168th SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Des Moines, Iowa
First Day – Saturday
June 4, 2011

Morning

1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble called the 168th Session of the Iowa Annual Conference to order at 10:02 AM.


2.1. RENEWAL OF BAPTISM. Bishop Trimble

2.2. MESSAGE. Mandate for Mission. Rev. Dr. Slaughter

2.3. CELEBRATION of Holy Communion

3. BREAK

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Jerry Oakland, Chair of Business and Agenda, moved:

4.1. That the working agenda for the 2011 session of the Iowa Annual Conference be the agenda which is printed and distributed to members of this annual conference session, noting that times for speakers are guidelines and not mandatory.

4.2. That the voting bar for all plenary sessions of this Session of Annual Conference include the following areas: the plenary and worship platform, the Journal desk and the area which includes all of the numbered tables;

4.3. That seating within the voting bar during the plenary sessions be restricted to members of the conference and to the following persons who have no voice or vote:

4.3.1. conference staff members from the Episcopal office: Diane Brockmeyer, Linda Remster; from the Episcopal Office, Connectional Ministries, Karla Haynes; from Administrative Services: Margaret Biggs, Jeremy Jolly; from Human Resources: Gena Garber, Gayle Wilson; from Communications: Carol Harris; from District Offices: Sue Booth, Judi Calhoun, Janet Condon, Shirley Lewis, Wendy Lubkeman, Alanna Warren, Ann Zeal; from Disaster Recovery: Becky Wood; and from Disaster Preparedness: Trish Burket;

4.3.2. greeters; hosts; pages; those identified by the Book of Discipline (¶602.9-10); Bishop Peggy Johnson; Racelder Grandberry-Trimble; Rev. Michael Slaughter; and those named by conference action as visitors;

4.3.3. from Iowa United Methodist Foundation: Linda Curson, Teri Miller and Kevin Gowdy;
4.4. That hosts monitor the voting bar to assist the conference in conducting its business in good order and without distractions;

4.5. That each conference member vote only on his/her assigned keypad and not vote on anyone else’s keypad, even if asked to do so, as absentee members are not permitted to vote by proxy;

4.6. That speakers be guided by the countdown clocks located on the video display screens;

4.7. That sponsors of any new resolution or program item to be considered by the plenary session take the item to Karen Dungan for assignment to its proper location;

4.8. That all materials to be distributed in our meeting places receive prior approval by Karen Dungan or me;

4.9. That conference members and visitors show respect by keeping conversation and other noise and moving about to a minimum during plenary sessions;

4.10. That all conference members and visitors turn off all cellular phones and pagers or put them on silent mode during worship services and plenary sessions and that members leave the hall to make or receive calls. Adopted.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT. Dr. Charles Smith, Conference Treasurer

6. WORKING BUDGET. Betty Stone, moved the budget as presented as our working budget. Adopted.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Patty LaGree, Conference Secretary. The dates for the 2012 Annual Conference are June 2-5, 2012.

8. NOMINATION REPORT. Fred Lewis, Chair of Conference Nominations Committee, introduced district nominations committee chairs and members. Barb Oakland presented the 2011 Conference Nominations Coordinating Committee Ballot.

9. SPIRITUAL GUIDES. Rev. Len and Rev. Diane Wasson Eberhart

10. RECESS

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Laity Session

1. OPENING. Praise band from East Central district churches: St. Paul’s, Cedar Rapids; Marion, First; and Mount Vernon, First.

2. WELCOME. Norma Morrison, conference lay leader.

3. WORSHIP. Leaders: Norma Morrison, lay leader, and Phil Carver, Southeast District Field Outreach Minister.

4. Lay leadership in the conference was recognized and thanked: Board of Laity members, Lay Speaking ministries, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Scouting ministries, Thanksgiving Ingathering, and School for Lay Ministry.
5. **SPEAKER.** Dr. Eddie Fox, Director of Evangelism, World Methodist Council.

6. **PRESENTATIONS.** Phil Carver spoke on PATH 1 and the Call to Action; Sarah Stevens spoke about Rethink Church.

7. **SKIT.** The Board of Laity Players presented “Extreme Makeover – Church Edition.”

8. **SPEAKER.** Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter, lead pastor of Gingshamsburg UMC in Ohio, spoke on “Leading Your Church Out of Itself and Into the World.”

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10. **CLOSING WORSHIP**

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   Clergy Session


1. Bishop Julius C. Trimble called the session to order.

2. **OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER.** Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

3. **HYMN – “And Are We Yet Alive”/“Blest Be the Tie”**

4. **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS.** Bishop Trimble

5. **PURPOSE OF CLERGY SESSION.** Rev. Dr. Tritle

6. **VOTING RIGHTS.** Patty LaGree, Conference Secretary

7. **MOTION.** Rev. Dr. Tritle moved the bar of the executive clergy session be the sanctuary of the Des Moines First UMC with an understanding that only ordained clergy in full connection and the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry may vote on matters before the clergy session (¶ 605.5, 2008 Book of Discipline). The bar includes the seating on the floor level and on the balcony level. Adopted.

