

V. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

173rd SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Des Moines, Iowa

Friday Evening – June 3, 2016

LAITY SESSION

1. GATHERING MUSIC. Phil Carver
2. CALL TO WORSHIP and Welcome. Margaret Borgen, Conference Lay Leader
3. MUSIC. Rust College A Cappella Choir
4. SPECIAL WORDS. First Lady Racelder Grandberry Trimble
5. MUSIC. Rust College Choir
6. LAY LEADERSHIP. Meet the Board of Laity
7. RECOGNITION of School for Lay Ministry Graduates. Jill Eichner Brown, Lynn Calvert, Dean Gabhart, John Rothlisberger, SLM Chair and Deans
8. RECOGNITION of new Lay Speakers. Colleen Petaros, Lay Servant Ministry Chair
9. RECOGNIZING the 150th Anniversary of UMW in 2019.
10. MUSIC. Rust College Choir
11. SENDING OUT. Margaret Borgen
12. WORKSHOPS. Strengthening our Local Congregations (Ideas to take home)
 - 12.1 A New Look at Small Groups. Lindsay Drake, Ankeny, First.
 - 12.2 Working with Middle School Youth. Nathan Delange, Des Moines, Grace.
 - 12.3 Domestic Abuse and What We Can Do About It. Lynn Calvert, Domestic Abuse Educator.
 - 12.4 Mission Ideas for Every Congregation:
 - Change a Child's Story. Erin McGargill, Task Force.
 - Back Pack Project. Scott Frederickson, Yale.
 - UMCOR. Rita Vallery, Ames, First.

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CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. GATHERING MUSIC.
2. OPENING LITANY. Rev. Deborah Stowers, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry.
3. GLORY SIGHTINGS. Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Rev. Richard Pippert, Rev. Karen Berg, Rev. Edgar Solis, Rev. Rick Baarda, Ann Trimble-Ray, Rev. Chad Jennings, Rev. Kendy Swartzendruber.
4. PRAYER.

5. HYMN. "And Are We Yet Alive".
6. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS. Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Resident Bishop.
7. INTRODUCTION of Bishop Thomas Bickerton, Western Pennsylvania Conference. He offered remarks.
8. REPORT. Rev. Bill Poland reported on L3: Loving, Learning, Leading and Spiritual Leadership, Inc.
9. PURPOSE OF CLERGY SESSION. Rev. Stowers.
10. CLERGY STATISTICS.
11. VOTING RIGHTS. Registrar Lisa Larson.
12. MOTION. Rev. Stowers moved the bar of the clergy executive session be the chairs in the meeting room 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 (§ 605.7, *2012 Book of Discipline*). Seconded and adopted.
13. MOTION. Rev. Stowers moved, in accordance with §605.7 of the *2012 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 Lisa Larson, Bishop Trimble's Executive Secretary Diane Brockmeyer, pastors of other denominations who are serving under appointment in the Iowa Annual Conference, and Diaconal Ministers of the Iowa Annual Conference. Seconded and adopted.
14. REPORT. Rev. Mara Bailey on the Young Clergy Initiative Internship Program.
15. FIT WALK & HEALTH SCREENINGS. Diaconal Kae Tritle, Conference Wellness Coordinator.
16. REPORT. Rev. Linda Butler, Co-chair, Order of Elders, and Rev. John Brockschink, Co-chair, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members, on an upcoming event of the Orders and Fellowship.
17. REPORT. Rev. Bob Dean on Board of Ordained Ministry scholarships available.
18. REPORT. John Cook, Iowa United Methodist Foundation explained H.E.L.P., a new Foundation program to help pastors with educational debt.
19. REPORT. Rev. Kevin Gowdy on the Clergy Tribute Scholarship Fund.
20. RECOGNITION of Full Membership Ordination Anniversaries of 70, 65, 60, 55, 50, 40 and 25 years. Rev. Scott Lothe, Co-chair Order of Elders and Rev. Chris Humrichouse, Chair, Order of Deacons.

