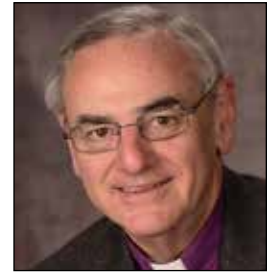


IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS
A. 2013 CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
 South Carolina Conference



Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster
 Western North Carolina Conference

CELEBRATING
Generosity

⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

⁹*As it is written:* "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." [a]

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. —2 Corinthians 9:8-12 (NIV)



Rev. Jan Davis
 Senior Pastor, First
 Rowlett UMC, Rowlett, Texas



Rev. J. Cameron West
 President, Huntingdon College
 Montgomery, Alabama



Rev. Amy Coles
 Superintendent
 Smoky Mountain District



Bobbie Denny
 Laity Address Speaker
 Charlotte, North Carolina

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18	3:00 p.m.	Executive Session of Clergy Members ¶ 605.6 – "The actions of the clergy session shall be for and on behalf of the annual conference"
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner Recess
THURSDAY, JUNE 19	10:00 a.m.	Opening Worship, <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> Offering Recipient: <i>Imagine No Malaria</i> Rev. Cam West, President, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama, preaching Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, presiding
	11:15 a.m.	Break
	11:30 a.m.	Conference Plenary – Business Session Welcome from Lake Junaluska Procedural Matters, Elections for Conference, and Consent Calendar Committee on Nominations Plan of Organization and Rules
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Recess
	1:30 p.m.	<i>Bible Study</i> Rev. Jan Davis, Pastor, First Rowlett UMC, Rowlett, Texas, teaching
	2:20 p.m.	Break
	2:30 p.m.	Conference Plenary – Business Session – The WNCC Vision <i>Our vision is to increase the number of vital churches, fully engaged in God's mission in our communities and in the world.</i> Conference Committee on Camp and Retreat Ministry
	3:45 p.m.	Break
	4:00 p.m.	Disciple Dialogues
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner Recess
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, South Carolina Conference preaching

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FRIDAY, JUNE 20	7:15 a.m.	Early Worship Service	Memorial Chapel	
	8:30 a.m.	<i>Service of Commissioning of Provisional Members and Reception of an Associate Member</i> Rev. Jan Davis, preaching; Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, liturgist		
	9:45 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Membership of the United Methodist Foundation of WNC, Inc.		
	10:00 a.m.	Conference Plenary – Business Session Board of Pensions and Health Benefits		
	11:30 a.m.	Order of the Day – <i>Recognition of Retiring Clergy Members</i>		
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Recess		
	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study.....	Rev. Cam West, teaching	
	2:20 p.m.	Break		
	2:30 p.m.	Conference Plenary – Business Session		
	2:30 p.m.	Conference Plenary – Business Session Report from The Children’s Home in Winston-Salem Council on Finance and Administration 2015 Conference Budget Resolutions and Petitions		
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner Recess		
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship: <i>Celebrating the Ministry of Laity</i> Laity Address	Bobbie Denny, speaking	
	SATURDAY, JUNE 21	7:15 a.m.	Early Worship Service	Memorial Chapel
		8:30 a.m.	Order for Morning Prayer	
8:45 a.m.		Conference Plenary – Business Session Conference Committee on the Episcopacy Board of Laity Report Resolutions and Petitions Concluding Conference Business		
10:45 a.m.		Break		
11:15 a.m.		Worship Service: <i>Celebration of Life</i> Rev. Amy Coles, Smoky Mountain District Superintendent, preaching		
12:30 p.m.		Lunch Recess		
7:30 p.m.		Worship Service: <i>Ordination of Deacons and Elders</i> Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, preaching; Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, liturgist		
SUNDAY, JUNE 22		9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School – Memorial Chapel	Rev. Robert V. Dodd, teaching
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Closing Worship Service</i>	Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, preaching Special Music by the <i>Junaluska Singers</i> , Melody Galloway, Director Offering Recipient: <i>Imagine No Malaria</i> Fixing of the Appointments and Sending Forth Adjournment <i>sine die</i>	



USHERS FOR THE 2014 SESSION

Kathy McAbee and Megann Marbry, Co-chairpersons

Team A (Green)

Betty Jackson	James Burroughs
Jimmy Jackson	Sue Anne Morris
Bill Dobbins	Miller Carter
Tori Foil	David Blankenberg
Holly Adams	Ellen Spruill
Howard Fleming	Gary Camp
Brian Cornell	Ellis Carson
Katherine Cornell	Jennifer Hege
Kim Keyse	Karen Roberts
Myra Waddell	Mary Hatley
Alan Pruitt	Roldan Norona

Team B (Red)

Jack Adair	Kim Crunkleton
Marian Baer	Aryn Williams
Jimmy Dancy	Hannah Glenn
Gary Wood	Kelly Dotson
Glenda Edney	Christine Spencer
Sallyanne McVay	Melissa Dreshfield
Wes Austin	Danny Garrett
Linda Stack Morgan	Chris Raines
Susan Giles	Eric Tang
Rennie Salata	James Hood
David Crunkleton	

Team C (Yellow)

Marie Hitzemann	Kaye Fry
Kelly Whitener	Jaci Betts
Doug Carpenter	Kathy Odell
Christine Pharr	Carolyn Thompson
Lettie Ar-Rahmaan	Monty Clark
Sean Turner	Louretta Howze
Jim Tate	Danny Smith
Cliff Wall	Yvonne Stinson
Paul Bethel	Ken Thompson
Kelly Creekmore	Jae Lee
David McCauley	Mike Pennine

B. 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 16		C2LJ Bicycle Ride Conference Center in Charlotte to Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors Meeting and Luncheon Foundation for Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive
	11:45 a.m.	Extension Ministers and Beyond the Local Church Luncheon Kern Center, 11 Memory Lane
	1:00 p.m.	Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting..... Harrell Center, Room 202
	1:00 p.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood Meeting..... Terrace Hotel, Room 213
	6:00 p.m.	Emory Club Dinner Long's Chapel UMC, 133 Old Clyde Hwy.
	6:15 p.m.	UM Rural Fellowship Dinner..... Foundation for Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive
	6:15 p.m.	Duke Divinity School Picnic Dinner..... Nancy Weldon Gym
THURSDAY, JUNE 19	7:30 a.m.	Imagine No Malaria 5K and Fun Run/Walk sponsored by the WNCC Emory Club.....meet in front of Stuart Auditorium
	8:00 a.m.	Women in Ministry Breakfast..... Foundation for Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive
	8:00 a.m.	Givens Estates: Cookies and Lunch.....Outside Stuart Auditorium
	8:30 a.m.	Conference Usher Training Stuart Auditorium
	11:30 a.m.	Campus Ministries: Ice CreamArea between Harrell Center and Stuart Auditorium
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons, Diaconal Ministers, and Deaconesses Luncheon..... Foundation for Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive
	12:00 p.m.	Gordon Conwell Alumni and Friends Luncheon Lambuth Inn, Room 105
	12:00 p.m.	Conference Board of Trustees Luncheon Terrace Hotel, Room 319
	12:00 p.m.	Union Presbyterian Seminary..... Terrace Hotel, Room 316
	12:00 p.m.	Wesley Theological Seminary Luncheon Lambuth Inn, Saville Room
	5:30 p.m.	Hood Theological Seminary Alumni and Prospective Students Dinner..... Terrace Hotel, Room 319
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Ordained Ministry Dinner Waynesville FUMC, 566 South Haywood Street
	6:00 p.m.	Retiring Clergy DinnerLambuth Inn, International Room
	9:00 p.m.	Seminary Students Fellowship - Campfire and S'mores Shackford Fire Circle
	9:00 p.m.	Ed Kilbourne & The Foundation Band, one night only..... Edgewater Bistro
FRIDAY, JUNE 20	7:15 a.m.	Retired Clergy and Spouses Breakfast sponsored by The Eugene M. Cole FoundationLambuth Inn, International Room
	7:30 a.m.	Evangelical Movement Breakfast Terrace Hotel, Room 316
	9:00 a.m.	Spouses of Retiring Clergy Coffee..... Terrace Hotel, Room 319
	11:30 a.m.	Campus Ministries: Ice CreamArea between Harrell Center and Stuart Auditorium
	12:00 p.m.	Asbury Seminary Luncheon..... Terrace Hotel, Room 319
	12:00 p.m.	Chaplains' Fellowship Luncheon..... Terrace Hotel, Room 316
	12:00 p.m.	Church Planters' Luncheon Foundation for Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive
	12:00 p.m.	High Point University LuncheonLambuth Inn, International Room
	12:00 p.m.	Young Adult Clergy and Families Picnic - <i>The Branch</i> Playground near Children's Building
	12:00 p.m.	Pfeiffer University Luncheon Kern Auditorium, 11 Memory Lane
	12:00 p.m.	Gammon Theological Seminary Luncheon..... Jones Cafeteria, 238 N. Lakeshore Drive
	12:00 p.m.	Reconciling Ministry Luncheon Lambuth Inn, Room 100
	2:30 p.m.	Clergy Spouses Praise and Fellowship Memorial Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	South Africa Vision Missions Dinner.....Lambuth Inn, International Room
	9:00 p.m.	Reconciling Ministries Worship..... Memorial Chapel
SATURDAY, JUNE 21	7:15 a.m.	Educational Opportunities BreakfastTerrace Hotel, Auditorium
	7:30 a.m.	CONAM Breakfast Lambeth Inn, Saville Room
	12:00 p.m.	Preachers' Kids (PK) Lunch and Fellowship.....Kern Center, 11 Memory Lane
	12:30 p.m.	Hood Theological Seminary Cookout.....Nancy Weldon Gym
	12:30 p.m.	Greensboro and Bennett Colleges LuncheonTerrace Hotel, Auditorium
	12:30 p.m.	Clergy Spouses Luncheon Foundation for Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive

