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," was sung, and Bishop McCleskey offered words of welcome, outlined the agenda for the evening, and offered prayer.

PASTORAL STATEMENT: Bishop McCleskey offered a pastoral statement concerning the historic and current significance of the clergy session and the covenant of ordained ministry which binds the clergy to one another for mutual support and accountability.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, president, asked all members of the Board of Ordained Ministry to stand and invited the members of the executive committee to the platform. He then offered comments concerning the process by which the formal immigration-status reports of clergy will be collected. After calling attention to a new joint cabinet/board policy on ineffectiveness, he then moved the adoption of 30 "Policies Related to Ordained Ministry," and it was done (see Sec. VIII.J).

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: In compliance with ¶ 635 of the *Discipline*, Beverly E. Gaska, secretary, reported that the Administrative Review Committee had examined the process followed in each instance of involuntary leave of absence (John F. Andrews, Gregory R. Fladeland, Vance E. Hunt, Robert C. Peurifoy, and Roy W. Sides) and discontinuance (Frederick L. Davis) to be dealt with in Business Questions 54 and 46 and had found each of them to have been carried out in compliance with the *Discipline*, with the exception that in the cases of Vance E. Hunt, Robert C. Peurifoy and Roy W. Sides, the 90-day-notice requirement had not been met. Upon motion by board president Stinson-Wesley, reflecting the recommendation of the bishop, the district superintendents, and the Board of Ordained Ministry, the clergy session waived the 90-day-notice requirement in those instances by more than the required 2/3s vote in accordance with ¶ 354.1b.

BUSINESS QUESTIONS: Bishop McCleskey, board registrar Charles D. White, Jr., and board president Stinson-Wesley, 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 Section V, The Business of the Annual Conference, accurately reflects the actions of the clergy session, with the following exception: At the time the clergy session acted upon Question 54b, it was not known to either the bishop or the Board of Ordained Ministry that the deacon and elder credentials of Vance E. Hunt, along with a letter of withdrawal dated June 6, 2005, had arrived on June 8 in the bishop's Charlotte office. Inasmuch as withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office under complaint becomes effective upon the date the action occurred, and with the consent of the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Vance E. Hunt's name has been deleted from Question 54b and inserted into Question 50c, effective June 6, 2005, pending approval by the 2006 clergy session of the annual conference.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD: Katherine Clontz Sherrill, president, offered explanatory remarks in regard to the ministry of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood and encouraged the clergy to become members of that benevolent organization. (See report in Sec. VIII.CC.)

ORDER OF ELDERS: Susan Pendleton Jones, chairperson, announced a "day apart" for members of the order to be held in the fall and encouraged members to participate.

ADJOURNMENT: Following the singing of hymn 690 (*UMH*), "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended," Bishop McCleskey spoke words of dismissal and blessing, and the executive session of the clergy was adjourned at 9:40 P.M. (See Sec. V, The Business of the Annual Conference.)

FIRST DAY — THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2005**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 9, 2004, 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 D. Edwin Huss, Jr., song leader, the congregation sang hymns 2236 (*TFWS*), "Gather Us In"; 369 (*UMH*), "Blessed Assurance"; and 344 (*UMH*), "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore." Adam Micah Ward, conference director of music, and Jay Oden, associate conference director of music, played the opening organ and piano voluntary, "A Mighty Fortress." Ronald D. Perry, liturgist, led the call to worship from Psalm 50, and the congregation sang processional hymn 159 (*UMH*), "Lift High the Cross." Diana Wingeier-Rayo, liturgist, led the unison collect.

David M. Hamlyn, a member of the Conference Worship Committee, welcomed Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey as celebrant and presented and dedicated the episcopal banner to be used in conference worship services. Bishop McCleskey expressed appreciation for the banner and introduced the preacher for the morning, Robert M. Blackburn, Jr., senior pastor of Central Church, Asheville. Following the prayer for illumination, the reading of scriptures from Mark 6:30-44 by Joe A. Hamby, lector, and the singing of hymn 454 (*UMH*), "Be Thou My Vision," Dr. Blackburn delivered the sermon.

In response to the proclamation of the Word, Susan Pendleton Jones, liturgist, led in the interrogatory form of The Apostles' Creed found in the baptismal liturgy. Bishop McCleskey offered concerns and prayers, 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, "How Great Thou Art," was played. The congregation sang the doxology and hymn 328 (*UMH*), "Surely the Presence of the Lord."

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 2005 session. Various hymns were sung as the elements were received.

Bishop McCleskey led the prayer after the communion, and hymn 634 (*UMH*), "Now Let Us from This Table Rise," was sung. Bishop McCleskey offered the dismissal with blessing, the organist and pianist played the closing voluntary, and the service concluded at 12:30 p.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 9, 2005.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop McCleskey called the 38th annual session of the conference to order at 1:45 P.M. with the congregational singing of hymn 553, "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 ordained ministers, local pastors, and honorary members of the conference who had died since the adjournment of the 2004 session: Bishop Lineunt Scott Allen, James Grant Allred, Sr., William Webster Blanton, Jasper Boyd, Sidney Kermit Boyd, John Finley Broyles, Jr., Newell Campbell Bush, James Edwin Carter, Wallace Davis Chappell, John Holmes Christy, Jr., Abram Jones Cox III, William Camby Crummett, William B. A. Culp, Carl William Dennis, John Reynolds Hamilton, Charlie Houston, Jr., Bishop Earl Gladstone Hunt, Jr., Joseph Williams Lasley, Michael Alvin Latham, Warren Calvin Leonard, James Holt Madison, Horace Robert McSwain, Edgar Harrison Nease, Jr., Woodrow Wilson Pryor, Charles Adams Rhinehart, Everett Eugene Richardson, Jr., and Ray Franklin Swink. Clyde W. Faulkner offered the prayer of grateful remembrance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: Kenneth L. Carter, Jr., chairperson, spoke words of welcome "back home" to Bishop J. Lawrence and Mrs. Margaret McCleskey, and each of them spoke warm words of appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Charlotte Area for the 2004-08 quadrennium. Dr. Carter and Ameila Giese, of Fellowship Church, Northeast District, presented a new crosier to Bishop McCleskey. Dr. Carter concluded the report by referring to the scope of the work of the committee as outlined in the *Discipline*. (See report in Sec. VIII.R.)