21. CELEBRATING the lives of ministers who have died this year (Business of Annual Conference [BAC] #48). Rev. Jodi Rushing, Co-chair, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members. Bishop Trimble offered a prayer of remembrance.
22. OFFERING for the Clergy Assistance (Sustentation) Fund. Rev. Dave Weesner, Dean of the Appointive Cabinet.
23. APPOINTIVE CABINET REPORT (BAC) #17. Rev. Weesner.
24. CONSTITUTING COMMITTEES.
 - 24.1. Rev. Bill Poland moved election of the Administrative Review Committee (BAC #18.a). Elected.
 - 24.2. He reported members of the Conference Relations Committee (BAC #18.b).
 - 24.3 He reported members of the Committee on Investigation (BAC #18.c). Affirmed.
 - 24.4. He then moved the statement on selection of the Committee on Investigation for Diaconal Ministers (BAC #64). Adopted.
25. PRESENTATION. Rev. Stowers spoke of discernment documents.
26. REGISTRAR'S REPORT. Lisa Larson, Director of the Office of Ministerial Services and Registrar, reported on certified candidates for ministry (BAC #19 and those who have completed the studies for license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed (BAC #20).
 - 26.1 The Registrar presented those approved and appointed as full-time local pastors (BAC #21.a) and as part-time local pastors (BAC #21.b). Approved.
 - 26.2 The Registrar reported those discontinued as local pastors (BAC #22).
 - 26.3 RECOGNITION. New graduates of the Course of Study were introduced by the Registrar and greeted by the Bishop: Dennis Burns, William Deskin, and Pam Kranzler. Bishop Trimble led prayer for them and their ministry.
 - 26.4 The Registrar 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 #24.a, b).
 - 26.5 The Registrar presented 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.a, b). Affirmed.
 - 26.6 The Registrar presented the one who is an affiliate member (BAC #26.b). Approved by 2/3 vote.

27. EXAMINATION TEAM REPORT. Rev. Scott Keele Kober and Rev. Kerrin Kirkpatrick, Co-chairs, Examination Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry.
- 27.1 Rev. Kober moved the election of provisional member candidates (BAC # 28). Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by the Bishop. All were elected, welcomed into the body, and prayed for by the Bishop.
- 27.2 Rev. Kober and Rev. Kirkpatrick moved the election of those recommended for election to full membership and for ordination as elder or as deacon and the one recommended for associate membership (BAC #32, 33, 34, 28). Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by the Bishop. All were elected, presented membership certificates, welcomed into the body and membership in the annual conference, and prayed for by the Bishop.
- 27.3 Rev. Kirkpatrick reported those who are continued as provisional members (BAC #29).
28. CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Rev. Charles Luers and Rev. Arnette Pint, Co-chairs, Conference Relations Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry.
- 28.1 Rev. Luers moved those discontinued as provisional members (BAC # 42). Approved.
- 28.2 Rev. Luers moved one placed on honorable location-retired (BAC #44). Approved.
- 28.3 Rev. Luers reported 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).
29. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
- 29.1 Rev. Luers moved those on voluntary personal leave for less than five years (BAC #50.a.1). Affirmed.
- 29.2. Rev. Pint moved those on voluntary family leave for less than five years (BAC #50.a.3). Affirmed.
- 29.3 She moved one on voluntary family leave for more than five years (BAC #50.a.3) Affirmed, 2/3 vote.
- 29.4. She reported those on voluntary transitional leave (BAC #50.a.5).
30. Rev. Pint moved those granted medical leave (BAC #52). Affirmed.
31. CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF THOSE RETIRING.
- 31.1 Rev. Pint moved those members in full connection retired this year (BAC #53). Affirmed. They were honored for their service.
- 31.2. Rev. Luers then moved those associate members retired this year (BAC #54.a). Affirmed.
- 31.3. He reported those recognized as retired local pastors this year (BAC #56.a).
- 31.4 He moved one retiring as a diaconal minister (BAC #72). Affirmed.
32. MOTION. Rev. Pint moved those approved for less than full-time service (BAC #73.a, b). Those less than 8 years approved by 2/3 hand vote. Those more than 8 years approved by 3/4 hand vote.