C. 2014 DISCIPLE DIALOGUES**Thursday, June 19 • 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

On Thursday, June 19, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., choices will be offered for Disciple Dialogues to encourage vitality and growth. Attendance is not mandatory but encouraged. The sessions are open to clergy and laity.

**CLERGY TAXES CAN BE TAXING**

Location: Memorial Chapel

Clergy are among the most unique classification of all United States taxpayers. What do you need to know to at least converse with tax preparers or CPAs? Are clergy self-employed or employees? What are the particulars about the housing allowance? This session will present an overview of the essentials clergy and their families need to know about clergy taxation so taxes do not have to be so taxing (until you pay them!).

Leader: Mark King, clergy member of the Western North Carolina Conference, currently serving the historic Marble Collegiate Church in New York City as Executive Minister.

**CONGREGATIONS 4 CHILDREN (C4C)**

Location: Edgewater Bistro

Congregations 4 Children is transforming lives of children impacted by poverty in collaboration with public schools.

In this effort we are focusing on:

- Poverty Awareness and Advocacy
- K-3 Literacy
- Meeting Basic Needs
- Strengthening Family Involvement

Join us to hear how the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference are working together to make a difference in the lives of children and to make an impact on poverty.

Leader: Caroline Wood, Associate Director of Discipleship Ministry, Western North Carolina Conference.

**GENEROSITY BY THE GENERATIONS**

Location: Kern Auditorium

Have you ever wondered why some of your messages about generosity (stewardship) don't have the impact you desire? Do they seem to fall on deaf ears with many in your congregation? It probably has less to do with solid theological and inspired preaching/teaching and more to do with missing the generational targets scattered throughout your congregation. A "one-size-fits-all" approach to speaking about generosity simply doesn't work. What speaks to the hearts and minds of "Builders" may have little appeal to "GenX-ers." Our time together will give us a glimpse into the various generational groups that populate our churches and offer us insight into what shaped these groups and how we might best speak to them and invite them into generous discipleship.

Leader: Gary Shockley, Director of Church Vitality, Western North Carolina Conference.
Photo: United Methodist Reporter

**GIVING IN FAITH: EXPLORING THE HISTORY AND TRADITION OF GENEROSITY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH**

Location: Shackford Auditorium

"The African-American church has a strong history and tradition of faithful Christian stewardship" so says the Rev. James P. Amerson, senior pastor at Simpson United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. So what do we know and what can we learn from this rich history and tradition that will help any and all churches in the midst of today's difficult economic times? This practical, interactive workshop will allow participants to openly and frankly discuss the following: developing a theology of generosity, leadership roles, and responsibilities, and the "new era" of stewardship. Attendees will also learn how to celebrate the offering and create an "attitude" of generosity in their local churches.

Leader: Jennifer Davis, Director of Discipleship Ministry, Western North Carolina Conference.



CONFERENCE HEALTHCARE PLAN 2015

Location: Stuart Auditorium

As noted in the report located the forthcoming *Supplement*, the Health Benefits Subcommittee and the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits have approved changes to the Conference Healthcare Plan for 2015. As we prepare to approve the healthcare petition allowing the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits to secure a hospital/medical contract for 2015, we want to provide a question-and-answer session regarding the changes to the plan so that all participants will be informed. This session is designed for all clergy participants eligible for the healthcare plan, but is open to laity and other clergy persons as well.

Leader: Jennifer Burton, Director of Administrative Services and Conference Treasurer, Western North Carolina Conference.



STEWARDSHIP? APPORTIONMENTS? HOW DO THOSE GO TOGETHER?

Location: Harrell 202

Why do we have apportionments? Are they just a tax to pay the bureaucrats? Stewardship? Does that mean we HAVE to pay them? How do they furnish mission and ministry within our United Methodist connection? What do we get out of it? Did John Wesley really start this practice? Did it start with Judas and the common treasury?

Within this session, we will explore the connection of stewardship and apportionments. (Is there one?) We'll learn more about this distinctly Wesleyan practice of apportionments – how did they come into being and for what are they used...something to learn and share with others in your congregations!

Leader: David Snipes, President/CEO, United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.



MOVING FROM AN ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TO LIFELONG GENEROSITY

Location: Kern 100

This session will discuss opportunities in which to approach the topic of stewardship on an ongoing basis. Topics discussed will include: what messages are we sending, telling our story, who is our audience, and giving beyond the offering plate (Legacy/Planned Giving).

Leader: Christian Burns, Client Relations and Cultivation, United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.

SOUTH AFRICA VISION: PARTNERSHIP IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Location: Bethea Welcome Center

South Africa is a country broken by pain, despair, and persecution, but transformed by the power of reconciliation and forgiveness. Come hear the stories and dream with us the possibilities for cultivating further relationships with our brothers and sisters in South Africa, imagining the transformation that could take place if we were to enter into ministry with this beautiful country.



Leader: Jaylynn Byassee,
Director of Mission Pathways,
Western North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church



Leader: Katie Lineberger,
Associate Minister for
Campus Ministry and Young Adults,
Davidson UMC, Davidson



Stephanie Moore Hand,
Minister of Evangelism
and Discipleship,
Providence UMC, Charlotte

D. DAILY MINUTES**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014****EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CLERGY MEMBERS – 3 P.M.**

CLERGY SESSION CONVENES: In compliance with paragraphs 605.7 of *The Book of Discipline (2012)*, Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster convened an executive session of the clergy members of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The clergy session began with a time of worship. Following the singing of the hymn, “In Unity We Lift Our Song,,” Bishop Goodpaster spoke words of greeting and offered thanks for all the clergy of the annual conference and the shared ministry together. The bishop invited the clergy to share prayer with at least one other person, offered words of intercession, and the congregation prayed the Lord’s Prayer. Drawing from the historic model of “Holy Conferencing” by John Wesley and the scripture passage from I Peter 1:13-16, Bishop Goodpaster preached a homily on “Holy Leadership.” The Bishop declared that in a world of violence, suspicion, and fear the world needs to hear words of good news that proclaim the grace, love, and peace of God through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He described “Holy Leadership” as: 1. Practicing the means of grace; prayer, reading scripture, receiving the sacrament, practicing the disciplines of fasting, and abstinence; 2. Building relationships; 3. Collaborating, cooperating, and building partnerships; and, 4. Confronting ugliness and meanness with the love of Jesus Christ that is exemplified by racism and “genderism.” Worship concluded with singing the hymn *The Summons*.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY REPORT: The Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, chairperson of the board, introduced the Rev. David C. Hockett, chairperson of the Order of Elders, who announced that a “Day Apart” was scheduled for all elders at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, in Hickory, on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rev. Crowder Stanley next introduced the Rev. Michelle L. Foster, chairperson of the Order of Deacons, who announced a retreat scheduled for October 2-3, 2014, for all deacons. Using the snapshots of four different road side signs: Simplicity, Difficult Creek, Field of Dreams, and Manna, the Rev. Crowder Stanley summarized the work of the board during the past year. She thanked all the members of the conference board, the district committees, and the various mentors for their work and support for the tasks given to the Board of Ordained Ministry.