8. **MOTION.** Rev. Dr. Tritle moved, in accordance with ¶605.6 of the 2008 Book of Discipline, the following persons be given permission to be present at the clergy session with voice but no vote: Director of Ministerial Services and Conference Secretary Patty LaGree, Bishop Trimble’s Executive Secretary Diane Brockmeyer, Assistant to the Bishop for Administration J. Robert Burkhart’s Administrative Secretary Linda Remster, pastors of other denominations who are serving under appointment in the Iowa Annual Conference, Diaconal Ministers of the Iowa Annual Conference, and Praise Band sound technician Joel Carver. Adopted.

10. **REPORT ON UPCOMING EVENTS** of the Orders and Fellowship by Scott Lothe.

11. **REMEMBRANCE.** Scott Lothe and Jodi Rushing celebrated the lives of those who died this year (Business of Annual Conference (BAC) #48 and #71).

12. **CLERGY TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** Rev. Mike Orthel, Iowa UM Foundation.

13. **BUSINESS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE QUESTION** (BAC) #17. Rev. Bill Poland, Dean of the Appointive Cabinet, responded.


15. **CANDIDACY PROCESS.** Rev. Scott Keele Kober, chair, Candidacy Team, Board of Ordained Ministry, gave a copy of The Christian as Minister to each clergyperson present along with a bookmark outlining the inquiry for candidacy process. Pastors are the first line of recruitment of persons answering God’s call into ministry.

16. Patty LaGree, Director of the Office of Ministerial Services and acting Registrar, reported those certified for ordained or licensed ministry since the last session of the annual conference (BAC #19a); those continued as certified candidates (BAC #19b); those who have had their candidacy accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference (BAC #19c); and those discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry (BAC #19d).

17. Patty LaGree reported those who have completed the studies for license as a local pastor, are approved, but not now appointed (BAC #20).

18. Patty LaGree moved those approved and appointed as full-time local pastors (BAC #21a); as part-time local pastors (BAC #21b); and one serving as a local pastor while seeking readmission to conference membership (BAC #21d). Approved.

19. Patty LaGree reported those discontinued as local pastors (BAC #22).

20. Newly licensed full-time local pastors were introduced by the acting Registrar: Daniel Grauer, Mary Jane Mack, Bruce Smith, Kevin Smith, Edgar Solis. Each was greeted by the Bishop. The Bishop examined them, authorized them to serve as local pastors where appointed, and prayed for them.

21. Patty LaGree reported those ordained ministers from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations approved for appointment in the Iowa Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (BAC #24a, b).
22. Patty LaGree moved those clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations who have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Iowa Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (BAC #25). Approved.

23. Patty LaGree reported the one who is an affiliate member (BAC #26b).

24. Patty LaGree announced those who are in process for certification in specialized ministry (BAC #60) and those certified in specialized ministry (BAC #61).

25. Patty LaGree reported those who are certified as lay ministers (BAC #65).

26. CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER PRESENTATION. Judy Marnin, chair, Education Team of the Board of Ordained Ministry

27. Rev. Lilian Gallo Seagren, vice chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and chair of the Examination and Credentialing Team, moved the election of associate member and provisional member candidates (BAC #27, #28, and #30).

27.1. Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by the Bishop.

27.2. All were elected, welcomed into the body, and prayed for by the Bishop.

28. Lilian Gallo Seagren moved the election of those recommended for ordination as deacon or elder in full connection (BAC #31, 32, 33).

28.1. Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by the Bishop.

28.2. All were elected, welcomed into the body, and prayed for by the Bishop.

29. Lilian Gallo Seagren reported those who are continued as provisional members (BAC #29).

30. Lilian Gallo Seagren moved those discontinued as provisional members (BAC #42). Approved.

31. Lilian Gallo Seagren thanked all members of the examination teams and Kae Tritle, Wellness Coordinator, for their work in the examination process.

32. Rev. Linda Butler, co-chair of the Conference Relations team of the Board of Ordained Ministry, moved the one returning to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (BAC #36c). Approved.

33. Linda Butler reported the one who transferred in from another Methodist denomination (BAC #38).

34. Linda Butler moved those granted honorable location (BAC #43a, b). Approved.
35. Linda Butler moved those who have had their conference membership terminated (BAC #46a, b, c). Approved.

36. Linda Butler reported the one who was suspended (BAC #47).

37. Rev. Charles Luers, co-chair of the Conference Relations team of the Board of Ordained Ministry, reported those provisional or ordained members who have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (BAC #49).

38. Charles Luers moved those on leave of absence (less than five years) (BAC #50a,c). Accepted. He then moved those on leave of absence for more than five years (BAC #50a). Accepted by two-thirds vote. Those whose leave of absence was terminated since the last session of the annual conference (ad interim) were reported (BAC #50d).


40. Charles Luers moved those members in full connection retired this year (BAC #53). Approved.

41. Charles Luers moved those associate members retired this year (BAC #54). Approved.

42. Charles Luers moved those recognized as retired local pastors (BAC #56). Approved.

43. Patty LaGree acknowledged those other local pastors who are retiring.

44. Linda Butler moved those approved for less than full-time service (BAC #76a, b). Approved by 3/4 vote.

45. Charles Luers moved those appointed to extension ministries (BAC #80c). Approved by 2/3 vote.

46. Barrie Tittle thanked the Board of Ordained Ministry leaders. Bishop Trimble thanked Barrie for his leadership of the Board.