33. MOTION. Rev. Pint moved those appointed to extension ministries (BAC #77.c). Approved by 2/3 hand vote.
34. RECOGNITION. Bishop Trimble recognized those to be appointed as interim pastor (BAC #74).
35. CLOSING HYMN.
36. DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING. Bishop Trimble.

Saturday morning - June 4, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble called to order the 173rd Session of the Iowa Annual Conference at 9:09 AM.
2. WELCOME to 2016 Annual Conference. Bishop Trimble and First Lady Racelder Grandberry Trimble.
3. OPENING WORSHIP. Rev. John Wagner, Conference Worship Chair.
4. ORGANIZATION of the conference. Rev. Jerry Oakland moved.
 - 1) That the working agenda for the 2016 session of the Iowa Annual Conference be the agenda which most recently has been made available electronically to members of this annual conference session, noting that any times listed for speakers are guidelines only;
 - 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;
 - 3) That seating within the voting bar during the plenary sessions and legislative committee sessions be restricted to members of the conference; to our Conference Treasurer and our Director of Human Resources who are granted the privilege of speaking in relation to their positions; and to the persons occupying the following positions who have no voice or vote: a) conference staff members: from the Episcopal Office for Administration and for Connectional Ministries; from Administrative Services; from Human Resources; from Communications; and from District Offices; b) those identified by the Book of Discipline (§602.9-10); greeters; hosts; Diakonos; First Lady Racelder Grandberry Trimble, Bishop Thomas Bickerton; Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck; and those named by conference action as visitors; and c) staff of Iowa United Methodist Foundation;
 - 4) That hosts monitor the voting bar to assist the conference in conducting its business in good order and without distractions;
 - 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;
 - 6) That speakers be guided by the countdown clocks located on the video display screens;
 - 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;
 - 8) That all materials to be distributed in our meeting places receive prior approval by Karen Dungan or Jerry Oakland;

- 9) That conference members and visitors show respect by keeping conversation and other noise and movement to a minimum during plenary sessions;
- 10) That all conference members and visitors turn off all mobile devices or put them on silent mode during worship services and plenary sessions and that members leave the hall when making or receiving calls.

Adopted.

5. MUSIC. Rust College Choir. An offering was received to support the choir.
6. BLACK COLLEGE Fund intern and Rust College President David Beckley.
7. WORSHIP. Memorial Celebration. Worship leaders included Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble, Rev. David Weesner, preacher; Melody Webb, music; and Patty LaGree, conference secretary. Clergy and clergy spouses who died in the past year and churches closed in the past year were remembered.
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Patty LaGree, conference secretary. Orientation to the space and the voting key pads. The Bishop introduced those on the platform. The 2017 Annual Conference session will be at the Iowa Events Center June 10-12. Clergy session is scheduled for Friday evening, June 9.
9. MOTION. Patty LaGree: On behalf of the Annual Conference Session Planning Committee, I move that the 2018 Annual Conference meet at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa, June 9-11, 2018. Adopted.
10. NOMINATIONS Coordinating Committee report. Rev. Fred Lewis, Chair.
11. ELECTION of Conference Secretary. Rev. Bill Poland nominated Nitza Dovenspike to serve as Conference Secretary for the next quadrennium. Elected.
12. ELECTION of Conference Treasurer. Rev. Cory Allard, CFA Secretary, nominated Margaret Biggs to serve as interim Conference Treasurer. Elected.
13. WORKING BUDGET and Treasurer's report. Margaret Biggs reported on the 2015 financial audit, and moved the 2017 working budget. Adopted.
14. 60th ANNIVERSARY of the Ordination of Women. Lauren Loonsfoot and Rev. Lilian Gallo Seagren.
15. UM PUBLISHING House – Rev. Brian Milford.
16. BLESSING by Bishop Trimble and Meal break.