BUSINESS QUESTIONS: The Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, Board of Ordained Ministry chairperson; the Rev. Kimberly T. Ingram, director of ministerial services and registrar; and the Rev. Donald Jenkins, vice-chairperson, as appropriate, supplied the proposed responses to Business of the Annual Conference (BAC) questions 17-56, 64-73, and 77-78. In each instance where a vote by the clergy was needed, the affirmative vote of the clergy session was by more than the required majorities, including those instances in which 2/3 or 3/4 votes were required. (The listings for all questions considered in the clergy session, as printed in Section V, The Business of the Annual Conference, accurately reflect the actions of the clergy session.)

During the considerations of questions 32, 33, and 34, Bishop Goodpaster invited those to be ordained deacons and elders and to be elected as full members of the annual conference to come forward. He asked the traditional and historic questions from *The Book of Discipline (2012)* and the ordinands responded with the prescribed responses. They were warmly greeted by their fellow clergy.

As the names of the clergy and diaconal ministers who died since last session of the annual conference were read, the body stood in tribute and Bishop Goodpaster offered a prayer of thanksgiving and remembrance.

Bishop Goodpaster spoke words of appreciation for the work of the Rev. Kimberly T. Ingram, director of ministerial services and registrar and the Rev. Sally W. Queen, associate director of ministerial services.

CLERGY FINANCIAL HEALTH: The Rev. Ingram introduced Dan Eck of Ernst and Young and Ron Coleman of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits. Mr. Eck outlined various questions, steps, and resources for clergy to develop a financial plan whether they were beginning in ministry, during ministry, or nearing retirement. He noted a number of services available by telephone or on online from Ernst and Young that are provided by the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. Mr. Coleman summarized the various components and pension plans that clergy in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference were currently provided.

ADJOURNMENT: The Executive Session of the Clergy Members adjourned at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014**OPENING WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION – 10 A.M.**

The Rev. Will Van Wieren III led the call to worship, followed by the singing of the processional hymn 139, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*. After an opening prayer given by the Rev. Ralph Reed, by video recorded at Aldersgate Retirement Community, and the reading of 2 Corinthians 5:13-20 by Alanah Lindsey Harris, the Rev. Veranita Alvord offered the prayers of the people. The Rev. Stephanie Wilson presented the gospel lesson from Mark 3:13-27. After an introduction by Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, the Rev. J. Cameron West, president, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama, preached the message, “We May Be a Little Crazy, But Here We Are...Again.” The Rev. West proclaimed that Jesus may have been a little crazy when he called the first disciples because of their differences, imperfections, and later their denials and betrayals. But, the disciples, each of us, and the whole of creation receive a fresh start from God, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians, because of Christ’s death and resurrection. After a Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church, led by the Rev. Jae Lee, and the receiving of the offering for the global health initiative “Imagine No Malaria,” the praise team from FaithBridge United Methodist Church, Blowing Rock, and Christine Counts, liturgical dancer,

Appalachian State Wesley Foundation, presented special music, “Beautiful Things” and led the congregation in *The Doxology*. The Rev. Michelle L. Foster led a responsive prayer of confession and pardon. Bishop Goodpaster celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion with the assistance of deacons, elders serving as United Methodist campus ministers or serving United Methodist-related colleges, district superintendents and members of the cabinet. After a prayer following communion, the singing of the hymn, *O for a Thousand Tongues*, led by the FaithBridge Praise Team, and dismissal with blessing, worship concluded and the conference recessed at 11:35 a.m. Timothy Scruggins, organist, First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, and the Rev. Saxon Scarborough, minister of music, First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, are the music leaders for annual conference.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONVENES – 11:30 A.M.

CONFERENCE CONVENES: With Bishop Larry Goodpaster, resident bishop of the Charlotte Area, presiding, the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church convened in the George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on June 19, 2014, with the singing of the traditional opening hymn 553, *And Are We Yet Alive*.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Goodpaster called the 47th annual session of the conference to order at 11:45 a.m. [actual].

WELCOME TO LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY: Bishop Goodpaster introduced John “Jack” Ewing, executive director of Lake Junaluska, who welcomed the members of the conference and announced that for a contribution of \$5 or more the giver would receive a newly-made print of the Memorial Chapel. He also told delegates that if they stayed one night in Junaluska accommodations between September 1 and November 29, 2014, Sunday through Thursday, they would be given a second night free.

VOTING BAR: The Rev. Kimberly T. Ingram, conference secretary, moved and the conference approved that the voting bar, or legal limits, of the conference be set to include all of Stuart Auditorium, and that those voting must be seated within the bar unless other instructions are given in the case of a full house.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The conference secretary moved and the conference approved that the conference program as printed on pages five and six of the *Supplement to the Program and Reports* booklet, subject to necessary daily adjustments, constitute the official agenda of the 2014 conference session.

REPORTS OF BOARD AND AGENCIES: The conference secretary moved and the conference approved that the reports of the conference boards and agencies as published in the *Program and Reports* booklet and the *Supplement* be ordered to record, insofar as they do not require conference action and provided that conference agencies be permitted to file late reports and/or corrections no later than June 30, 2014.

GREETINGS TO THOSE MEMBERS ABSENT: The conference secretary moved and the conference approved that any action concerning conference members unable to attend because of illness or other family emergency be given directly to the conference secretary, and that the secretary write these absent members expressing the greetings and prayer concern of the conference.

SECRETARIAL STAFF: The conference secretary nominated the following persons as members of the conference secretarial staff for the 2014 session, and they were elected: Sandra S. Hargett, Dianne C. Beam, and the Rev. A. Owen Peeler, Associate Secretaries; the Rev. Kathy M. McAbee, Assistant Secretary; and the Rev. Dr. Charles D. White, Jr. (Denny) as *conference secretary emeritus*.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION: The conference secretary moved that the consent calendar, PETITIONS 3, 4, 6-12, 14-19 be adopted as printed, with the following change in PETITION 3: BOARDS OF DIRECTORS FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE CAMPS: replace the names listed under Camp McCall with the following: Neil Danner, Katie King, Ken Collins, Ronnie Harrill, Arlene Childers, Marvin Folger, Roger Byers, and Doris Morris, and it was approved. (The listing of petitions can be found in Section IX and additionally in Section VIII.)

PRIVILEGE MATTER: Bishop Goodpaster invited James C. Windham, Jr., Conference Chancellor, to the platform and thanked him for his years of generous and energetic service to the annual conference and to the Bishop on various legal and parliamentary matters. Mr. Windham has asked to step-down from this post of leadership. The conference showed their appreciation for his service.

CONFERENCE RULES AND PLAN OF ORGANIZATION: The Rev. Kimberly T. Ingram, conference secretary, noted the changes to the organization of the conference in creation of the new Church Vitality Team and the concomitant title corrections needed throughout the plan of organization. The several changes are shown on pages 47-48 of the *Supplement to the 2014 Program and Reports*. The recommended changes along with the complete report of conference rules and plan of organization on pages 45-53 of the *Supplement to the 2014 Program and Reports* and printed in Section VII of the *Journal* were adopted by the conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: The conference secretary moved the adoption of the report of the committee on nominations for 2013-2016 (*ad interim*) and the nominees were elected. The elections are found in Section II of the *Journal*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The conference secretary made necessary announcements noting the seven Disciple Dialogues scheduled for Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and that live streaming of the sessions of annual conference are available from the annual conference website.

Bishop Goodpaster reminded delegates of the Bible Study following the lunch recess and also the plans for a panel discussion in Stuart Auditorium on Saturday afternoon, June 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on the recently published articles in *The Christian Century* and *The Charlotte Observer* over possible schism in The United Methodist Church. The Bishop also indicated that future meetings will be planned this fall at various locations within the bounds of the annual conference.

RECESS: Following prayer the conference recessed at 12:09 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION – 1:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to adjournment, the conference reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: Bishop Goodpaster introduced the Rev. Jan Davis, senior pastor of First Rowlett United Methodist Church in Rowlett, Texas, who led the first of two Bible study sessions. The Rev. Davis focused on the generosity of God and how every disciple is on a “journey of generosity.” She presented nine points for growing in generosity: 1) Believe in what God is doing; 2) Begin by asking what God thinks; 3) Pray for God’s dream to become your dream; 4) Remember to look at the long view; 5) Discover what is holding you back; 6) Lead with faith not fear; 7) Choose daily how we will sow; 8) Expect God to show up; and, 9) Remember God’s multiplication rules. She closed with prayer.