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 2005 conference session, and it was so ordered.

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 15, 2005, including the deletion of the material on pages 78-79 titled, "Joint Cabinet/ Board Policy Statement on Ineffectiveness, Leaves, and Exiting Funds," and it was done.

FORUM GROUPS: The secretary moved that twenty-four forum groups, their chairpersons, and their memberships be approved, with 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 2005-2006, 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 2005 session, and she was elected.

SECRETARIAL STAFF: The secretary nominated the following persons as members of the conference secretarial staff for the 2005 session, and they were elected: Louis H. Woodard, associate secretary; Amy L. Johnson, 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 Shannon A. Redden as associate statistician and Lawrence E. Barden as statistician *emeritus* for the coming year, and they were elected.

WELCOME TO LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY/SEJCT REPORT: Jimmy L. Carr, executive director, and Joetta F. Rinehart, director of public relations and interpretation, welcomed the conference to Lake Junaluska and reported briefly on the work of the jurisdiction and of the Assembly (see Sec. VIII.GG). They then presented to Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey a special gift of a bowl and pitcher made of silt from the lake bed of Lake Junaluska.

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 2005 session. He then recognized the members of the Conference Worship Committee by having them to stand. Mark D. Mashburn was recognized as the designer of the new quadrennial logo of the conference (see front of journal and other publications). The bishop also recognized Patricia A. Lewis, host district superintendent; Adam Micah Ward, conference director of music; Jay Oden, associate conference director of music; and Pam Corn, Tzena Keyes, and Connie King, signers for the deaf.

RULES AMENDMENTS: The secretary presented the following 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, and each was adopted:

- a. Amend Part I.B.1.1 by changing the first three words from, "One young person," to, "Two young persons."
- b. Amend Part I.B.2 by deleting, in the first sentence, the words, "including at least one young person under the age of eighteen," and changing the fraction from, "1/850," to, "1/800."
- c. Amend Part I.B.7 by changing the words, "the Consultation on Church Union," to, "Churches Uniting in Christ."
- d. Amend Part I.C.2 by deleting the words, "Volume I of," from the first sentence.
- e. Amend Part I.C.13 so that it will read, "Conference Lay Leader: The conference lay leader elected in 2004 shall continue in office until the adjournment of the 2008 session of the conference. Beginning in 2008, the conference lay leader shall be elected for a four-year term by the conference upon nomination by the Council on Laity. No person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms in this office."
- f. Amend Part I.D.1.f so that the first two sentences will read, "Laity representatives to the conference Ministries Advisory Council and all members of conference program ministry commissions (Part I.D.6) and advocacy agencies (Part I.D.7) shall be elected for quadrennial terms, in accordance with the maximum tenure guidelines for quadrennial agencies. A district representative who is elected as chairperson or section leader of a program ministry commission or advocacy agency and who moves during the quadrennium from the district from which elected to the commission or agency shall become an additional at-large member of that commission or agency, except that the number of elected members of a program ministry commission or advocacy agency shall not exceed by more than four the number prescribed for it."
- g. Amend Part I.D.2 by deleting the last sentence, which reads, "For the purpose of administering these provisions in the light of the conference adjusted structure effected in 1996, years of service prior to June 1996 on conference agencies which were subject to limited tenure in the former organization of the conference shall be counted against years of service for which a person may be eligible to serve on the same or a cognate agency in the adjusted structure."
- h. Amend Part I.D.4.a, following the words, "the conference senior program staff," and before the words, "the Committee on Native American Ministries," so that this segment will read, "the chairpersons of the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women; the chairpersons of the Committee on Church and Society, the Committee on African American Ministries, the Committee on Asian American Ministries..."

- i. Amend Part I.D.4.f, before the words, "the conference director of congregational development," by deleting the word, "and," and after those words inserting the words, "the president of the United Methodist Foundation, Inc."
- j. Amend Part I.D.5.c by changing every instance of the words, "Board of Pensions," to, "Board of Pension and Health Benefits," and by adding the following new last sentence: "As a sub-committee within its structure, the board shall quadrennially appoint a Health Benefits Committee, composed of such members of the board and other persons as the board may determine."
- k. Amend Part I.D.7 by adding the following new section a. (and re-lettering the following sections accordingly): "Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns: This commission shall be composed of four clergy persons and four lay persons, elected by the conference; the bishop's ecumenical liaison officer; and United Methodists residing within the conference boundaries who are members of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the governing board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the World Methodist Council, the United Methodist delegation to the most recent World Council of Churches Assembly, and the United Methodist delegation to the most recent plenary meeting of Churches Uniting in Christ."
- l. Amend Part I.D.7.c by changing the wording prior to the words, "one of the representatives of the conference," to read: Committee on Church and Society: This committee shall be composed of seven clergy persons and seven lay persons, elected by the conference; the district director of church and society from each district; the conference peace with justice coordinator; the conference environmental justice coordinator; the social action coordinator of the conference United Methodist Women; and ..."
- m. Amend Part I.D.7 by adding the following new section e. (becomes f.): Committee on Asian American Ministries: This committee shall be composed of up to eighteen members, a majority of whom shall be Asian Americans.
- n. Amend Part I.D.9.c, following the words, "the president of the conference Council on Finance and Administration," by inserting, "the president of the Council on Congregational Development; the chairperson of the board of directors of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc."
- o. Amend Part I.F.3 to read "The annual journal shall be published as one volume and shall contain the proceedings of the most recent conference session and the statistical tables for the calendar year preceding that session. It shall be made available as a printed book by October 1 following the annual session of the conference and shall also be made available by electronic means as soon after the annual session as possible."