Saturday Afternoon - June 4, 2016

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference secretary.
2. SPIRITUAL GUIDE. Bishop Bickerton.

3. EPISCOPAL ADDRESS. Bishop Julius C. Trimble shared Anne Lamott's Three Essential Prayers: Wow! Help! Thanks! and the words of the song saying, [God's] love never fails, never gives up, never runs out on me.
4. SPECIAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Mike Biklen moved to request special privilege to suspend the rules to allow a non-member of the Annual Conference, our Southeast District Disabilities Representative Regina Allen to make a statement. Approved. Regina said that the Southeast District office is not accessible and asked, "How long will it be until it is?"
5. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 1.
 - 5.1 Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved action items 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.
6. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 2.
 - 6.1 Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved action items 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, and 206 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.
7. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 4.
 - 7.1 Courtney Johnson moved action items 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409 and 410 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.
8. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 5.
 - 8.1 Courtney Johnson moved action items 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 and 506 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.
9. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 6.
 - 9.1 Courtney Johnson moved action items 601, 602, 603 and 604 as the consent calendar.
 - 9.2 Rev. Josh Hansen moved to remove #602 from the consent calendar. Approved.
 - 9.3 Courtney Johnson moved items 601, 603, and 604 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.
10. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 7.
 - 10.1 John Rothlisberger moved action items 701 and 702 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.
11. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 8, Part 1.
 - 11.1 John Rothlisberger moved action items 801, 802, 803, 804 and 805 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted by two-thirds vote.
12. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 8, Part 2.
 - 12.1 John Rothlisberger moved action items 806, 807, and 808 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR. Section 9.

13.1 John Rothlisberger moved action items 901 and 902 as the consent calendar. Consent calendar adopted.

14. PRAYER offered for the ministries represented in the consent calendar items adopted.

15. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Courtney Johnson moved action item 602.

15.1 Rev. Josh Hansen asked a question about the item. It was answered.

15.2 Action item 602 adopted.

16. PRAYER offered for the ministries represented in the action item adopted.

17. MOTION. Darcy Rubenking presented a motion in the form of a resolution. Ruled out of order by the presiding Bishop, Bishop Bickerton.

18. RECOGNITION of School for Lay Ministry and Licensing School graduates by Deans Lynn Calvert, Dean Gabhart, John Rothlisberger, and Rev. Deborah Coble.

19. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Rev. Beverlee Bell moved to adjourn the 2016 Iowa Annual Conference for the purpose of having the annual meeting of the Board of Pensions. Approved.

19.1 Rev. Bell called the meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions to order.

19.2 Rev. Bell presented the information in action item 301 as the Board of Pensions report.

19.3 Rev. Bell moved the acceptance of the report from the Board of Pensions. Adopted.

19.4 Rev. Bell moved to reconvene the 2016 Annual Conference. Approved.

20. POINT OF PRIVILEGE. Rev. Anna Blaedel asked for a point of personal privilege and made a statement about her call and commitment to ministry within the United Methodist Church.

21. RESOLUTIONS. Rev. David Weesner moved the resolutions for discontinuance of the following churches: Park View Community of Faith, Decatur, Hopeville, Woodburn, Norwich, Pacific Junction, Pine Grove, Nodaway, Green Plain, Locust Grove, and New Horizons. Adopted.

21.1 Property Matter - Resolution for Discontinuance of Park View Community of Faith United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Park View Community of Faith United Methodist Church located in North Scott County was founded in 1970 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Park View Community of Faith United Methodist Church voted on June 14, 2015 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Park View Community of Faith United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Eldridge United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property may be sold, and all proceeds of the sale be designated to the Heritage Fund Scott County Church Plant and or Re-development of UMC Presence in North Scott County; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park View Community of Faith United Methodist Church be discontinued effective August 1, 2015 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.2 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Decatur United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Decatur United Methodist Church located in Decatur County was founded in 1891 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Decatur United Methodist Church voted on June 28, 2015 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Decatur United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Lamoni United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Decatur United Methodist Church be discontinued effective July 19, 2015 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.3 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Hopeville United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Hopeville United Methodist Church located in Clarke County was founded in 1904 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Hopeville United Methodist Church voted on April 24, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Hopeville United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Lacelle United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopeville United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 26, 2016 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