RECESS: The conference recessed at 2:19 p.m.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to adjournment the conference reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE VISION: Bishop Goodpaster reminded the conference of the conference vision: Our vision is to increase the number of vital churches, fully engaged in God’s mission in our communities and in the world. In order to implement that vision reports were made from the following:

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM: The Rev. Kimberly T. Ingram, director of ministerial services, and the Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson, member of the leadership development team, made the report. The Rev. Ingram highlighted information available through the leadership development website for clergy and lay ministry professionals to find resources, workshops, consultations, and available grants. A monthly email newsletter is being sent to all clergy and lay ministry professionals focusing on specific topics, a new Facebook page has been created. The Rev. Campbell-Robinson reported on the “Call and Gifted to Lead Workshops” designed to remember one’s call to ministry, note one’s strength, and work with a ministry coach to define and implement goals to strengthen one’s ministry. A brief video was shown that presented testimonies from participants about the value of the workshop. The Rev. Ingram concluded the report by indicating that consultation with a ministry coach was available for all clergy and lay ministry professionals through participation in the program.

CHURCH VITALITY TEAM: The Rev. Gary Shockley, director of church vitality, presented the report which noted more than 100 congregations had engaged in some structured program for vitalization, the start-up of 15 new churches, and that three of the planned four Church Vitality Strategists would be available beginning July 1, 2014. The report concluded with a brief video presentation showcasing the work of the church vitality team.

MISSION ENGAGEMENT TEAM: The Rev. Katie Lineberger, chairperson, made the report. The work of the team has focused on creating an interactive website that would create a catalog of the various mission projects across the annual conference that are happening or desired to happen. The website would provide a way for persons to volunteer or contribute to those projects. A facsimile of the website was shown.

The Rev. Jaylynn W. Byassee, director of mission pathways, reported on the progress of ZOE (Zimbabwe Orphans Endeavor) on the continent of Africa. The goal was to provide support for 1,000 orphans each year over three years for a total of helping 3,000 children. To date, 11 groups are assisting 993 orphans and/or vulnerable children toward the goal of 1,000 for this year. The Rev. Byassee reported that the ZOE project has expanded to include the countries of Guatemala and India. A brief video highlighted the work of the ZOE project.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY: Jennifer Davis, director of discipleship ministries, gave the report, highlighting the work of the several additional ministry areas: Justice and Reconciliation Ministries, Congregations for Children, Youth and Young Adults, and the “Fishin’ Hole” (media resource center). Davis indicated that the Western North Carolina Annual Conference was one of three annual conferences that would be a part of a pilot project sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship developing resources for the laity. A colorful and fanciful video using the popular song, “Happy” by Pharella, was presented as part of the report.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRIES: Carroll Harris, conference coordinator of camp ministries, presented the report. A video showcased the seven conference camps and their ministries. Harris celebrated the strengths and noted some of the hurdles facing the camps still transitioning from district camps to being under the larger umbrella of the annual conference.

CABINET RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. Amy Coles, secretary of the Cabinet, proposed adoption of the following omnibus merger resolution, and it was approved:

OMNIBUS MERGER RESOLUTION

Whereas, Each church in the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church was established with the purpose to offer Christ to people in the surrounding community; and

Whereas, The respective ministry visions, resources and leadership of churches in the Western North Carolina Conference are bound by the unity of the Holy Spirit; and

Whereas, The pastors and lay leadership of the following churches believed that combined worshipping, witnessing, missional community would be strong and purposeful; and

Whereas, The superintendents of the districts where these churches are located, the Presiding Bishop and a majority of the Cabinet of Western North Carolina Conference have consented to these mergers; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bethel United Methodist Church (GCFA #292210) and Mill Grove United Methodist Church (GCFA #289280) merged officially on December 25, 2013 and became Mill Grove United Methodist Church (GCFA #289280); Fairview United

Methodist Church (GCFA #296445) and Arney's Chapel United Methodist Church (GCFA #296228) and merged officially on July 4, 2013 and became Arneys Fairview United Methodist Church (GCFA #296228); Hopewell United Methodist Church (GCFA #297096) and Boiling Springs United Methodist Church (GCFA #294151) and merged officially on November 11, 2012 and became Boiling Springs United Methodist Church (GCFA #294151); Bond's Grove United Methodist Church (GCFA #291578) and Weddington United Methodist Church (GCFA #292802) merged officially on July 1, 2013 and became Weddington United Methodist Church (GCFA #292802); Homestead United Methodist Church (GCFA #292243) and Assurance United Methodist Church (GCFA #292004); Marvin United Methodist Church (GCFA #292163) and Weddington United Methodist Church (GCFA #292802) merged officially on August 1, 2012 and became Weddington United Methodist Church (GCFA #292802); Montlieu Avenue United Methodist Church (GCFA #295281) and Hickory Grove United Methodist Church (GCFA #295188) merged officially on July 1, 2013 and became Hickory Grove United Methodist Church (GCFA #295188); Oakview United Methodist Church (GCFA #295326) and Christ United Methodist Church (GCFA #295304) merged officially on July 1, 2013 and became Christ United Methodist Church (GCFA #295304); Sandy Ridge United Methodist Church (GCFA #295907) and Delta United Methodist Church (GCFA #295816) merged officially on January 1, 2014 and became Delta United Methodist Church (GCFA #295816); Sweetwater United Methodist Church (GCFA #303030) and Hayesville First United Methodist Church (GCFA #302547) merged officially on January 1, 2014 and became Hayesville First United Methodist Church (GCFA #302547); Zoar United Methodist Church (GCFA #292777) and Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GCFA #292128) merged officially on July 1, 2013 and became Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GCFA #292128); and

Resolved, Each merged church was dissolved, discontinued and was abandoned into the Successor Church in accordance with ¶ 2546 of *The Book of Discipline*, The United Methodist Church, 2012; and

Resolved, Each merged church transferred all membership records, archives and other records to the Successor Church, as of the Effective Date and all eligible members of the Successor Church are eligible to be elected to leadership positions; and

Resolved, The Board of Trustees and Treasurer of each merged church are authorized, empowered and directed to take such steps as they deem necessary or appropriate to effect the merger including preparation and execution to transfer and convey to the Successor Church, as needed, by proper deeds, bills of sale and other instruments, all the property, real and personal, of whatever kind and description whatsoever, subject to all encumbrances and liabilities. Transfer and conveyance includes all bank, investment and foundation accounts. All real property remains under the trust clause provision ¶ 2503 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2012*. Further, all current operating income and expenses, including but not limited to apportionments, benefits invoices, utilities, salaries, leases, and obligations pass to the Successor Church; and

Resolved, The Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to facilitate the completion of any unresolved property matters as necessary.

Rev. Cole further proposed adoption of the following resolutions on church discontinuance and abandonment, and they were adopted:

Betha United Methodist Church, Gaston County, Catawba Valley District

(MAP # GAS02; GCFA # 293145) 509 East Iowa Avenue, Bessemer City, NC 28016 (DCN # CV-040)

Whereas, Betha United Methodist Church, Gaston County, Catawba Valley District, has declined to 16 members and less than 10 in attendance; and

Whereas, Due to restricted funds and declining membership, the church is unable to fulfill the purpose and mission of the local church according to ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, The members of the church have requested and agreed to this action; and

Whereas, The district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Catawba Valley District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Betha United Methodist Church, Gaston County, Catawba Valley District, be discontinued and declared abandoned effective December 2, 2013; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc. be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference.

Charity United Methodist Church, Wilkes County, Appalachian District

(MAP # WLK05; GCFA # 288605) 728 Charity Church Road, Miller's Creek, NC 28651 (DCN # AP-170)

Whereas, The membership of Charity United Methodist Church, Wilkes County, Appalachian District, has declined to 9 members in worship; and *Whereas*, Due to restricted funds and declining membership, the church is unable to actively fulfill the purpose and mission of the local church according to the *2012 Book of Discipline*, ¶ 201-204; and

Whereas, the members of the church have requested and agreed to this action, and

Whereas, The Appalachian district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Appalachian District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Charity United Methodist Church, Wilkes County, Appalachian District, be discontinued and abandoned effective July 1, 2014; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline (2012)* and the policies of the annual conference. The district superintendent and cabinet advise the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. transfer the Charity site to the Charity Cemetery Association as the most beneficial and respectful pathway for the Conference to follow due to the configuration of the site.