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

REFERRAL OF PETITIONS TO FORUM GROUPS: The secretary presented Report No. 1 of petition referrals as printed in *Program and Reports*, and it was approved. He then moved the adoption of Report No. 2 as reflected in the supplement distributed at the time of registration, and it was done. (See Sec. VIII.W.)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Frank A. Stith III moved that Bishop Charlene Payne Kammerer, who had served as resident bishop of the Charlotte Area from 1996 to 2004, be elected an honorary member of the annual conference, and it was done.

GREETINGS: James T. Trollinger, 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 28, 2005, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The secretary made necessary announcements.

COMPOSITE REPORT OF THE CABINET: George E. Thompson, superintendent of the Charlotte District, introduced the composite report of the cabinet, assisted by the other superintendents. Building on the visioning process begun last year, which had included meetings with Bishop McCleskey, the report outlined the seven mission priorities to implement the vision for Christ-centered transformation: Intentionally relate unchurched persons to Jesus Christ; teach and learn Biblically-based discipleship and leadership; nurture throughout the conference unity in Christ that values diversity; support a conference-wide mission initiative: Africa University; develop ministry with the poor and suffering in local communities; explore and practice spiritual dimensions of stewardship; and initiate efforts, supported by the laity, to "shepherd the shepherds." The report concluded with the singing of the refrain of hymn 593 (*UMH*), "Here I Am, Lord."

RECESS: The conference stood in recess at 3:20 P.M.

EXCUSED (entire conference): Shirley M. Allcorn, Julian M. Aldridge, Jr., Tony L. Allen, Lloyd R. Bailey, L. William Baird, Jr., Roy E. Bell, Edward L. Biggers, James E. Bowen, Rosa M. Caldera, Edward D. Cantor, M. Susan Carmichael, Jack H. Cooke, Sharon Adams Croom, Joseph C. Daniels, Anthony M. Dowdy, Susan H. Ewing, Ann M. Gibert, R. Britton Hadley, Jr., William T. Jefferies, William R. Kimball, Jr., Kristin D. Lassiter, Barbara B. Mayo, A. J. Moore, Joseph C. McMurry, Michael E. Newton, Carol M. O'Neil, Sybil R. Parks, James C. Parsons, Virginia B. Peurifoy, C. William Sartin, Kent L. Shrader, Deborah K. Slu-

der, Nathan T. Snider, Noel N. Sweezy, Habakkuk Taylor, Donald W. Turman, Stacey R. Watkins-Griffith, and Furman A. Wright.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess, the conference reconvened at 7:30 P.M. with the singing of hymn 400 (*UMH*), “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” and prayer by Bishop McCleskey.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Michael G. Carle, chairperson, introduced the annual report of the council (see Sec. VIII.C) with the showing of a video concerning “Vital Partners,” a new funding initiative for congregational development. Nancy Burgin Rankin, conference director of congregational development, recognized members of the council and appealed to conference members to join the new initiative by contributing at least \$50.00.

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 2005 Denman Evangelism Awards. Bishop Looney presented the laity award to Sam H. Smith, Jr., of Assurance Church, Charlotte; the clergy award to Kelly P. Carpenter, pastor of Green Street Church, Winston-Salem; and the group award to the youth group of Grace Church, Kings Mountain.

As the names of the 54 churches being recognized as “Churches of Excellence” were displayed on the video screen, Mr. Carle highlighted the criteria for this achievement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE MINISTRIES ADVISORY COUNCIL: Staff and members of the Conference Ministries Advisory Council (CMAC) entered the auditorium singing, “Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World,” written by Mark L. Barden, conference director of missions/outreach. Robert E. Shepherd, council chairperson, introduced the report of the council (see Sec. VIII.B) and asked the members of the agencies related to CMAC to stand and be recognized. Thomas R. Sigmon, conference director of connectional ministries, spoke concerning the new quadrennial vision theme, “Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World.”

Sarah E. H. McKinney, chairperson of the Commission on Nurture Ministries, spoke concerning the work of “shepherding the shepherds” through soul-tending. Mary S. Robinson, director of the conference resource center, reported on the prayer shawl being knitted on stage by Katie Warren. Janet M. Hitch, conference director of nurture and Christian education, reported on designing a variety of small groups centered on spiritual growth and soul-tending. Dewey W. Smith, conference director of ethnic and justice ministries, reported on the images of ministry of CMAC and presented a brief video. Katie S. Fralic, conference director of ministries with young people, and John Franklin Howard, Jr., vice-chairperson of the conference Council on Youth Ministries, presented brief skits on the ministries of youth and youth workers. Frank Ramos, conference director of Hispanic ministries, reported on the Hispanic community represented in twelve groups within twelve districts, noting that a congregation is presently being established in Hendersonville.

Louise Jones chairperson of the Commission on Witness Ministries, reported on the Scandinavian Caravan in its 50th-anniversary year, and Randy L. Wall offered remarks concerning Disciple Bible Study. Pamela Shoffner, chairperson of the Committee on Church and Society, encouraged all local churches to present a study on the Social Principles before 2005. Michael W. Collins, conference director of volunteer response ministries, reported on the medical mission teams. Mahalia McGee, chairperson of the Commission on Outreach Ministries, reported on the medical mission team to the Dominican Republic and recognized all volunteers in mission. Louretta Howze reported on the work and mission of African University. Sandra L. Hieronymus introduced images of mission through a brief video of the AGAPE mission to Lachin, Armenia.

Dwaine Morgan, a church and community worker, was introduced as director of the conference Mission Response Center and noted that the debt on that facility had been paid in full and that the building would be dedicated on September 11, 2005. Neil M. Caldwell, Jr., chairperson of the Commission on Communications, reported on ways to access information through the conference Web site (www.wnccumc.org), the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* (celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2005), *Mission Life* and *Bridge* newsletters, and an e-newsletter provided via e-mail.