21.4 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Woodburn United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Woodburn United Methodist Church located in Clarke County was founded in 1866 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Woodburn United Methodist Church voted on May 22, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Woodburn United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Norwood United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodburn United Methodist Church be discontinued effective May 29, 2016 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

21.5 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Norwich United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Norwich United Methodist Church located in Page County was founded in 1837 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Norwich United Methodist Church voted on May 11, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Norwich United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Coin United Methodist church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property to be sold (and if sold) the sale proceeds be paid to the charity/charities of their choice; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norwich United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2016 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.6 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Pacific Junction United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Pacific Junction United Methodist Church located in Mills County was founded in 1882 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Pacific Junction United Methodist Church voted on May 12, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Pacific Junction United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Silver City United Methodist church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold (and if sold) the sale proceeds be paid to the charity/charities of their choice; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacific Junction United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2016 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.7 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Pine Grove United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Pine Grove United Methodist Church located in Cass County was founded in 1890 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Pine Grove United Methodist Church voted on May 4, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Pine Grove United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Cumberland United Methodist church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property to be sold (and if sold) the sale proceeds be paid to the charity/charities of their choice; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pine Grove United Methodist Church be discontinued effective May 31, 2016 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.8 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Nodaway United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Nodaway United Methodist Church located in Adams County was founded in 1855 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Nodaway United Methodist Church voted on January 11, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Nodaway United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Villisca United Methodist church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold (and if sold) the sale proceeds be paid to the charity/charities of their choice; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nodaway United Methodist Church be discontinued effective January 1, 2016 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.9 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Green Plain United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Green Plain United Methodist Church located in Warren County was founded in 1907 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Green Plain United Methodist Church voted on October 12, 2015 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Green Plain United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Milo United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Plain United Methodist Church be discontinued effective November 29, 2015 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

21.10 Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Locust Grove United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Locust Grove United Methodist Church located in Page County was founded in 1885 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Locust Grove United Methodist Church voted on October 26, 2014 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Locust Grove United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Coin United Methodist church; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold (and if sold) the sale proceeds be paid to the charity/charities of their choice; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Locust Grove United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30th, 2015 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

21.11 Property Matter – Resolution for Discontinuance of New Horizons United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the New Horizon United Methodist Church located in Johnson County was founded in 1993 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the New Horizon United Methodist Church voted on January 13, 2016 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended discontinuance of New Horizon United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to North Liberty United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent has in consultation with the local church has recommended that the property will be retained by the Iowa Annual Conference; 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 New Horizon United Methodist Church be discontinued effective May 22, 2016 and that the church property shall be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

21.12 Bishop Trimble prayed for the ministries of these churches and their members.

22. SPIRITUAL GUIDE. Bishop Bickerton.

23. BLESSING by Rev. Linda Poore and meal break.

Saturday Evening - June 4, 2016

1. SPIRITUAL GUIDE. Bishop Bickerton.
2. REPORT. 2016 General Conference report presented by Phil Carver and Rev. Lilian Gallo Seagren.
3. REPORT. Phil Carver explained the Jurisdictional delegation's process for selecting an episcopal candidate.
4. MOTION. Phil Carver moved the nomination of Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle for Bishop. Endorsed by the conference. Rev. Tritle spoke of being Claimed. Called. Commissioned.
5. MOTION. Rev. Tom Zeleny nominated Rev. Lilian Gallo Seagren for Bishop. Endorsed. Rev. Gallo Seagren spoke.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference Secretary.