High Point Korean United Methodist Church, Guilford County, Northern Piedmont District

(Map # GU190; GCFA # 295372)7200 East Fork Road, High Point, NC 27265 (DCN # NP-215)

Whereas, High Point Korean United Methodist Church (formerly So Mang Korean United Methodist Church), Guilford County, Northern Piedmont District, had declined to 6 members, with worship attendance of 6 or less; and

Whereas, High Point Korean United Methodist Church had considerable deferred building and property maintenance issues; and

Whereas, High Point Korean United Methodist Church was no longer financially viable, was unable to meet its own obligations or participate in district and conference connectional obligations, was unable to address the considerable required and necessary property issues, and unable to continue its ministry; and

Whereas, High Point Korean United Methodist Church was no longer able to fulfill its mission and purpose as required by ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, High Point Korean United Methodist Church explored merger with other United Methodist Churches but none was successful; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop, a majority of the cabinet of the Western NC Conference, the Northern Piedmont district superintendent, and the Northern Piedmont District Board of Church Location and Building have given their consent to consider High Point Korean United Methodist Church discontinued and declared abandoned; therefore, be it

Resolved, That High Point Korean United Methodist Church be considered discontinued and declared abandoned effective September 23, 2013; that the remaining members be transferred to Covenant United Methodist Church; and that the property be transferred to the Board of Trustees, Western NC Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., which is hereby instructed to sell the property in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*, and to distribute the proceeds in accordance with the policy of the Western NC Conference.

Lansing United Methodist Church, Ashe County, Appalachian District

(Map # ASH16; GCFA # 297611)9402 NC Hwy 194 N., Lansing, NC 28643 (DCN # AP-430.2)

Whereas, The membership of Lansing United Methodist Church, Ashe County, Appalachian District, has declined to 7 members in worship; and

Whereas, The church is financially unable to support the pastor's pension and district and conference apportionments, nor to maintain the buildings; and

Whereas, The Appalachian district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Appalachian District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Lansing United Methodist Church, Ashe County, Appalachian District, be discontinued and abandoned effective April 27, 2014; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference.

Liberty Grove United Methodist Church, Randolph County, Northern Piedmont District

(Map # RAN28; GCFA # 289507)4616 Liberty Grove Rd., Liberty, NC 27298 (NP-150.2)

Whereas, Liberty Grove United Methodist Church, Randolph County, Northern Piedmont District, has declined to 40 recorded members, with worship attendance of 12 or less; and

Whereas, Liberty Grove United Methodist Church has considerable deferred building and property maintenance issues; and,

Whereas, Liberty Grove United Methodist Church is no longer financially viable, is unable to meet its own obligations, and is unable to continue its ministry; and

Whereas, Liberty Grove United Methodist Church is no longer able to fulfill its mission and purpose as required by ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop, a majority of the cabinet of the Western NC Conference, the Northern Piedmont district superintendent, and the Northern Piedmont District Board of Church Location and Building have given their consent to consider Liberty Grove United Methodist Church discontinued and declared abandoned; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Liberty Grove United Methodist Church be considered discontinued and declared abandoned effective May 19, 2014; that the remaining members be transferred to First United Methodist Church (Liberty); and that the property be transferred to the Board of Trustees, Western NC Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., which is hereby instructed to take control of the property in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and to distribute any proceeds in accordance with the policy of the Western NC Conference.

Liberty United Methodist Church, Watauga County, Appalachian District

(Map # WAT07; GCFA # 288877)7121 Hwy 194 S., Banner Elk, NC 28604 (DCN # AP-050.2)

Whereas, The membership of Liberty United Methodist Church, Watauga County, Appalachian District, has declined to 6 active members; and

Whereas, Due to restricted funds and declining membership, the church is unable to actively fulfill the purpose and mission of the local church according to ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, The district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Liberty United Methodist Church, Watauga County, Appalachian District, be discontinued and declared abandoned effective March 16, 2014; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference.

Mountain Park United Methodist Church, Surry County, Appalachian District

(Map # SUR15; GCFA # 303644)596 Mountain Park Rd. State Road, NC 28676 (DCN # AP-760.2)

Whereas, The membership of Mountain Park United Methodist Church, Surry County, Appalachian District, has declined to 3 in worship; and

Whereas, The church is financially unable to support the pastor's salary and district and conference apportionments, nor to maintain the buildings; and

Whereas, The Appalachian district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Appalachian District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mountain Park United Methodist Church, Surry County, Appalachian District, be discontinued and abandoned effective February 9, 2014; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference.

Park Avenue United Methodist Church, Rowan County, Uwharrie District

(Map # ROW22; GCFA # 299107)500 Park Ave. Salisbury, NC 28144 (DCN # 140.2)

Whereas, Park Avenue United Methodist Church, Rowan County, Uwharrie District, has declined to 84 members and less than 25 in attendance; and

Whereas, Due to declining attendance, the church is unable to fulfill the purpose and mission of the local church according to ¶¶ 201- 204 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, The district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Uwharrie District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Park Avenue United Methodist Church, Rowan County, Uwharrie District, be discontinued and declared abandoned effective June 30, 2014; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc. be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference.

St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, Davidson County, Uwharrie District

(MAP # DVD02; GCFA # 301361)13 Arbor Drive, Lexington, NC 27292 (DCN # UW-515.1)

Whereas, St. Timothy's United Methodist Church , Davidson County, Uwharrie District, has declined to less than 25 members and less than 10 in attendance; and

Whereas, Due to restricted funds and declining attendance, the church is unable to fulfill the purpose and mission of the local church according to ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, The district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Uwharrie District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, Davidson County, Uwharrie District, be discontinued and declared abandoned effective December 31, 2013; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc. be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference.

Yadkin United Methodist Church, Rowan County, Uwharrie District

(MAP # ROW32; GCFA # 299266)203 Fieldcrest Cannon Lane, Spencer, NC 28159 (DCN # UW-035.2)

Whereas, Yadkin United Methodist Church , Rowan County, Uwharrie District, has declined to less than 25 members and less than 10 in attendance; and

Whereas, due to restricted funds and declining attendance, the church is unable to fulfill the purpose and mission of the local church according to the 2012 Book of *Discipline*, ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012*; and

Whereas, the district superintendent, the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and a majority of the Uwharrie District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Yadkin United Methodist Church, Rowan County, Uwharrie District, be discontinued effective December 31, 2013; that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc. be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2549 of *The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church, 2012* and the policies of the annual conference, with the knowledge of a reversion clause included in the deed of trust for the church property.

Barbara Mitchell was recognized and spoke words of thanksgiving for the nurture Park Avenue United Methodist Church had provided her and her family. The Bishop indicated that decisions to discontinue and abandon a church were not considered lightly.

The Rev. Coles offered prayer for those who are members of these churches, being discontinued and abandoned, as they go to find a new faith community, and further the mission and ministry of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The conference secretary made necessary announcements, noting that following recess the seven Disciple Dialogue sessions would convene and indicated their locations. She also offered additional options for learning and renewal.

RECESS: The conference recessed at 3:47 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP CAMP MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

Following the call to worship led by the Rev. Chris Campbell, hymn 89, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, was sung. The Rev. James Howard offered an opening prayer and led the responsive litany. Terry Creech, a poet from Charlotte, presented a spoken word. The Rev. Alexis Anthony introduced The Anthony Family, who provided a musical worship experience. The Rev. Campbell read the gospel lesson from Matthew 4:12-23. Bishop Larry Goodpaster introduced Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, resident bishop of the Columbia Area, South Carolina Conference. Bishop Holston preached the sermon titled “An Offer You Can’t Refuse.” The Anthony Family presented a closing song and Bishop Holston offered the benediction.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014**SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS – 8:30 A.M.**

A Brass Choir from Central United Methodist Church in Asheville opened the worship service. Following the processional hymn 593, *Here I Am, Lord*, the Rev. Donald Jenkins, vice-chairperson Board of Ordained Ministry, led the call to worship and opening prayer. After an introduction by Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster and prayer by the Rev. Michelle Foster, the Rev. Jan Davis, senior pastor, First Rowlett United Methodist Church, Rowlett, Texas, preached the sermon “More Than Enough,” based on I Kings 17:7-16. Bishop Goodpaster recognized a new class of licensed local pastors and commissioned 23 persons for ministry. One candidate, who had been elected as an associate member, was recognized. Each candidate commissioned received a cross from the Board of Ordained Ministry, presented by the Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley. The service concluded with the singing of hymn 584, *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*.