Mr. Shepherd concluded his report by encouraging full acceptance of all Fair Share Askings. Dr. Sigmon concluded the Conference Ministry Advisory Council report by challenging conference members to live into the vision: “Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World.”

RECESS: Following a word of blessing, the conference stood in recess at 9:10 P.M.

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2005

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION – 8:45 A.M.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The conference gathered in Stuart Auditorium for a period of Bible study at 8:30 A.M. Jay Oden, associate conference director of music, led the congregation in the singing of hymns 368 (*UMH*), “My Hope Is Built”; 133 (*UMH*), “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”; 2025 (*TFWS*), “As the Deer”; 384 (*UMH*), “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”; 364 (*UMH*), “Because He Lives”; and 347 (*UMH*), “Spirit Song.” Bishop McCleskey led in prayer and introduced Susan Pendleton Jones, director of special projects, Duke Divinity School, who presented the morning Bible study, based on Matthew 28:19-20. Using the four-fold imagery of “taken, blessed, broken, and given,” Rev. Jones explored the Gospel of Matthew in

light of the conference theme, "Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World."

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: The conference secretary made a necessary announcement.

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).

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 two new resources, *Beginnings* and the new *Interpreters Study Bible*. She then presented a check to Bishop McCleskey, representing the conference's share in the proceeds of the publishing house for the preceding year. Frank A. Stith III 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 CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD: Katherine Clontz Sherrill, president, offered the annual report of the conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood (see Sec. VIII.CC), encouraging lay persons in particular to become supporting members.

LAITY ADDRESS: Betty Jo Hardy, conference lay leader, introduced Mary Lou Roller, retired deaconess and a member of Providence Church, Charlotte, who delivered the annual laity address on the theme, "Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World," and the members of the conference responded with appreciation.

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 then presented a plaque of appreciation to Jewell Key, outgoing lay leader of the Winston-Salem District, for her service and introduced Martha Gwynn as the new lay leader for that district. Beverly Hill, lay leader of the Asheville District, was honored for her service as secretary for the Council on Laity. Johnny Harvell, chairperson of the Gathering of the Laity, spoke briefly concerning that annual event.

DISTRICT LAY LEADERS: The conference lay leader introduced the 14 persons chosen by the districts as district lay leaders for 2005-06, and they were confirmed by the annual conference.

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 William R. Jarrett, pastor of Flag Springs Church, High Point District. A video promoting the ninth annual National Gathering of United Methodist Men at Purdue University concluded the report.

REPORT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mary K. Kizer, conference president of United Methodist Women, presented her annual report (see Sec. VIII.H), and the conference responded with gratitude for the worldwide ministries of this organization.

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

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT OF HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY: Bishop Thomas B. Stockton, bishop-in-residence at High Point University, introduced Dr. Nido R. Qubein, newly installed president of that institution. Dr. Qubein responded with remarks concerning the relationship between the university and The United Methodist Church.

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), noting especially ways in which the board is working to strengthen the Residency In Ordained Ministry (RIOM) program. He also noted the new joint cabinet/board policy on ineffectiveness, explained that work is continuing on revisions to the policies on exiting funds, reported that the board had established a new conference-relations committee, and gave notice that the board would be requiring up-to-date information regarding the immigration status of all clergy who entered service since 1986.

CERTIFICATION: Ellen Sapp Johnson, associate Board of Ordained Ministry registrar for certification, and Bishop McCleskey presented a certificate to Cynthia Howard Core in recognition of her certification in Christian education.

DIACONAL MINISTRY: Bishop McCleskey asked Business Questions 70-81; 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 2005 licensing school. These persons were greeted on the platform by Bishop McCleskey and Board President Stinson-Wesley.

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 34 persons newly elected to probationary clergy membership in the conference (see Sec. V, Questions 28, 29, and 32a) 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 person newly elected to associate membership under the 1992 *Discipline* (see Sec. V, Question 27), the one member newly elected to full connection as a deacon (see Sec. V, Question 33a), and the 23 members 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 response.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The secretary made necessary announcements.

RECESS: The conference stood in recess at 11:25 A.M.

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING OF PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: The annual service for the commissioning of probationary members began at 11:40 A.M. with the singing of processional hymn 139 (*UMH*), "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, president of the Board of Ordained Ministry, 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 commissioned to ministry as probationary members of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference the 33 persons who had been elected thereto and spoke words of greeting to the one new probationary member being received by transfer from another denomination. 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 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 12:20 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 140 (*UMH*), "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF DUKE UNIVERSITY: After he had recognized persons from the conference who are related in special ways to Duke University, Bishop McCleskey introduced Dr. Richard H. Brodhead, president of the university. Dr. Brodhead spoke warm words of greeting, with special emphasis on the role of the university in training and directing the devotion and knowledge of its students to meet the wide range of human need, and the conference responded with appreciation.

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). Larry D. Wilkinson, chairperson of the Health Benefits Committee, reported for that committee, noting especially the changes to be forthcoming in retiree drug-benefit coverage and expressing appreciation to C. M. Worthy, Jr., past chairperson of the committee, for his labors.

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) and provided information about the development and implementation of the "new funding paradigm" adopted in 2004. Inasmuch as the proposals in the printed report of the council had been dealt with by Forum Group 23, Mr. Windham then turned to the report of that group.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 23, FINANCE: Mr. Windham reported as follows concerning the work of Forum Group 23, of which he had served as chairperson:

Petition 18 (Re-examine the Funding Paradigm). The forum group voted that the petition be referred to the Paradigm Impact Study Committee, and, after various members of the conference had raised questions, the conference sustained that action.

Petition 1 (2006 Conference Funds and Financial Policies). The forum group voted agreement, and the conference sustained that action.