7. EPISCOPACY CELEBRATION. Rev. Brenda Hobson, Chair of the Episcopacy Committee.
 - 7.1. Audrey Hansen thanked Racelder Grandberry Trimble on behalf of True Vine Ministries.
 - 7.2. President Lallene Richter spoke on behalf of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.
 - 7.3. The Rust College Choir performed.
 - 7.4. Rev. John Louk, pastor of Cedar Rapids, Salem spoke of the Trimbles' response to the flood of 2008 and subsequent years.
 - 7.5. Video tribute to the Trimbles.
 - 7.6. The Trimbles responded.
8. BENEDICTION by Rev. Brenda Hobson and overnight break.

Sunday Morning - June 5, 2016

1. WORSHIP. Ordering of Ministry Service. Worship leaders included Julius C. Trimble, Resident Bishop; Bishop Thomas Bickerton, preacher; Rev. John Wagner, Worship Director; Praise Team musicians; Dr. Rebecca Blair, Presbyterian Church USA, Ecumenical Representative; Margaret Borgen, Lay Leader; Rev. Deborah Stowers, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry; Rev. Dave Weesner, Rev. Terra Amundson, Rev. Jackie Bradford, Rev. Tom Carver, Rev. Lillian Gallo Seagren, Rev. Harlan Gillespie, Rev. Kiboko Kiboko, and Rev. Paul Smith, Superintendents; Rev. Linda Butler and Rev. Scott Lothe, Co-chairs, Order of Elders; Rev. Chris Humrichouse, Chair, Order of Deacons; Rev. John Brockschink and Rev. Jodi Rushing, Co-chairs, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members.
2. RECOGNITION of those who completed Course of Study: Dennis M. Burns, William J. Deskin, Pamela J. Kranzler.
3. RECOGNITION as an associate member: Karen M. Berg.
4. COMMISSIONING as provisional deacon: Joey A. Podhajsky.
5. COMMISSIONING as provisional elder: Alex K. Bruening, Michael A. Fillmore, Humberto A. Gonzalez Santana, Andrew R.T. Happ, Edgar F. Solis Romero.
6. RECOGNITION for Professional Certification in Spiritual Formation: Kendra D. Swartzendruber.
7. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8; John 21:15-19.
8. MESSAGE: "The Starting Line," Bishop Bickerton.
9. RECOGNITION of the 20th Anniversary of the Order of Deacon.
10. ORDINATION as deacon: William J. Ranney, Kendra D. Swartzendruber.

11. ORDINATION as elder: Ricky L. Baarda, Andrew P. Bardole, Allen C. Craft, Franklin S. Livingston, Jena J. Manchester.
12. OFFERING: Camperships.
13. HOLY COMMUNION. Bishop Trimble and Bishop Bickerton, celebrants; deacons and new ordinands, servers.
14. BLESSING. Bishop Trimble.

Sunday afternoon - June 5, 2016

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference secretary.
2. SPIRITUAL GUIDE. Bishop Bickerton.
3. CELEBRATION. Women at the Well 10th Anniversary. Rev. Lee Schott.
4. MOTION. Rev. James Buckhahn moved that the Annual Conference stand in recess for the purpose of allowing the Iowa United Methodist Foundation to hold its annual meeting and then reconvene as Iowa Annual Conference. Approved.
 - 4.1 Nitza Dovenspike, IUMF vice president, called the meeting to order, gave the annual report, and reviewed the budget.
 - 4.2 Nitza Dovenspike presented the slate of nominations for the Board of Directors: Rev. Jacqueline Thompson, 1st term; John Helgerson, Kris Manning, and Mark Martinez, 2nd term. The slate was elected.
 - 4.3 John Helgerson presented the new H.E.L.P. – Higher Education Loan Program -- to assist pastors in reducing their educational debt.
 - 4.4 Nitza Dovenspike moved to adjourn Iowa United Methodist Foundation and reconvene annual conference. Approved.
5. CELEBRATION. Change a Child's Story presentation was led by Rev. Clint Twedt-Ball. Volunteers and children participated. Patty Link, the new director of the program, was introduced and urged all to Pledge, Report, Share.
6. REPORT. Kae Tritle reported the Bishop's FIT Walk's 29 walkers raised \$850 for Change a Child's Story.
7. PRESENTATION. Rev. Nate Nims, Chair, Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry; Rev. Travis Stevick, vice chair.
 - 7.1 President Jonathan Brand, Cornell College, brought greetings from the four UM-related colleges in Iowa: Cornell, Iowa Wesleyan, Morningside, and Simpson.
8. ADDRESS. Lay Leader Margaret Borgen spoke of stewardship.