CONFERENCE PLENARY – BUSINESS SESSION – 9:45 A.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to adjournment the conference convened at 9:45 a.m. with a video presentation of the “Daily Digest” that reported the previous day’s events, business, and worship of the annual conference.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION, INC.: Christopher W. Davis, chairperson of the board, convened the annual meeting and nominated the following for election to the board and they were elected: in the class of 2017 – Robert (Rob) Byrd, Christopher (Chris) Davis, Tom Latimer, Tom Jordan and Brownie Plaster; in the class of 2015 – Dennis Marshall (replacing Jan Brittain). Christian Burns, assistant secretary, reviewed the ministry of the foundation and its various services and programs. Burns introduced the Rev. David A. Snipes, president and CEO, and he thanked the members of the Board of Directors for their service and presented his report. Following the showing of “Re-Imagine Generosity” video, Sharon Lee, stewardship team leader, explained the stewardship challenge award and presented the 2014 award to Central United Methodist Church, Concord. Rev. Snipes presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Bishop Goodpaster for the “Imagine No Malaria” effort. The money represented a tithe from the foundation. The annual meeting of the foundation adjourned.

GUIDELINES FOR HOLY CONFERRING: Bishop Goodpaster reminded members of the conference of the guidelines for Holy Conferencing and the procedures for discussion and deliberations.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS: M. Lynne Gilbert, president, presented the report and moved adoption of PETITION 2, PART 1: PENSION PROGRAMS AND POLICIES, and the petition was approved.

PETITION 2, PART 2: HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM AND POLICIES: Bishop Goodpaster explained the procedure for consideration of this second part of petition 2. Petition 2, Part 2 will be considered the main motion. PETITION 21: Clergy Spouse Medical Insurance Plan will be considered as an amendment to Petition 2, Part 2. PETITION 22: Proposal: Health Benefits Changes will be considered as a substitute motion for Petition 2, Part 2.

The Rev. Frank A. Stith, III, chairperson of the Health Benefits Committee, presented the guiding themes, considerations, processes, and the specific recommendations of Petition 2, Part 2.

The Rev. Rennie R. Salata asked a question about the provision to opt out of coverage and the requirement for the local church to participate. Jennifer L. Burton, conference treasurer, responded.

The Rev. H. Donnell FitzJefferies asked a question about the co-pay amounts for specialists under the basic plan and basic-plus plan, Ms. Burton answered.

The Rev. Michael A. Macdonald asked a question and Ms. Burton responded. A follow-up question about the difference in cost savings for the pastor and the local church was answered by Rev. Stith.

Fran Farrer-Nash, Simpson-Gillespie, asked a question and Rev. Stith responded.

The Rev. Douglas W. Miller voiced a concern and spoke against the petition.

The Rev. Duane P. Corle asked a question and Ms. Burton responded.

Dean Martin, New Hope, asked how the BCBS plan is more expensive, and Ms. Burton answered.

The Rev. Mary T. Hatley asked if one could change coverage from basic to basic-plus during the year. Ms. Burton explained how that could happen.

The Rev. Carol R. Hunter asked a question and Ms. Burton responded.

PETITION 21: Clergy Spouse Medical Insurance Plan: This petition is being considered as an amendment to the main motion, Petition 2, Part 2 and would remove spousal coverage from the health benefit plan.

Rev. Stith spoke against the petition.

The Rev. Ronald D. Setzer spoke against the petition.

The Rev. Timothy C. Drum, II spoke in favor of the petition.

Ernest Leonard, Mount Hermon, raised a question

The Rev. Cynthia K. Lunsford spoke against the petition.

Petition 21 was not adopted as an amendment to Petition 2, Part 2.

[Note: The conversation continued at a later session.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The conference secretary made necessary announcements.

RECESS: The conference recessed at 11:20 a.m. in preparation for the order of the day.

ORDER OF THE DAY: RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CLERGY AND SPOUSES

Thirty-seven clergy were recognized on the event of their retirement. The Rev. Dr. David Calhoun spoke on behalf of the retirees. The Rev. Jennifer Bingham spoke in response on behalf of the 2014 class in full connection. M. Lynne Gilbert, President of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, the Rev. Amy Vaughn, a member of the 2014 class in full connection, and Bishop Larry Goodpaster also participated. Retirees were presented with certificates and each spouse was given a rose.

CONFERENCE PLENARY – BUSINESS SESSION – 1:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess the conference reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with the singing of hymn 166 *All Praise to Thee, for Thou O King Divine*, and the litany “For the Mind of Christ.”

BIBLE STUDY: Bishop Goodpaster introduced the Rev. J. Cameron West, president, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama, and his daughter, Grace West. The Rev. West’s address was titled “Jesus, the Big Questions and United Methodist Education.” In his remarks, he focused on how United Methodist colleges and universities are challenged to distinguish themselves from secular institutions of higher education, to provide intellectual inquiry to learn the mind of Christ in order to form principled Christian leaders. “Jesus died to take away our sins, not to take away our minds.”

PRIVILEGE MATTER: The Rev. Kimberly T. Ingram, conference secretary, expressed thanks on behalf of the annual conference to the ushers, the worship team leaders, and conference musicians: Timothy Scruggs, conference musician, First United Methodist Church, Gastonia and the Rev. Saxon Scarborough, assistant conference musician, First United Methodist Church, Gastonia. She also thanked Loveeta Baker for providing transcription service and the Lake Junaluska Hospitality Team.

CYCLE TO LAKE JUNALUSKA: The Rev. Douglas W. Miller reported on the “Cycle to Lake Junaluska” event. Twenty-two riders, including nine clergy, participated in the 165-mile, 3-stage trip from Charlotte to Lake Junaluska. A total of \$3,500.00 was raised to support campus ministry. The Rev. Miller presented the bishop with an event T-shirt.

PRIVILEGE MATTER: Jack Ewing, executive director of Lake Junaluska Assembly, presented the bishop with a Lake Junaluska ball cap to shade the glare from the stage lights.

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN’S HOME: Maurice D. Ware, executive director and CEO, discussed the rumors and challenges facing The Children’s Home in Winston-Salem. At this time, the institution is not on the verge of closing, but is facing some serious financial difficulties that have occurred over the past eight years. He outlined the vision, values, and core objectives for a strategic plan going forward. He listed ways that individuals and congregations could help.

PRIVILEGE MATTER: Bishop Goodpaster welcomed Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey to the annual conference.

[Note: the discussion of Petition 2, Part 2 continued from the morning.]

PETITION 22: HEALTH BENEFITS: As part of the continued consideration of Petition 2, Part 2, the Rev. Norman E. Jones, Jr. made a presentation of Petition 22: Health Benefits, which Bishop Goodpaster had ruled would be offered as a substitute motion for the main motion. Following his remarks, the Rev. Jones withdrew his petition for consideration.

PETITION 2, PART 2: HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM AND POLICIES: Consideration was now on the main motion offered by the Health Benefits Committee of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

Dave Johnston, West Market Street, asked a question and Jennifer Burton responded.

The Rev. Judy Eurey asked a question about item 7 relating to readmission to the benefit plan and Ms. Burton responded.

The Rev. Randall M. Blanton spoke against the petition.

The Rev. Timothy M. James spoke against the petition.

The Rev. Steven Shytle, Christ Church, spoke against the petition.

The Rev. James M. Armstrong, Jr. spoke in favor of the petition.

Brent Blumberg, Oak Grove, spoke in favor.

The Rev. Byron E. Alexander moved to amend the petition by striking item 1 and replacing item 1 with the following: that the Board of Pension and Health Benefits no longer be charged with the responsibility to secure a self-insured hospital/medical insurance contract for eligible active clergy, but revert to providing continued administrative support for participation in a fully-insured group health plan with BCBSNC or another reputable provider as provided by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012*.

The Rev. Paula Morris spoke against the amendment.

The Rev. Timothy C. Drum II asked a question and the Rev. Stith and Jennifer Burton responded.

The Rev. Duane P. Corle asked a question about family coverage under the amendment and the Rev. Alexander responded.

Linda Lott, Mount Zion, spoke against the amendment.