47. HYMN – “Here I Am, Lord”

48. DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING. Bishop Trimble

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   Evening

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1. Bishop Trimble introduced Bishop Peggy Johnson from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, who brought greetings.
1.2. Dr. Eddie Fox, World Director of Evangelism for the World Methodist Conference, brought greetings.

1.3. Announcements from the conference secretary.

1.4. Instructions on using key pads and voting for clergy and lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

2. CLERGY BALLOT # 1 was taken.

3. LAITY BALLOT # 1 was taken.

4. TEACHING SESSION. Pastor Mike Slaughter presented the Ginghamsburg UMC’s “Sudan Project” and “Growing Disciples for Mission.”

5. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Brian Milford and Rev. Jaye Johnson asked for prayers for flooding in the Southwest District.


7. RECESS

Second Day – Sunday

June 5, 2011

Morning

1. SERVICE FOR THE ORDERING OF MINISTRY. Worship leaders included Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Resident Bishop; Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference; Rev. Brenda Hobson, chair, Order of Deacons; Norma Morrison, Lay Leader; Rev. Dr. Barrie Tittle, chair, Board of Ordained Ministry; Rev. Lilian Gallo Seagren, vice-chair, Board of Ordained Ministry; Rev. Harlan Gillespie, liturgist and song leader; Rev. Karen Nichols Dungan, Assistant to the Bishop for Connectional Ministries; Rev. Dr. J. Robert Burkhart, Assistant to the Bishop for Administration; Organist Joshua Morgan; Pianist James Walters; and the Conference Choir.

2. PRESENTATION. Presentation of those local pastor who have completed the Course of Study; those to be licensed for the first time as full-time local pastors; those to be recognized as associate members; those to be commissioned for the work of an elder; those to be ordained deacon; those to be ordained elder; the one whose orders are to be recognized as elder; and the one who is to be recognized as a provisional member.

3. RECOGNITION. Local pastors who have completed the Course of Study: Frederick W. Bryson, Patricia M. Eastman, Todd D. Hartsock, Goldie L. Layman, Sheryl C. Lohman, Becky Mayes-High, Thomas D. Petersen, Paul O. Rekward, Rosa Maria Rodriguez, and Philip R. Rogers.

4. RECOGNITION. First time, full-time local pastors: Daniel D. Grauer, Mary Jane Mack, Bruce A. Smith, Kevin W. Smith, Edgar F. Solis.

5. RECOGNITION of Associate members (see Business of Annual Conference (BAC) #27)

6. Examination and commissioning of provisional elders (see BAC #28b)
7. HOMILY. Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
8. Examination and ordination of deacons (see BAC #31a)
9. Examination and ordination of elders (see BAC #31b)
10. Recognition of orders of Alecia R. Williams as full member and Timothy D. Bonney as provisional member
11. CELEBRATION of Holy Communion.
12. DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING. Bishop Trimble

Second Day – Sunday
June 5, 2011
Afternoon

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS
2. SPIRITUAL GUIDES
3. ORDER OF THE DAY. Foundation for Evangelism Chair Jane Boatwright Wood honored Collegiate UMC, Ames, with the 2011 “Culture of the Call” Evangelism Award.
4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT # 1 RESULTS

4.1. Bishop Trimble reported 446 clergy voted, 224 needed to elect, no election.

4.2. The Bishop reported 646 laity voted, 324 needed to elect, two elected: Philip H. Carver, with 368 votes and Norma Morrison with 356.
5. CLERGY BALLOT #2 was taken.
6. LAITY BALLOT #2 was taken.
7. Charles Layton moved to suspend the rules and receive printed ballot reports. Failed.
8. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR: Andrea Kraushaar, leader

8.1. Andrea Kraushaar announced editorial changes to #118, 2012 Apportionment Request and Anticipated Available 2012 to $220,000 for UM Colleges in Iowa; $723,000 for Wesley Foundations; $35,000 for Capital Funds: Wesley Foundations; $2,600 for Quadrennial Evaluations; $2,000 for Student Forum/UM Student Movement; and $400 for UM College Experience for Youth. Total BHECM budget is unchanged at $985,000.

8.2. She then moved Legislative Section 1 as the consent calendar.
8.3. Morris Hurd moved to remove #103 from the consent calendar. Removed.
8.4. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #106 from the consent calendar. Removed.
8.5. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #116 from the consent calendar. Removed.
8.6. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #120 from the consent calendar. Removed.


9. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 2 - CONSENT CALENDAR: Andrea Severson, leader

9.1. Andrea Severson moved Legislative Section 2 as the consent calendar.

9.2. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #202 from the consent calendar. Removed.

9.3. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #208 from the consent calendar. Removed.

9.4. Deborah Wise moved to remove #218 from the consent calendar. Withdrawn.

9.5. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #214 from the consent calendar. Removed.

9.6. Janice Trometer moved to remove #203 from the consent calendar. Removed.

9.7. Sarah Rohret moved to remove #216 from the consent calendar. Removed.

9.8. Andrea Severson moved Action Items #201, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 217 and 218 as the consent calendar. Adopted.

10. BREAK

11. MEMORIAL CELEBRATION: Worship leaders included Bishop Julius C. Trimble; Liturgists Rev. R. Kevin LaGree, Rev. Terra Amundson, Rev. Diane Wasson Eberhart, Rev. Len Eberhart, Linda Anderson, Rev. Robin Plocher; Rev. Bill Poland, preacher; Soloist Cynthia Wilson; Organist Joshua Morgan; Pianist and Choir Director James Walters; and the Conference Choir.