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

PERSONAL CONCERN: Bishop McCleskey announced the death of the mother of Robert E. Roach and led the conference in a time of prayer.

REPORT AND ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION: The conference stood in recess in order that the annual meeting of the membership of the United Methodist Foundation could be held. Sam H. Smith, Jr., chairperson of the board of directors, called the meeting to order. He then recognized John R. Sills for his service to the foundation and to the conference and announced that Dr. Sills was being made an honorary director of the foundation. Mr. Smith then presented the names of the following persons for election to the board of directors, and they were elected: *Class of 2007*, Robert A. Wiltshire; *Class of 2008*, Christopher W. Davis, Richard Stockton, Charles E. Betts, Robert B. Byrd II, and Doris D. Vincent. David A. Snipes, president, presented his annual report (see Sec. VIII.BB), with special focus on ways in which the work of the foundation undergirds the quadrennial theme of the conference. The necessary business of the annual meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned, and the conference reconvened.

VOTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: The conference secretary made brief explanatory remarks concerning the eight amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church approved by the 2004 General Conference and submitted to the annual conferences for vote. The members of the con-

ference prepared their written ballots, which were collected by the ushers. (For results of the voting, see minutes for Saturday morning.)

OPPORTUNITY TO LIFT CONSENT ITEMS: Bishop McCleskey provided opportunity for members to propose that items on the Consent Calendar be lifted for consideration in plenary session, and there was one request. George Servian moved that Petition 23 (Insurance for Lay Employees) be lifted, but the conference did not sustain that request.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 13, PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Ellen S. Yarborough, chairperson, offered the report of the forum group concerning the following petition:

Petition 27 (Selective Disinvestment). The forum group voted disagreement with the petition, and the conference sustained that action.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 12, SOCIAL CONCERNS: Pamela Shoffner, chairperson, presented the report of the forum group in regard to the following petition:

Petition 28 (Adequate Health Care in North Carolina). The forum group voted agreement. Will Rabe spoke against the recommendation of the forum group, and Karen E. Kaser Odor and Bob Youngblood spoke in favor. Charles W. Eurey moved that the petition be amended by deleting the word, "residents," in the last sentence and replacing it with the word, "citizens." Donald W. Routh and Vickie B. Sigmon spoke against the amendment. Mark B. Edwards, former conference chancellor, observed that persons are not "citizens" of individual states, and, on that basis, Bishop McCleskey ruled the Eurey amendment out of order. Randy Porter and Edward D. Lee spoke against the proposal of the forum group. Donald W. Routh moved that the petition be amended by adding the following at the end, and this amendment prevailed: "Resolved, That the conference secretary immediately e-mail the heads of both branches of the state legislature to notify them of this action." The previous question having been ordered upon motion from the floor, the conference sustained the action of the forum group as amended by the Routh 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. The motion prevailed, and the conference sustained the action of the forum groups on the following petitions:

- Petition 2** (Board of Trustees of Camp Tekoa). Agreement.
- Petition 3** (Advance Specials for 2005-2006). Agreement.
- Petition 4** (Golden Cross). Agreement.
- Petition 5** (Directors of Rural Affordable Housing). Agreement.
- Petition 6** (Inclusiveness in Leadership Positions). Agreement as amended.
- Petition 7** (Vital Partners: A New Funding Source for Congregational Development). Agreement as amended.
- Petition 8** (Tending the Flame \$1,000 Scholarship). Agreement.
- Petition 9** (Brevard College Trustees). Agreement.
- Petition 10** (Duke University Trustees). Agreement.
- Petition 11** (High Point University Trustees). Agreement.
- Petition 12** (Campus Ministry Boards). Agreement.
- Petition 13** (Aldersgate Boards). Agreement.
- Petition 14** (Arbor Acres Directors). Agreement.
- Petition 15** (Children's Home Trustees and Officers). Agreement.
- Petition 16** (Givens Estates Directors). Agreement.
- Petition 17** (UMAR Trustees). Agreement.
- Petition 19** (Pension Programs and Policies). Agreement.
- Petition 20** (Conference Insurance Program). Agreement.
- Petition 21** (The Annual Conference Meeting). Agreement.
- Petition 22** (Equitable Compensation Policies and Guidelines). Agreement.
- Petition 23** (Insurance for Lay Employees). Disagreement.
- Petition 24** (Rural Life Sunday). Agreement.
- Petition 25** (Parsonage Furniture). Refer to Cabinet.
- Petition 26** (Mission Congregations as Conference Advance Specials). Agreement.
- Petition 29** (Cole Foundation Trustee). Agreement.
- Petition 30** (Volunteers in Mission Awareness Day). Agreement.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE: Kathy FitzJefferies, chairperson, recognized the work of Dewey W. Smith, conference director of ethnic and justice ministries, and noted that the focus of the commission is upon presenting to the conference unity in Christ that values diversity.

REPORT ON DISASTER RELIEF: Michael W. Collins, conference director of volunteer response ministries, reported concerning relief efforts in the western mountains of North Carolina during the past year, noting that \$1.6 had been contributed by churches of the conference for that work. Bill Cannon, chair of the Waynesville District Disaster Response Board, reported in more detail about the relief efforts in the district.

REPORT OF SCANDINAVIAN CARAVAN COMMITTEE: Timothy S. Moore, chairperson, reported on the ministry of the Scandinavian Caravan and its celebration of its 50th anniversary.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: Neill M. Caldwell, Jr., chairperson of the Commission on Communications, reported concerning the 150th anniversary year of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. R. Kevin Rippin, *Advocate* editor, introduced the chairperson of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc., Joe Parker, and concluded the report with a video presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The conference secretary made necessary announcements.