9. INTRODUCTIONS. Rev. Audrey Young introduced Jurisdictional Mission Representatives Steven & Gail Quiggs and Africa University missionaries Larry & Jane Kies.
10. SPIRITUAL GUIDE. Bishop Bickerton
11. WORSHIP. Retirement Celebration Service leaders included Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Resident Bishop; Rev. Deb Stowers, preacher; Lindsay Drake and Scott Marler, liturgist and musicians; Patty LaGree, conference secretary; Rev. Beverlee Bell and Joni Mardesen, Board of Pensions. An offering was received for scholarship funds for Nigerian students attending Simpson and Morningside Colleges.
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference secretary.
13. MEAL BREAK.

Sunday evening - June 5, 2016

1. TEACHING SESSIONS.
Social Media and Web Ministry: Communicating Faith in the 21st Century – Jenn Rodia, UCom
Change a Child's Story – Erin McGargill, Allison Engel
Women at the Well: And Who is My Neighbor – Rev. Lee Schott
Healthy Church Initiative – Rev. Jaye Johnson & Phil Carver
Spiritual Leadership, Inc.: Lay and Clergy Ministry Partnership – Greg Survant, SLI, Inc.
Tips and Techniques for Increasing Financial Stewardship in your Congregation – Rev. Katherine Yarnell

Monday morning - June 6, 2016

1. WORSHIP. Fixing of Appointments service. Worship leaders included Bishop Trimble, Rev. John Wagner, the Superintendents, and the Field Outreach Ministers. New appointments were announced, clergy moving were recognized.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference secretary.
3. POINT OF PRIVILEGE. Judy Marnin shared a partnership with the In Mission Together program.
4. MONITORING REPORT. Lauren Loonsfoot.
5. CONFERENCE ARTIST. Rev. Ted Lyddon Hatten shared his final thoughts before retiring from the position he filled for 22 years. The conference and Bishop Trimble showed their appreciation for his work.
6. HEALTHY CONFERENCE REPORT. Rev. Barrie Tritle gave an update on the work of the task force. Guiding principles are Loving, Leading, Learning.
7. POINT OF PRIVILEGE. Rev. Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz encouraged civility in our relationships.

8. RECOGNITION of Diakonos and Offering.
 - 8.1 Former pages/diakonos were welcomed back and introduced.
9. REPORT. Healthy Church Initiative video
10. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Budget.
 - 10.1 Rev. Cory Allard, on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration, moved the budget as presented in the Pre-Conference Manual. Adopted.
11. REPORT. Ministry Cabinet report presented by Rev. Rebecca Fisher reporting on five new ministries started in the Iowa Conference.
12. ONE MATTERS Awards. Rev. Karen Dungan and Rev. Scott Hughes, Discipleship Ministries, shared stories of and presented awards to Varina UMC; Colo UMC; Carson UMC; Marion, First UMC; and Des Moines, Bloomfield UMC.
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference secretary and Rev. Jerry Oakland.
14. BLESSING by Rev. Dwight Grosvenor and meal break.