11.1. Clergy and spouses, closed churches, and Bishop James S. Thomas, former bishop of the Iowa Area, were remembered.

12. RECESS

Second Day – Sunday

June 5, 2011

Evening

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. SPIRITUAL GUIDES

3. MONITORING REPORT. Betsy Piette reported for COSROW, CORR, and Young Adults.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT # 2 RESULTS

4.1. Bishop Trimble reported 443 clergy voted, 223 required to elect, no election.

4.2. Alexis Williams moved to suspend the rules to remove all candidates who receive fewer than 40 votes. Adopted by 2/3 majority.
4.3. Bishop Trimble reported 679 laity voted, 341 required to elect, no election.

5. CLERGY BALLOT # 3 was taken.

6. LAITY BALLOT # 3

6.1. Isaac Fox-Poulsen moved to suspend the rules to remove all candidates who receive fewer than 90 votes. Failed to receive 2/3 majority.

6.2. Laity Ballot #3 was taken.

7. CONFERENCE ARTIST Ted Lyndon Hatten explained his artwork in “Room For. . . .”

8. TASK FORCE REPORT on Conference Structure Review by Marvin Armpriester. Report will be posted on Conference Website.

9. MOTION. Bill Poland moved adoption of resolutions concerning abandoned or discontinued churches: Des Moines, Gatchel; Blairstown, Calvary; East Janesville; First United Church of Hopkinton (dissolution of union with PCUSA); Williamstown; Newell; and Sewell.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF Gatchel UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS the Gatchel United Methodist Church located in Polk County was founded in 1900 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the Gatchel United Methodist Church voted on August 25, 2010 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended discontinuance of Gatchel United Methodist Church and transfer of membership of persons who do not indicate otherwise within 1 year of the discontinuance date to Burns United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be Gifted to the Burns UMC.

WHEREAS the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Central District Board of Church Location and Building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gatchel United Methodist Church be discontinued effective January 09, 2011 and that the church property shall be transferred to DM: Burns UMC.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF Calvary UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS the Calvary United Methodist Church located in Benton County was founded in _____ and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the Calvary United Methodist Church voted on March 27, 2011 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended discontinuance of Calvary United Methodist Church and transfer of
WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be abandoned and the Iowa Annual Conference Board of Trustees will assume responsibility for all remaining property; and

WHEREAS the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the East Central District board of church Location and Building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calvary United Methodist Church be discontinued effective May 1, 2011 and that the church property shall be abandoned and transferred to Conference Trustees.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF East Janesville UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS the East Janesville United Methodist Church located in Black Hawk County was founded in 1867 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the East Janesville United Methodist Church voted on March 29, 2011 to abandon the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended abandonment of the East Janesville United Methodist Church and the transfer of membership of persons who do not indicate otherwise within 1 year of the discontinuance date to the Janesville United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS the consent to abandon has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Northeast District Board of Church Location and Building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Janesville United Methodist Church be considered abandoned effective June 30, 2011 and that the church property shall be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF The First United Church of Hopkinton

WHEREAS the First United Church of Hopkinton located in Delaware County was founded in 2002 and has a proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the First United Church of Hopkinton voted on May 4, 2011 to dissolve the union between the Presbyterian USA and United Methodist Church and to abandon the United Methodist Church property; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended to dissolve the union between the Presbyterian USA and United Methodist Church and to abandon the United Methodist Church property and the transfer of membership of persons who do not indicate otherwise within 1 year of the
discontinuance date to the Manchester United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Monticello; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the United Methodist property be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS the consent to abandon has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Northeast District Board of Church Location and Building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First United Church of Hopkinton be considered dissolved between the Presbyterian USA and the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church property abandoned effective June 30, 2011 and that the United Methodist Church property shall be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF Williamstown UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS the Williamstown United Methodist Church located in Chickasaw County was founded in 1881 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the Williamstown United Methodist Church voted on April 13, 2011 to abandon the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended abandonment of the Williamstown United Methodist Church and the transfer of membership of persons who do not indicate otherwise within 1 year of the discontinuance date to the New Hampton, First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS the consent to abandon has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Northeast District Board of Church Location and Building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamstown United Methodist Church be considered abandoned effective June 30, 2011 and that the church property shall be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF Newell UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS the Newell United Methodist Church located in Buena Vista County was founded in 1871 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the Newell United Methodist Church voted on January 7, 2011 to abandon the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended abandonment of Newell United Methodist Church and transfer of membership of persons who do not indicate otherwise within 1 year of the abandonment date to Storm Lake United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent clarified that once abandoned the Iowa Annual Conference Board of Trustees assume responsibility of all the properties and
WHEREAS the consent to abandon has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Northwest District Board of Church Location and building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newell United Methodist Church be discontinued effective January 9, 2011 and that the Conference Board of Trustees shall assume responsibility of the property.

PROPERTY MATTER – RESOLUTION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF Sewal UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS the Sewal United Methodist Church located in Wayne County was founded in 1884 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Sewal United Methodist Church voted on October 24, 2010 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended discontinuance of Sewal United Methodist Church and transfer of membership of persons who do not indicate otherwise within 1 year of the discontinuance date to the Corydon United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference.