The Rev. Jennifer I. Finley asked a question and Jennifer Burton responded.

The Alexander amendment failed.

The Rev. Eric W. Little asked a question on the main motion and the Rev. Stith responded.

The Rev. Duane Corle asked a question and Bishop Goodpaster responded.

The Rev. Angela Rogers Marlowe moved to amend the petition by adding a new item number 14 that would require that any savings be equally shared by the local church and the pastor.

Don Ebaugh, Long's Chapel, asked to hear from the Committee, and the Bishop responded that they would speak prior to the vote.

The Rev. David Miner, Sr., asked a question and Jennifer Burton responded.

The Rev. Anthony L. Moreau asked a question and Jennifer Burton responded.

Jim Spears, Providence, asked a question, Jennifer Burton answered, and he spoke against the amendment.

Peg Aldridge, Assurance, spoke in favor of the amendment.

Linda Lott, Mount Zion, asked a question and Jennifer Burton answered, and she spoke against the amendment.

The Rev. Kimberly S. Higgins spoke in support of the amendment.

Evan Thompson, Hoyle Memorial, spoke against the amendment.

The Marlowe amendment was defeated.

Petition 2, Part 2 was adopted.

PRIVILEGE MATTER: The Rev. Frank Stith on behalf of the health benefits committee expressed his appreciation for the work of Jennifer Burton and the conference showed its appreciation.

RECESS: The conference recessed at 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to adjournment conference reconvened at 4:38 p.m. with prayer by Bishop Goodpaster.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Laurie S. Guy, president, presented the report of the Council on Finance and Administration. She presented PETITION 1: 2015 CONFERENCE FUNDS AND FINANCIAL POLICIES and moved the adoption of items 1-19, and they were approved.

Ms. Guy then presented the proposed 2015 CONFERENCE BUDGET and moved its adoption. She highlighted the changes in the 2015 Conference Budget from the prior year budget, which included several reclassifications and consolidations of conference and district line items. She noted a new line item 509 for intentional interim support and reported that the 2015 budget was an increase of 4.23% from the 2014 budget.

Harry Underwood, Centenary, asked a question and Bishop Goodpaster responded.

Kathy FitzJefferies, Brooks Temple, asked a question about staff and district superintendents' salary increases. The bishop and Jennifer P. Davis, director of discipleship ministry, responded.

The Rev. David R. Kelley moved that salary increases for conference staff and district superintendents be frozen at the 2014 levels and spoke in favor of his motion.

The Rev. Mary John Dye spoke against the amendment.

The Rev. Robin Brown Fitzgerald spoke against the amendment.

The Rev. H. Donnell FitzJefferies spoke for the amendment.

The Rev. Mandy N. Jones spoke against the amendment.

The Rev. David L. Miner asked a question and Bishop Goodpaster responded.

The Kelly amendment was not approved.

The Rev. Olin B. Isenhour asked a question and Jennifer Burton responded.

The Annual Conference Budget for 2015 of \$16,456,731 was adopted.

PETITION 20: ANNUAL CONFERENCE LOCATION: The petition was withdrawn.

PETITION 24: PARSONAGE HOME INSPECTIONS FOR PASTORAL TRANSITIONS: The petition was withdrawn.

PETITION 23: THE ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE: Robert D. Upchurch, president, Board of Laity, presented the proposal and moved its adoption.

The Rev. Holly C. Adams asked how the proposal would be enforced and Mr. Upchurch responded.

The petition was adopted.

PETITION 5: CENTRAL CONGO RELATIONSHIP: The Rev. David L. Miner, Sr. presented the proposal and spoke in favor of its adoption. The Rev. Sean C. Turner supported the petition but cautioned for the need to be intentional about the partnership being reciprocal. The petition was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The conference secretary made necessary announcements.

RECESS: The conference recessed at 5:30 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – 7:30 P.M.

“THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS: CELEBRATION OF THE LAITY”

The evening worship service was designed to emphasize the ministry of the baptized and lay leadership to share the Gospel, lead worship, and to be witnesses to God’s love in the world. Bobbie Denny, a member of Central United Methodist Church, Charlotte, Metro District, delivered the annual laity address titled, “Extravagant Generosity,” taking her remarks from Matthew 25:34-40 and 2 Corinthians 9:7-8. The District Lay Leaders of the eight districts served as liturgists for the worship. Special music was provided by *One Acchord*, a music group formed in 2006 to lead singing during the contemporary worship service at First United Methodist Church in Taylorsville. Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, in his remarks, encouraged congregations to partner with schools in their communities. A video was shown of Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Resident Bishop, Raleigh Area, North Carolina Conference and the partnership between the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference to work with public schools to nurture and enrich children in local communities (announced at the 2013 annual conference). Dr. Shannon Sherfey’s prayer was written by the poet, Maya Angelou.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

CONFERENCE PLENARY – BUSINESS SESSION – 8:30 A.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess the conference reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER: The Rev. Lory Beth Huffman, district superintendent of the Appalachian District, the Rev. John Boggs, district superintendent of the Blue Ridge District, and the Rev. Jeffrey S. Patterson, newly-appointed district superintendent of the Yadkin Valley District, led the morning reflection on hands. “How have you used your hands? How will you use your hands?” Following the singing of hymn 399, *Take My Life and Let It Be*, and a closing prayer the meditation concluded.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: The Rev. Dr. Mary John Dye, chairperson, introduced members of the committee and gave the report of the committee. She spoke words of appreciation for the work of the Rev. Sally O. Langford, assistant to the Bishop, and Jane Suther, executive secretary to Bishop Goodpaster. The Rev. Dr. Dye sent greetings to Mrs. Deborah Goodpaster, along with instructions to the Bishop to deliver a gift for her from the committee. The conference expressed its appreciation to Bishop and Mrs. Goodpaster.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LAITY: Robert D. Upchurch, conference lay leader and president of the Board of Laity, introduced the annual report of the board and strongly urged persons to attend the 49th Annual Gathering of the Laity at Lake Junaluska, August 8-10, 2014. He expressed his gratitude to Mildred Carter, past conference president of United Methodist Women, to Hank Dozier, past conference president of United Methodist Men, and to Irma Ellwanger, lay leader for the Metro District, all of whose terms of service on the board had expired. Upchurch expressed his sorrow at the death of Johnny Harwell, co-district lay leader for the Uwharrie District. He introduced Tonya Lanier, conference president of United Methodist Women; Neil Brown, conference president of United Methodist Men; Jatana Royster, district lay leader, and Kaylene Thompson, associate district lay leader, for the Metro District.

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Claire Alexander, president of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, gave the annual report of the council. Alexander took a “selfie” with Bishop Goodpaster to post on Facebook to generate contributions for the Youth Service Fund.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Tonya Lanier, conference president of United Methodist Women, presented the report. She reported that for the thirteenth consecutive year, the WNC Conference UMW was first in the nation in mission giving. From 1995 through 2013, Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women have contributed \$14,814,000 to the Women’s Division.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Neil Brown, conference president of United Methodist Men, gave the annual report of that organization.

TASK FORCE FOR DISTRICT PROPERTIES: In accordance with ¶ 2518 of *The Book of Discipline* (2012), Bishop Goodpaster announced the creation of a three-person task force to study and distribute monies received from the sale or discontinuance of former district office spaces and district parsonages as a result of the consolidation of the annual conference to eight districts. The Rev. William C. Wyman, Jr. will serve as chairperson, with the Rev. Richard L. Buff and Jane Wood serving as members of the committee.

PRIVILEGE MATTER: The Rev. William (Bill) T. Medlin, III, district superintendent Yadkin Valley District, introduced Marilyn Garner, the new president and CEO of UMAR-WNC, Inc. Garner addressed the conference reminding the delegates that since 1983, UMAR had grown from one home with three men to 400 participants at 30 sites.

PETITION 13: TRUSTEES OF THE CHILDREN’S HOME, INC.: Bishop Goodpaster celebrated the historic ministry of The Methodist Home for Children and shared some deep concerns about this institution. One concern is that only 30% of the current members of the Board of Trustees of The Children’s Home are United Methodists. *The Book of Discipline* (2012), paragraph 2552, requires at least 60% of the membership be United Methodists. Six of the trustees elected are to be confirmed by 2014 Annual Conference.

Jennifer P. Davis, director of discipleship ministries, moved that the six new trustees to the board of the United Methodist Children’s Home not be confirmed.