RECESS: Bishop McCleskey noted that C.W. Sydnor Thompson III, chaplain in the U.S. Navy, was to be deployed in August to Iraq and asked Chaplain Thompson to offer the closing prayer. After he had done so, the conference stood in recess at 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

EVENING CELEBRATION – FOCUS ON AFRICA UNIVERSITY: The Friday evening service of celebration began at 7:30 P.M. in Stuart Auditorium with an opening prayer in Swahili and English by Alec M. Alvord, former conference director of missions/outreach. Hymn 2103 (*TFWS*), "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding," was sung, and Bishop McCleskey spoke words of introduction. A video presentation about Africa University was shown, and the Africa University Choir sang choral selections. James H. Salley, associate vice-chancellor for institutional advancement of Africa University, delivered the message, basing his remarks on 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, and led the congregation in singing, "This Little Light of Mine." The evening offering for Africa University was received, and hymn 2235b (*TFWS*), "We Are Marching in the Light of God," was sung. The Africa University Choir sang a selection of songs, after which Rev. Alvord gave the dismissal with blessing in Swahili and English. The Africa University Choir sang the response, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," and the service of celebration concluded at 9:25 P.M.

THIRD DAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2005**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION – 8:45 A.M.**

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The conference gathered in Stuart Auditorium for a period of Bible study at 8:30 A.M. with the singing of hymns 432 (*UMH*), "Jesu, Jesu"; 529 (*UMH*), "How Firm a Foundation"; 2086 (*TFWS*), "Open Our Eyes"; and 367 (*TFWS*), "He Touched Me." Bishop McCleskey offered an opening prayer and introduced W. Mark Ralls, pastor of St. Timothy Church, Brevard. Using Matthew 28:18-20 as his primary text, Dr. Ralls emphasized the importance of the teaching ministry of the church as it seeks to follow Jesus, make disciples, and transform the world.

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

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT: Charles D. White, Jr., conference statistician, presented his annual summary report, making special note of statistical comparisons between the 2004 year and 1969, the first year of the existence of the newly merged Western North Carolina Conference (see Sec. VIII.II).

CABINET RESOLUTIONS: James T. Trollinger, secretary of the Cabinet, proposed the adoption of the following four resolutions, and each was adopted:

New Moravian Falls Church, Moravian Falls, Wilkes County, North Wilkesboro District

Whereas, The primarily Hispanic congregation of New Moravian Falls United Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro District, has a membership of approximately 20, many of who are both new Christians and new residents in the United States; and

Whereas, Most of their contributions are applied to the maintenance of the property and payment of utilities; and

Whereas, The insurance value of the New Moravian Falls property is approximately \$700,000; and

Whereas, The church has been unable to contribute toward any district or conference apportionments; and

Whereas, The church continues to meet the spiritual needs of persons within the community; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the status of New Moravian Falls United Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro District, be changed to that of a mission congregation, effective July 1, 2005.

Ward Street Church, High Point, Guilford County, High Point District

Whereas, Ward Street United Methodist Church, High Point, Guilford County, High Point District, has been a declining congregation, financially and numerically, for more than two decades; and

Whereas, The location of the building is in a blighted, economically depressed, and industrially zoned area of the city of High Point; and

Whereas, The congregation conducted a thorough review of their situation, both within the congregation and in the surrounding community, according to ¶ 213 of *The Book of Discipline* (2000), using a committee of clergy and laity and including input from the High Point District Board of Church Location and Building, the High Point District Mission Society, and the Board of Trustees of the High Point District, and have utilized other assessment tools from Natural Church Development, Percept, city zoning and planning, and others; and

Whereas, Through these assessments, the church has learned that the population around the facilities of the church consists of 28% Hispanic, 23% Pakistani, and other Middle Eastern and Asian peoples, as well as some African Americans and Anglos, and that the church is surrounded by public housing, abandoned housing, and low-income rental properties; and

Whereas, The ¶ 213 committee recommended to the congregation that they seek mission status, and this recommendation was approved in a called charge conference and forwarded in January 2005 to the Western North Carolina Conference Cabinet, which supported it; and

Whereas, Ward Street Church is an excellent expression of proclaiming good news to the poor and a model for churches that want to move from maintenance to mission, from decline to new life and purpose, as they had a 22.4% increase in membership in 2004; and

Whereas, Ward Street Church plans to continue to grow spiritually, numerically, and financially;

to be a strong contributor to the total mission emphasis of the district and the conference; and to cultivate new expressions of ministry with the poor and marginalized; and

Whereas, The congregation currently receives some financial support from the conference Council on Congregational Development as a multi-cultural ministry and has received financial resources from the High Point District Mission Society, so that the resources of this faith community can be stretched as far as possible; and

Whereas, Those resources can best be spent in doing the work of evangelism and mission outreach in this location, where the "world is IN our parish," and where the members feel called to remain and bear witness to the gospel of Christ; and

Whereas, With a new identity and a new purpose—"to be Difference Makers"—this humble congregation is making a difference in this neighborhood, in the lives of hundreds of children and adults, and has partnered with other United Methodist churches and other agencies in the city for expanding cooperative mission; therefore be it

Resolved, That Ward Street United Methodist Church, High Point District, be renamed Ward Street Mission and that the status of the church be changed to that of a mission congregation, in accordance with ¶¶ 213 and 260 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004).

Randolph United Methodist Church, Randolph County, Greensboro District

Whereas, The membership of Randolph United Methodist Church, Randolph County, Greensboro District, has diminished to the point that it is impractical to maintain a church organization and carry on the work of the church; and

Whereas, The remaining active members are attending other churches; and

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

Whereas, Other United Methodist churches are located in close proximity to the church; and

Whereas, The Greensboro District Board of Church Location and Building and the Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference have approved the closing of the church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Randolph United Methodist Church, Randolph County, Greensboro District, be discontinued, effective July 1, 2005, and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., be instructed to handle all property matters, including the church cemetery, in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* and to confer with the Greensboro district superintendent to determine the opportunities available for mission and community service related to the disposition of the property.