WHEREAS the consent to discontinuance has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sewal United Methodist Church be discontinued effective December 5, 2010 and that the church property shall be transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference.

9.1 Adopted.

10. MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved to extend the time to allow for the report of Ballot #3 and taking Ballot #4. Adopted.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT # 3 RESULTS

11.1. Bishop Trimble reported 450 clergy voted, 226 required to elect, three elections: Brian Milford with 267 votes, David Weesner with 240, Barrie Tritle with 234.

11.2. The Bishop reported 683 laity voted, 343 required to elect, three elections: Joel Carver with 391 votes, Kae Tritle with 359, Craig Scott with 356.

12. CLERGY BALLOT # 4 was taken.

13. LAITY BALLOT # 4 was taken.

14. EVENING PRAYER

15. RECESS
Third Day – Monday
June 6, 2011
Morning

1. MORNING PRAYER with Communion. Worship leaders: Rev. Diane Wasson Eberhart, Rev. Len Eberhart, Bishop Peggy Johnson (preaching and signing), and Bishop Julius C. Trimble

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT # 4 RESULTS
   3.1. Bishop Trimble reported 435 clergy voted, 219 required to elect, one election: Diane Wasson Eberhart with 232 votes.
   3.2. The Bishop reported 663 laity voted, 333 required to elect, no election.
   3.3. Tyler Schwaller withdrew his name from the laity ballot.

4. CLERGY BALLOT # 5 was taken.

5. LAITY BALLOT # 5 was taken.

6. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 3 - CONSENT CALENDAR: Christine Anders, leader
   6.1. Christine Anders moved all Action Items except # 318 and 320, that is, # 301-317, 319, and 321 as the consent calendar.
   6.2. Sarah Rohret moved to suspend the rules to allow removing more than one item in Section 3 from the consent calendar at a time. Adopted.
   6.3. Sarah Rohret moved to remove items # 304, 306, 310, 312, 314, 321, 322, and 323 from the consent calendar. Removed.

7. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 4 - CONSENT CALENDAR: Michael Morgan, leader

8. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR: Jaye Johnson, leader
   8.1. Jaye Johnson moved Action Items #501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 516 & 517 as the consent calendar.
   8.2. Noreen Kahler-Miller moved to remove # 516 from the consent calendar. Removed.
   8.3. Noreen Kahler-Miller moved to remove # 517 from the consent calendar. Removed.
   8.4. Sarah Rohret moved to remove # 506 from the consent calendar. Removed.
8.5. Jaye Johnson moved items # 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 and 507 as the consent calendar. Adopted.

9. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR: David Decker, leader


10. BREAK

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT # 5 RESULTS

11.1. Bishop Trimble reported 442 clergy voted, 222 required to elect, no election.

11.2. The Bishop reported 681 laity voted, 341 required to elect, one election: Darcy Rubenking with 357 votes.

12. CLERGY BALLOT # 6 was taken.

13. LAITY BALLOT # 6 was taken.


15. FIT CHALLENGE OFFERING for disaster relief and new congregations

16. Golden Shoe traveling trophy for the Footin’ It for Relief race/walk was presented to New Hope Parish.

17. BREAK

18. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 1: Andrea Kraushaar, leader

18.1. Andrea Kraushaar moved Action Item #103

18.1.1. Morris Hurd moved to delete the phrase “environmental justice” which appears three times in Action Item #103.

18.1.2. Item #103 tabled to hold ballot.

20. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT # 6 RESULTS

20.1. Bishop Trimble reported 448 clergy voted, 225 required to elect, no election.

20.2. The Bishop reported 663 laity voted, 317 required to elect, one election: Jessica Ireland with 356 votes. This fills the laity General Conference delegation.

21. CLERGY BALLOT # 7 was taken.

22. LAITY BALLOT # 7 for Jurisdictional Conference delegates was attempted, but postponed.
23. ANNOUNCEMENTS

24. RECESS

Third Day – Monday
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Afternoon

1. PRESENTATION. Dr. Myron McCoy, President, Saint Paul School of Theology

2. SPIRITUAL GUIDES

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLERGY BALLOT # 7 RESULTS

   3.1. Bishop Trimble announced 466 clergy voted, 234 required to elect, two elections: Christina Sung with 241 votes, and Lillian Gallo Seagren with 237.

4. LAITY BALLOT # 7 was taken.

5. CLERGY BALLOT # 8 was taken.

6. MONITORING REPORT Enna Antunez

7. LAY LEADER’S ADDRESS Norma Morrison

8. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 1 Andrea Kraushaar, leader

   8.1. Action Item #103 was removed from the table.

      8.1.1. Josh Hansen moved the previous question on all that is before us. Adopted.

      8.1.2. Hurd Amendment to Item #103 failed.

      8.1.3. Item #103 was adopted.

   8.2. Andrea Kraushaar moved Action Item #106. Adopted.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT RESULTS

   9.1. Bishop Trimble announced Clergy Ballot #8: 411 votes cast, 207 required to elect, no election.

   9.2. The Bishop announced Laity Ballot #7: 690 votes cast, 346 required to elect, two elections: Sarah Kitterman Stevens with 422 votes and Barbara Oakland with 397.