The Rev. H. Donnell FitzJefferies moved to amend the motion with the addition: “that the bishop be allowed to form a task force to work with the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Children’s Home to bring the membership of that board into alignment with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (2012).

The Rev. James W. Ferree noted that such a task force would not have authority to bring nominations to the board of The Children’s Home.

The Rev. Donald Jenkins spoke in favor of the amendment.

The Rev. Warren W. Miller moved to amend the FitzJefferies amendment by naming one person from each district to serve on the task force.

Walter Carmichael, Centenary, asked a question and the bishop responded.

Fran Ferrar, Simpson-Gillespie, spoke in favor of the amendment.

James Windham, Myers Memorial, indicated that the task force could not dictate to the Board of Trustees of The Children’s Home.

Rev. Anthony Norris spoke in favor of the amendment.

Robert E. Shepherd, Acton, asked a question and suggested that the task force be no larger than eight persons.

The Miller amendment was not approved.

Rev. J. Billy Towery, Jr. asked a question and the bishop answered.

Nina Yeager, Muir’s Chapel, asked a question about the property, and the bishop responded.

Wade Loftin, Bethel, asked a question and the bishop responded.

Rev. Joseph C. (Jody) Seymour asked a question and the bishop responded.

Rev. Lisa L. Wishon, Main Street, spoke to encourage financial support and the bishop responded.

Patty Richardson, Mount Zion, commented that communications with the Board of Trustees not be adversarial but desiring cooperation and partnership.

Karen Perry, Clemmons, asked a question about how we become aware of similar situations in the future, and the bishop responded.

Steve Carroll, Trinity, noted that there will not be a “quick fix.”

The FitzJefferies amendment was passed.

The motion as amended was approved.

MOTION: The Rev. Michael B. Harrill, Jr. moved that each local congregation be challenged to invite a representative from The United Methodist Children’s Home to visit the church and share about the ministry before the 2015 session of the annual conference and that the number of visits made by representative from the children’s home be a part of their report to the annual conference for the next session.

Robert Allen, Bethel, spoke against the motion.

The motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster announced that the 2015 session of the annual conference is scheduled for June 17-21, 2015 at Lake Junaluska Assembly. Kimberly T. Ingram made necessary announcements.

RECESS: The conference recessed at 10:51 a.m. in order to prepare for the Celebration of Life worship service.

WORSHIP SERVICE – CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE – 11:15 A.M.

The Rev. Amy Coles, district superintendent of the Smoky Mountain District, was the preacher for this service. The sermon text was based on Matthew 26:6-13 and the sermon was titled, “Reckless Abandon.” Kathi Graham and Leisa Stamey played the bagpipes and escorted the families in and out of the service. Members of the 2014 class elected to full connection assisted in the service. Special music was provided by the Brass Quintet from First United Methodist Church, Gastonia, with Timothy Scruggs, conference musician, on organ under the direction of Rev. Saxon Scarborough, assistant conference musician. Additional special music included an anthem, *Broken and Spilled Out*, a solo sung by Rev. Rob Rollins. During the Naming of the Saints, the lives of 30 clergy and diaconal ministers were remembered and celebrated, as well as the spouses of 35 clergy who died in the year.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION – 7:30 P.M.

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop, Columbia Area, South Carolina Conference, preached a sermon from Romans 12:9-21, titled “What’s Love Got To Do with It.” Robert D. Upchurch, conference lay leader, and members of the Board of Ordained Ministry assisted in the service. Following examination, eight deacons (including one as a courtesy to the Yellowstone Annual Conference) and 19 elders were ordained by Bishop Goodpaster, assisted by Bishops L. Jonathan Holston, Thomas B. Stockton, J. Lawrence McCleskey, and Charlene P. Kammerer. One candidate for elder had her orders from another denomination recognized.

The Rev. Angel J. Christ sang a solo *How Beautiful are the Feet*, by Twila Paris. Timothy Scuggs, conference musician, and the Rev. Saxon Scarborough, assistant conference musician, provided accompaniment and direction for the hymns and special music.

Each ordinand received a red stole appropriate for their order and their certificate of ordination.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014**A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND THE FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS - 10 A.M.**

Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, taking his text from I Timothy 6:18-19, preached the sermon titled, "Extravagant Generosity." The Junaluska Singers provided special choral presentations throughout the liturgy of the worship service.

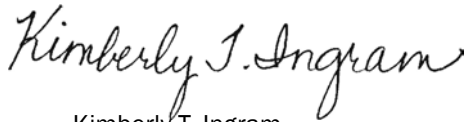
OFFERING: The morning offering was designated for the "Imagine No Malaria." The total offering received for "Imagine No Malaria" during the Annual Conference session totaled \$126,941.71.

COMMISSIONING OF DEACONESS AND MISSIONARY: Bishop Goodpaster, with the assistance of Richard Pusateri from the General Board of Global Ministries, commissioned Sam Om, as a missionary in Cambodia; Jody Halstead, as a deaconess at the Haywood Street Respite, Asheville; and Tracey Owens, as a deaconess at the Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville.

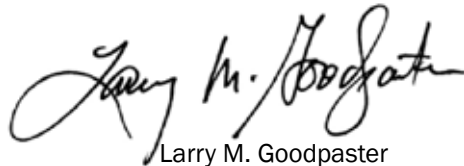
FIXING OF THE APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Goodpaster thanked the eight district superintendents and the Rev. Sally O. Langford, assistant to the bishop. The Bishop announced that printed copies of the appointments for the 2013-2014 year were not prepared this year, but were posted on the website for the annual conference. Following that explanation, Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster officially fixed the clergy appointments for the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church for the ensuing year.

CHARGE AND COVENANT PRAYER: Bishop Goodpaster charged the licensed, commissioned, consecrated, and ordained clergy to go where they are sent and called to serve. He charged the laity to uphold the church with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness and to receive and support the clergy appointed to their churches. All persons present shared in the covenant and covenant prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: The Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church adjourned *sine die* at 12 p.m.



Kimberly T. Ingram



Larry M. Goodpaster

E. CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

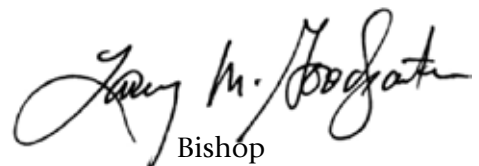
This is to certify that at a service of commissioning held on Friday morning, June 20, 2014, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, I, Larry M. Goodpaster, a bishop in The United Methodist Church did

COMMISSION for ministry in The United Methodist Church under the 2012 Book of Discipline as provisional members of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference: Joshua Oren Britton, Betty Black Brown, Katherine Randall Bryant, Justin Keith Cabe, Monica Curtis Childers, Lonna Angel Jackson Christ, John Zachery Christy, Kimberly Jerrell Collins, Jessica Leigh Ligon Dayson, Karen Crouch Doucette, Elizabeth Carter Ellis, Julia Kaye Hedrick Fry, Benjamin Parker Haynes, Lauren Elizabeth Hill, Sarah Stockton Howell, Dianne Elaine Rudd Johnston, Andrea Osborne, Alexander McCumber, Matthew Craig Morris, Cheryl Willard Nehnevajsa, Julie Dee Elliott O'Neal, Jerrienne Canipe Pyles, Christopher Alan Smith, Louis Dillon Timberlake.

This is further to certify that at a service of ordination held on Saturday evening, June 21, 2014, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, I did

ORDAIN to the Order of DEACON in The United Methodist Church: Lenora Leigh Jones Bartoli, Jennifer Irene Elaine Finley, Lynda Gayle Crisco Hepler, John Joseph Isley, Donnie Shumate Mitchem, Ellen Robison, Amy Rutledge Vaughan, and Amy Lynn Proctor (as a courtesy to the Yellowstone Annual Conference).

ORDAIN to the Order of ELDER in The United Methodist Church: Eileen Mary Ayuso, Laura Michelle Beach, Jennifer Dianne Bingham, Duane Phillip Corle, Preston Andrews Davis, Timothy Carroll Drum II, Kelly Lynn Whiting Giese, Thomas Gene Jolly, Jr., David Alan Locke, Duncan Gray Martin, Alfred John Moore, Melinda Suzanne Penry, Robert Dean Roten, McKenzie Morgan Sefa, Philip Hugh Setzer, Andrea Carol Fare Smith, Kenneth Bryan Spencer, William Van Wieren III, Cynthia Shepard Wechter.



Bishop