Saint Home United Methodist Church, Wilkes County, North Wilkesboro District

Whereas, The membership of Saint Home United Methodist Church, Wilkes County, North Wilkesboro District, has declined to fewer than 20 members; and

Whereas, The church is financially insolvent and unable to keep or maintain the property as a place of divine worship; and

Whereas, There are nearby United Methodist churches for these remaining members to attend; and

Whereas, The North Wilkesboro District Board of Church Location and Building, the North Wilkesboro district superintendent, the presiding bishop, and the Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference have consented to discontinuance in accordance with the disciplinary requirements; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Saint Home United Methodist Church, Wilkes County, North Wilkesboro District, be discontinued, effective June 30, 2005, and that the title to all property thereof, tangible and intangible, 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*, provided that any funds which may be returned to the North Wilkesboro District Mission Society in accordance with conference policy be distributed equally to Beaver Creek, Piney Grove, and Wesley's Chapel United Methodist churches, the three predominantly African-American congregations serving residents of Wilkes and Surry counties.

REPORT OF DUKE ENDOWMENT: Valerie B. Rosenquist, associate director of the Rural Church Division of The Duke Endowment, presented the annual report of the division, which was received with appreciation by the conference (see Sec. VIII.DD). She highlighted several new grants to help youth ministry in rural African American congregations, assisting local congregations in stewardship training, and caring for the holistic health of clergy and their families.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: Bishop McCleskey expressed appreciation to his administrative assistant, Jane F. Suther; Susan L. Yarski, administrative assistant in the Waynesville District; and Debra S. Younts, administrative assistant in the Statesville District, for their important behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the conference.

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 2005 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 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. Jeremy I. Troxler, a member of the 2005 full-connection class, led the litany of appreciation. J. Michael Leatherwood spoke on be-

half 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 COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRIES: James C. Howell, chairperson, presented the report (see Sec. VIII.D). Shelly F. Webb, chaplain of Brevard College, presented the Francis Asbury Award to Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey, who responded with an expression of appreciation. Dr. Howell then recognized two campus ministers who were leaving that work for other responsibilities: K. Ronald Moss (University of North Carolina at Greensboro) and Gary S. Richardson (Appalachian State University). Craig T. Kocher, assistant dean of Duke Chapel, reported on the task force being formed to promote more effectively the cause of campus ministry. Charles M. Ambrose, president of Pfeiffer University, reported on the Tending the Flame Scholarship program and ways in which congregations and United Methodist institutions may work together for the future of the church. Dr. Howell closed the report by issuing a challenge to each church to care for to the college-age persons within their congregations.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: James L. Pyatt, chairperson, presented the report of the commission (see Sec. VIII.O), which included recognition of persons representing the churches in the conference celebrating significant anniversaries: Bicentennial – Concord Church, Ansonville; Stony Hill Church, Albemarle; and Weaverville Church, Weaverville. Sesquicentennial – Beavertown Church, Canton; Farmer Church, Farmer; First Church, Randleman; Memorial Church, Thomasville; and Pleasant Hill Church, Candler. Centennial – Bethel Church, Morganton; Elkwood Church, Asheville; Francis Asbury Church, Candler; Julian Church, Julian; Trinity Church, Lenoir; and Westview Church, Hickory.

SCOUTING AWARDS: Phillip E. Williams, conference coordinator of scouting, led in moments of recognition as Bishop McCleskey presented the 2005 Bishop's Awards of Excellence in Boy and Girl Scouting to 15 scouting units from churches throughout the conference and Torch Awards to Gert Caudle, Robert Jamerson, Wilbur Shrum, Daniel P. Grigg, Jannette Klutz, and Susan Farrington.

RESULTS OF VOTING ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: The secretary announced the results of the voting on proposed amendments to the constitution of the church which had occurred on Friday afternoon:

Amendment 1	987 Yes, 17 No	Amendment 4	947 Yes, 54 No	Amendment 7	947 Yes, 50 No
Amendment 2	995 Yes, 38 No	Amendment 5	949 Yes, 50 No	Amendment 8	901 Yes, 94 No
Amendment 3	972 Yes, 19 No	Amendment 6	948 Yes, 51 No		

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The secretary made necessary announcements.

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 associate district lay leaders, the district statisticians, the members of the district boards of church location and building, the members of the district committees 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 12, 2005, the Western North Carolina Annual 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 11:10 A.M.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: The annual memorial celebration of life service began at 11:30 A.M. with the prelude of pipes, "Highland Cathedral," played by pipers Kathi Graham and Leisa Stamey. J. Harold Hammond read the greeting, and hymn 369 (*UMH*), "Blessed Assurance," was sung. C. Ray Davis led in the collect for the saints, and the scriptures were read by Janet M. Hitch from Joshua 1:1-9. LaVon M. Sigmon led the act of praise, Psalm 23. Judith L. White led in the singing of the *Alleluia*. After Bishop McCleskey had read the gospel from John 15:7-17, Arnetta E. Beverly, superintendent of the Northeast District, delivered the sermon, "God's Promise." Bishop McCleskey led in the pastoral prayer, and the congregation prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Accompanied by the tolling of a bell, Bishop McCleskey read the names of those whose memory was being honored, and their pictures were displayed. The congregation sang the response (702, *UMH*), "Sing with All the Saints in Glory," and Bishop McCleskey led in the responsive dismissal with blessing. The congregation sang hymn 701 (*UMH*), "When We All Get to Heaven." The pipers played the postlude, "Amazing Grace," and the service concluded at 12:15 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, "Lord, You Give the Great Commission," played by the conference director of music, and the processional hymn 545 (*UMH*), "The Church's One Foundation." 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; Kathleen H. Kilbourne, a member of the board, representing the Order of Deacons; and Shirley L. Canty, vice-president of the board, representing the Order of Elders, presented the candidates for ordination. Bishop McCleskey led in the responsive affirmation of the candidates. After he had read the Gospel from Matthew 4:18-22, Bishop McCleskey delivered the ordination sermon, "A Costly Calling and a Precious Privilege." 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 and Rev. Kilbourne lifted signs of the ministry of a deacon, Bishop McCleskey led the responsive examination of the candidate for ordination as a deacon in associate membership (1992 *Discipline*). The bishop then offered prayer for the one to be ordained and ordained to the office of deacon the associate member who had been elected thereto. Rev. Kilbourne presented to the ordinand a Bible, and the conference secretary presented certificates of ordination and membership.