10. CLERGY BALLOT # 9 was taken.

11. LAITY BALLOT # 8 was taken.

12. ORDER OF THE DAY. Conference Commission on Religion and Race Chairperson Enna Antunez and Barbara Isaacs from the General Commission on Religion and Race

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS
14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT RESULTS

14.1. Bishop Trimble announced Clergy Ballot #9: 422 voted, 212 required to elect, no election.

14.2. The Bishop announced Laity Ballot #8: 693 voted, 347 required to elect, three elections: Lisa Larson with 410 votes, Greg Shine with 393, and Tyler Schwaller with 377.

15. CLERGY BALLOT # 10 was taken.

16. LAITY BALLOT # 9 was taken.

17. RETIREMENT CELEBRATION. Worship leaders included Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Rev. Linda Hansen Bibb, Rev. Enna Antunez, Rev. Dale Batcheler, Rev. Shirley Textor, Patty LaGree, organist Joshua Morgan, pianist James Walters and the Broadway UMC Hispanic Band and Dancers.

18. RECESS

Third Day – Monday
June 6, 2011
Evening

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. MOTION. Lorinda Hoover moved that even if the final clergy delegate to General Conference is not elected on Ballot #11, prior to Ballot #12, the names of all the original clergy nominees—except those already elected—be returned to the ballot, and a new ballot sheet be printed and distributed.

2.1. Kevin LaGree moved an amendment that instead of printing new ballots, the original blue ballot sheet be used with original names restored. Accepted as friendly.

2.2. Failed to receive a 2/3 majority.

3. MOTION. Mark Eckman moved, in the interest of time stewardship and the agenda remaining, to limit debate on all action items to two speakers in favor and two speakers against the action item, for all remaining legislative items. Adopted.

4. SPIRITUAL GUIDES

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT RESULTS

5.1. Bishop Trimble announced Clergy Ballot #10: 433 voted, 217 required to elect, no election.

5.2. The Bishop announced Laity Ballot #9: 678 voted, 340 required to elect, two elections: West Steel with 353 votes and June Goldman with 347. This completes the Jurisdictional Conference lay delegation.

6. MOTION. Sue Ney moved the next laity ballot be a plurality ballot and the top six be elected as alternates to the Jurisdictional Conference. Adopted.
7. CLERGY BALLOT # 11 was taken.

8. LAITY BALLOT # 10 was taken.

9. EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE. Harlan Gillespie introduced the Trimble family and reported on work of the Episcopacy Committee, particularly the process of creating a profile of the annual conference for the Jurisdictional Conference.

10. RACELDER GRANDBERRY-TRIMBLE spoke of guidance and inspiration received from Mrs. Ruth Thomas, widow of Bishop Thomas. She also spoke of travel experiences and recognized Ron & Ruth Anne Petrak, who are retiring from their positions with Educational Opportunities. She announced Len & Diane Eberhart as the new shepherds of Educational Opportunities in 2012. Finally, she mentioned the True Vine Ministry clergy spouse event on October 8, 2012, in Marion.

11. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 1 – Andrea Kraushaar, leader


11.1.1. Robert Ward moved to increase Hispanic ministry in “2012 Other Anticipated Income” column to $25,000 and Parish Development in the same column to $53,000, the money to be taken from reserve funds. Failed.

11.1.2. Item #116 adopted.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT RESULTS

12.1. Bishop Trimble announced Clergy Ballot #11: 388 voted, 195 required to elect, one election: Dennis Coon with 244 votes. Clergy General Conference delegation is filled.

12.2. The Bishop announced Laity Ballot #10: 623 voted. Six alternate lay delegates elected: Mary Morris, 429 votes; Marcia Young, 417 votes; Dorothy Higdon, 400 votes; Christine J. Anders, 396 votes; Noreen F. Kahler-Miller, 355 votes; and Olivia Pleggenkuhle, 307 votes. Laity balloting is completed.

12.3. Harlan Gillespie withdrew his nomination.

13. MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved to extend adjournment time to 9:15 PM. Adopted.

14. NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES. Scott Hibben

15. CLERGY BALLOT # 12 was taken.

16. WOMEN AT THE WELL. Rev. Diane Wasson Eberhart introduced Rev. Arnette Pint, founding pastor of Women at the Well UMC who has received a new appointment. Arnette spoke of the important ministries of the program. Rev. Lee Schott was introduced as the new pastor for Women at the Well UMC.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT RESULTS. Bishop Trimble announced clergy Ballot #12, the final ballot: 406 voted. Jurisdictional Conference delegates: Karen Nichols Dungan, 177 votes; Katie Z. Dawson, 171 votes; J. Robert Burkhart, 164 votes; Mike Morgan, 163 votes; Alexis Williams, 123 votes; George White, 113 votes; and Sean McRoberts, 103 votes.
Clergy alternates elected: Craig Peters, 101 votes; Thomas L. Carver, 98 votes; James E. Parks, 97 votes; Mary Fraser, 95 votes; Jerry E. Oakland, 95 votes; and Enna Antunez, 90 votes.

Bishop Trimble declared the balloting completed. Patty LaGree thanked the technology team and Kevin LaGree for their help, and thanked all conference members for their patience and cooperation during this process. All elected delegates and alternates, clergy and laity, will meet during the Tuesday lunch break to begin their work together.

18. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 1: Andrea Kraushaar, leader
   18.1. Andrea Kraushaar moved Action Item #120. Adopted.
   18.2. Andrea Kraushaar moved Legislative Section 1 in its entirety. Adopted.

19. EVENING PRAYER

20. RECESS

   Fourth Day – Tuesday
   June 7, 2011
   Morning

1. MORNING PRAYER with Communion. Bishop Trimble with Rev. Len and Deacon Diane Wasson Eberhart.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. PRESENTATION. Bishop Trimble spoke about Holy Conferencing.

4. MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved to suspend the rules and establish an Order of the Day at 2:15 pm to engage in Holy Conferencing about Action Items #508-514, seven of our eight General Conference petitions. Adopted.

5. MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved that at 2:15 pm, and for the General Conference petitions, we will entertain no amendments; we either will vote them up or down. But first we will take 30 minutes for speeches. To speak in support of the petitions, you may queue at microphone #2. If you wish to speak against the petitions, you may queue at microphone #9. If you wish to offer prayer or comments without supporting either a yes or a no vote, you may queue at microphone #6. Speakers will be given up to 60 seconds when recognized by the Bishop. Following that 30 minutes of sharing, we will proceed to vote on each of these seven General Conference petitions. Adopted.

6. ORDER OF THE DAY. Karen Nichols Dungan spoke about Connectional Ministries programming and budget requests.

7. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 2: Andrea Severson, leader
   7.2. Andrea Severson moved Action Item #203. Adopted.
   7.2.1. Janice Trometer moved to amend item #203 by deleting the following: “The CCUIC will request the Annual Conference Sessions Committee to invite
the Catholic Bishop for Des Moines Diocese to participate in ordination service.” Failed.

7.2.2. Item #203 adopted.

8. COKESBURY. Brian Milford & Dawn Peterson

9. SPIRITUAL GUIDES

10. GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION. Rev. Pat Youngquist congratulated The Iowa Annual Conference for paying 100% of apportionments.

11. BLACK COLLEGE FUND. Medea Saunders and Usha Satish

12. BLOCK BY BLOCK. Becky Wood

13. DISASTER RELIEF. Karen Nichols Dungan reported for Trish Burket.

14. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 2: Andrea Severson, leader
   14.2. Andrea Severson moved Action Item #214. Adopted
   14.3. Andrea Severson moved Action Item #216. Adopted.
   14.4. Andrea Severson moved Legislative Section 2 in its entirety. Adopted.

15. PAGES’ SKIT & OFFERING

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. RECESS

Fourth Day – Tuesday
June 7, 2011
Afternoon

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 4: Michael Morgan, leader
   2.2. Michael Morgan moved Action Item #403 as a standing item. Adopted.
   2.3. Michael Morgan moved Action Item #409. Adopted.
   2.4. MOTION. Michael Morgan moved that the Annual Conference stand in recess for the purpose of allowing the United Methodist Board of Pensions to hold its annual meeting. Adopted.
   2.5. BOARD OF PENSIONS. Mark Eckman presiding.
2.5.1. Mark Eckman moved Action Item #410 with the editorial correction to add 6 months service for LeRoy Perkins. Adopted.

2.5.2. Mark Eckman moved Action Item #411. Adopted.

2.5.3. The Board of Pensions was adjourned. Conference reconvened.


2.7. MOTION. J. Robert Burkhart moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of fixing the location of Annual Conference sessions for 2012 and 2013. Adopted.

2.8. MOTION. J. Robert Burkhart moved to fix the location of the 2012 and 2013 Iowa Annual Conferences at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Adopted.

2.9. Michael Morgan moved Legislative Section 4 in its entirety. Adopted.

3. MOTION. Lester Moore moved the Annual Conference stand in recess for the purpose of allowing the Iowa United Methodist Foundation to hold its annual meeting. Adopted.

3.1. Realf Ottesen, board president, reported on the work of the Foundation.


3.3. PRESENTATION by Mike Orthel, Board secretary, introducing the Clergy Tribute Scholarship Fund.

3.4. REPORT. Kevin Gowdy, Foundation Director

3.5. Foundation meeting was adjourned. Conference reconvened.

4. HOLY CONFERENCING on General Conference Petitions. Thirty minutes were spent in hearing one-minute speeches in support of or opposition to Action Items #508 through #514. Prayers or comments supporting either side were also welcomed.

5. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 5: Jaye Johnson, leader

5.1. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #508. It was endorsed.

5.2. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #509. It was endorsed.

5.3. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #510. It was not endorsed.

5.4. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #511. It was not endorsed.

5.5. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #512. It was not endorsed.

5.6. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #513. It was not endorsed.

5.7. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #514. It was not endorsed.

5.8. Jaye Johnson moved Petition #515. It was endorsed.
6. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 3: Christine Anders, leader


6.3. Christine Anders moved Action Item #310. Adopted.


6.5. Christine Anders moved Action Item #314. Adopted.

6.6. Christine Anders moved the replacement Action Item #318. Adopted.

6.7. Christine Anders moved the replacement Action Item #320. Adopted.


6.11. Christine Anders moved Legislative Section 3 in its entirety. Adopted.

7. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 5: Jaye Johnson, leader

7.1. Jaye Johnson moved Action Item #506.

7.1.1. Sarah Rohret moved to amend Invest #1 to read “Mileage for conference staff shall be reimbursed at half the IRS mileage rate in force for the use of personal vehicles. Strike the remainder of paragraph 1. Failed.