Monday afternoon - June 6, 2016

1. SPIRITUAL GUIDE. Bishop Bickerton.
2. NOMINATIONS Coordinating committee ballot. Rev. Fred Lewis moved the printed ballot with these changes:
 - a. General Board of Church and Society, Peace and Justice advocate Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz
 - b. Board of Church and Society: Kathleen R. Moore (clarification)
 - c. BOGM VIM: add Michael Druhl SE
 - d. EC District Committee on Ordained Ministry: remove Beverly Marshall-Goodell, add Karen Nelson
 - e. NW District Committee on Ordained Ministry:
 - Class of 2017, remove Steve Campbell, add Kathy Sides
 - Class of 2019, add Marilyn Berke
 - Class of 2020, add Jane Moen
 Adopted.
3. JURISDICTIONAL POOL ballot. Patty LaGree moved the printed ballot with these changes:
 - a. Asian American, add Emmanuel Dass
 - b. Clergy, delete Carl Benge
 - c. Youth, add Chloe Lackey
 Adopted.
4. POINT OF PRIVILEGE. Robin Keim, ThreeHouse Wesley Foundation ministry at University of Northern Iowa, spoke in support of campus ministries.
5. POINT OF PRIVILEGE. Mamadou, Cedar Rapids, Salem, spoke of the need for understanding cultural differences of people in Africa.

- 6. GREETINGS from President Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology.
- 7. RESOLUTIONS. Rev. Dave Weesner moved discontinuation of Arthur and Koszta churches. Adopted.

7.1 Property Matter – Resolution for Discontinuance of the Arthur United Methodist Church
WHEREAS the Arthur United Methodist Church located in Ida County was founded in 1888 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the charge conference of the Arthur United Methodist Church voted on May 13, 2015 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended discontinuance of Arthur United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Ida Grove United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent has in consultation with the local church has recommended that the property be sold; and

WHEREAS the consent to discontinue 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 Arthur United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2015 and that the church property shall be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

7.2 Property Matter – Resolution for Discontinuance of Koszta United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Koszta United Methodist Church located in Iowa County was founded in 1845 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of the Koszta United Methodist church voted on August 30, 2015 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Koszta United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Marengo United Methodist Church; and

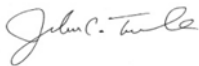
WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the property be sold; and

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 Koszta United Methodist Church be discontinued effective October 1, 2015 and that the church property shall be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

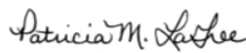
8. MOTION. Rev. Karen Dungan moved that the Annual Conference Session authorize the Conference Secretary, the Journal Editor, the Rules of Order committee and the Annual Conference Session Planning committee to edit and reconcile the actions of this Annual Conference Session, so that they may be published in the *2016 Iowa Annual Conference Journal* and the *2016 Iowa Annual Conference Book of Resolutions* (Editor's note: the next *Book of Resolutions* will be in 2017 not 2016). Adopted.
9. THANK YOU'S. Bishop Trimble.
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Conference secretary.
11. WORSHIP. Service of Sending, Rev. John Wagner.
12. ADJOURNMENT. The 2016 Iowa Annual Conference adjourned at 2:47 pm.
13. REGISTRATION. The total number of members registered for the 2016 Annual Conference was 686 clergy and 790 laity.
14. OFFERINGS. Clergy Sustentation Fund \$7,405.00; Rust College Choir \$5,688.19; Change a Child's Story \$3,833.40; Nigerian Student Scholarships \$5,515.79, Diakonos \$6,988.89; Camperships \$7,244.40; Water for Flint \$5,025.91.
15. ASSOCIATE SECRETARIES. Chris Ebbers, Pam Kranzler, Judy Marnin, Cherry Marsden, Jeff McPheron, Kathi Mitchell, JoAnn Orthel, and Jim Turner.
16. ATTEST OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Presiding Bishop,



Julius Calvin Trimble

Conference Secretary,

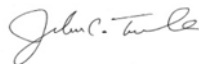


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JUNE 5, 2016



CERTIFICATION OF ORDINATION**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT HYVEE HALL****IN DES MOINES, IOWA****ON THE 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2016, I ORDAINED:****ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION****Ricky L. Baarda****Andrew P. Bardole****Allen C. Craft****Franklin S. Livingston****Jena J. Manchester****Signed,****Bishop Julius C. Trimble**

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Elders in Full Connection



L to R: Andrew Bardole, Ricky Baarda, Franklin Livingston, Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Allen Craft and Jena Manchester

Deacons



L to R: Will Ranney, Bishop Julius C. Trimble and Kendra Miller