As Dr. Carroll and Rev. Canty lifted signs of the ministry of an elder, Bishop McCleskey conducted the responsive examination of the candidates for ordination as elders. The bishop 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. Canty placed stoles on the ordinands, and certificates of ordination and membership were presented by the conference secretary.

As Dr. Carroll and Rev. Kilbourne lifted signs of the ministry of a deacon, Bishop McCleskey conducted the responsive examination of the candidate for ordination as a deacon in full connection (2004 *Discipline*). The bishop then led in prayer for her and, assisted by other deacons and elders of the church, ordained to the office of deacon in full connection the candidate who had been elected thereto. Rev. Kilbourne presented a stole to the ordinand, 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, "Toccata in F," by Bach; and the service of ordination concluded at 9:00 P.M.

FOURTH DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION – 8:45 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The conference Sunday School hour was conducted at 8:45 A.M. in three sections: for children, by Jenny S. Reilly, of Salem Church, Denver, in Meeting Room 316 of the Terrace Hotel; for youth, by Andrew D. Brown, of First Church, Valdese, 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 the organ and piano voluntary, "Crown Him with Many Crowns." A choir composed of members and friends of the conference, under the direction of the conference director of music, sang the call to worship, "Come, Let Us Join," by Scott. Paul N. Milton led the responsive greeting, and hymn 89 (*UMH*), "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," was sung. Rev. Milton led the prayer of confession and pardon, and the worshipers exchanged signs of peace and sang the *Gloria Patri*. After the choir had sung the choral prayer for illumination, "O God," by Hopson, Cheryl A. Skinner read the scriptures from 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2, and the choir sang the anthem, "A Jubilant Song," by Pote. Bishop McCleskey then delivered the Conference Sunday sermon, "Do You Know What Time It Is?"

Rev. Milton led the recitation of the Apostles' Creed, after which the prayers of the people were offered by In-Yong Lee, Pamela H. Culler, and David R. Origoza in English, Korean, American Sign Language, and Spanish, and the congregation prayed the Lord's Prayer. During the receiving of the offering for Africa University, the choir sang the offertory, "Lord, Here Am I," by Beck, after which the congregation sang the Doxology and hymn 606 (*UMH*), "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine."

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess, the conference reconvened at 11:45 A.M.

RECOGNITION OF SUPERINTENDENTS: Bishop McCleskey led in moments of recognition for James T. Trollinger and J. Michael Leatherwood and their spouses upon their leaving the superintendency, and the members of the conference expressed their gratitude. The bishop then presented C. M. Worthy, Jr., and J. Alexander Ward, Jr., being newly appointed as superintendents, and their spouses, and the conference greeted them warmly.

FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS: Printed copies of the 2005-06 appointments were distributed to the members of the conference; James T. Trollinger, 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: The closing hymn 577 (*UMH*), "God of Grace and God of Glory," was sung; Bishop McCleskey offered the dismissal with blessing; the choir sang the choral response, "The Lord's Peace," by Zinter; 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 12:05 P.M.

D. CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

This is to certify that at a service of commissioning held on Friday morning, June 10, 2005, 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: Martha Johnson Ballard, Benjamin Jason Bowers, Charlotte Grill Brendel, Kristan Dale Bryant, Carol Peek Carkin, Phyllis Knight Coates, Thomas Eugene Conder, Jr., Howard Joseph Conley, Jr., Billie Wade Cranfield, Sarah Watkins Davis, Tara Elizabeth Ebner, Anne Marie Elmore, Amy Dawn Foley, Melvin Leroy Freeman III, Ronald Matthew Garner, Danny Ray Gobble, Michael Lee Harris, Rodvegas Marc Ingram, Sr., Heather Shannon Kilbourne, Eric Richard Lane, Alisa Linn Lasater, Thomas Coleman Mabry, Kathleen Monahan McAbee, Beverly Lynn Parker-Reece, George Ivie Ragsdale, Sarah Laidlaw Smith, Patrick Tyler Snow, Reta Dover Steck, Andrew Jeremy Thomas, Eduardo Treviño, Jr., Jeane Sumpter Walker, Ronald Jeffery Weatherford, and Mary Katherine Worthington.

This is further to certify that at a service of ordination held on Saturday evening, June 11, 2005, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, I

Did ORDAIN to the order of DEACON in The United Methodist Church under the 1992 Book of Discipline as an associate member of the Western North Carolina Conference: Francisco Ramos.

Did ORDAIN to the Order of DEACON in The United Methodist Church under the 2004 Book of Discipline: Andrea Fare Smith.

Did ORDAIN to the Order of ELDER in The United Methodist Church: Jonathan Lee Brake, Alvin Brown, Richard Lee Buff, Lynn Watts Cash, Beverly Bowyer Coppley, Brian James Cornell, Brian Michael Darr, Shelton Dunn Davis, Anna Maria Edmonds, David Bradford Farrington, Gary Bruce Foster, Debra Louise Gaddy, Laura Beaver Hamrick, Jason William Harvey, Ann Geraldine Haywood, Bradford Hugh Holliman, Frances Hermann Moran, Albert Wade Ogle, William Douglas Pryor, Lauren Paige Richardson, Jill Schneider Smith, Toni Ruth Smith, Amy Colleen Spivey, and Jeremy Issac Troxler.

Bishop