8. MOTION. Jenny Seylar moved to reduce the speech times to two minutes. Adopted by 2/3 majority.

9. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 5 resumes

9.1 Action Item #506 adopted.

10. BUDGET Betty Stone, CFA chair, moved acceptance of the working budget as the budget for 2012. Adopted

11. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Fred Lewis moved adoption of the amended ballot. Adopted. Barb Oakland moved the nominative ballot become the elective ballot. All elected.

12. LEGISLATIVE SECTION 5: Jaye Johnson, leader

12.1. Jaye Johnson moved Action Item #516.

12.1.1. Bob Morrison moved to delete all “whereas” paragraphs after the first “whereas” paragraph. Adopted.

12.1.2. Jaye Johnson moved Item #516 as amended.

12.1.3. Lanny Tuttle called the question. Adopted.
12.1.4. Item #516 adopted as amended.

12.2. Jaye Johnson moved Action Item #517.

12.2.1. Michael Salter moved to amend Item #517 by removing the first “Whereas” paragraph and removing all words after “supports” in line one of the “Therefore be it resolved” and replace it with “actively helping ex-felons through the process of restoring their right to vote.” Accepted as a friendly amendment.

12.2.2. Item #517 adopted as amended.

12.3. Jaye Johnson moved Action Item #518.

12.3.1. Jeff Bixby moved to amend #518 by deleting point 5. under “Therefore be it resolved”. Adopted.

12.3.2. Gil Dawes moved to amend #518 by deleting in “Therefore be it resolved” point 3, “3.7 million.” Accepted as friendly amendment.

12.3.3. Item #518 failed.

12.4. Jaye Johnson moved Legislative Section 5 in its entirety. Adopted.

13. MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved to extend the time of adjournment to hear the ensemble from Trinity Las Americas; to act on two motions from Karen Dungan; to hear from Kathy Martin, representing Iowa UM colleges, and Sharon Strohmaier, IRMS; to hear the Ministry Cabinet song and dance; and to share in our closing worship service. Adopted.

14. MOTION. Karen Dungan moved to suspend the rules – Rule of Order I.D."Legislative Committees" (IACJ 2009, pp. 374-376) for the purpose of using the legislative process of the 2011 Iowa Annual Conference Session for the 2012 Iowa Annual Conference session, as referenced in Action Item #112, p. 296 of the 2010 IACJ. Adopted by 2/3 vote.

15. Pages announced their intent to tithe the Pages’ offering to the American Cancer Society and a personal need.

16. RECONCILING MOTION. Karen Dungan moved that the Annual Conference authorize the conference secretary, the journal editor, the Rules of Order committee, and the Annual Conference Session Planning committee to edit and reconcile the actions of this annual conference session so that they may be published in the 2011 Iowa Annual Conference Journal and the 2011 Iowa Annual Conference Book of Resolutions. Adopted.

17. IOWA UM COLLEGES. Kathy Martin

18. IRMS. Sharon Strohmaier

19. Anne Lippincott led the Ministry Cabinet Chorus in “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.”

20. SERVICE OF SENDING FORTH AND FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS. Worship leaders included Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Rev.Gideon Gallo, Rev. Gayle Wilcox, Rev. Paul Wilcox, Las Americas ensemble, and James Walters. Bishop Trimble fixed the appointments for the coming year, assisted by the Conference Superintendents and Field Outreach Ministers.
21. **ADJOURNMENT.** The 168th Session of the Iowa Annual Conference adjourned at 5:23 pm.

22. **REGISTRATION.** The total number of members registered for the 2011 Annual Conference was 675 clergy and 908 laity.

23. **OFFERINGS.** Justice for Our Neighbors, $7291.76; Imagine No Malaria/Iowa Nigeria Partnership, $9964.25; Bishop’s FIT Challenge, $10,014.57; Pages, $9149.68.

24. **ASSOCIATE SECRETARIES.** Chris Ebbers, Pam Kranzl, Kevin LaGree, Judy Marnin, Cherry Marsden, Jeff McPheron, Kathi Mitchell, JoAnn Orthel, and Jim Turner assisted in the preparation of these Daily Proceedings.

25. **ATTEST OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.**

   Presiding Bishop,  
   
   [Signature]
   
   Julius Calvin Trimble

   Conference Secretary  
   
   [Signature]
   
   Patricia M. LaGree
CERTIFICATION OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT HYVEE HALL

IN DES MOINES, IOWA

ON THE 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2011, I CONSECRATED THESE ORDINANDS

Deacons in Full Connection
Jessica A. Duncan
Brent B. Hamilton
Jessica D. Ruby

Elders in Full Connection
Michael T. Agnew         Steven F. Hubbell
Candraeah P. Carey       Nea J. Huggins
Rose M. Calderon-Khan    Angela R. Loomis
Todd L. Holman           Steven J. McElroy

Signed,

Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble
2011 DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION

(L to R) Jessica Duncan, Jessica Ruby, and Brent Hamilton with Bishop Trimble

2011 ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION

(Back) Steven McElroy, Bishop Trimble, Todd Holman
(Middle) Michael Agnew, Steven Hubbell, Nea Huggins, Candreaah Carey
(Front) Rose Calderon-Khan, Angela Loomis, Alecia Williams