

V. DAILY PROCEEDINGS
175th SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Des Moines, Iowa

CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION
Friday Evening – June 8, 2018

1. GATHERING MUSIC.
2. OPENING LITURGY. Rev. Deborah Stowers, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry.
3. HYMN. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
4. CLERGY WELLNESS. Kae Tritle, Conference Wellness Coordinator, information about resources available for clergy, health screenings, fitness program.
5. ORDERS FELLOWSHIP EVENT. Rev. Scott Lothe announced the Orders and Fellowship event on October 30th.
6. IOWA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION. Katharine Yarnell provided an update on the Foundation's Higher Education Loan Partnership program for pastors.
7. CANDIDACY RETREAT. Ann Trimble-Ray announced the dates for the mandatory candidacy retreat on August 10-11 at Pictured Rocks and in January at Wesley Woods.
8. EIGHT-YEAR ASSESSMENT. Alexis Johnson shared information on the planning of the 8-year assessment process.
9. RECOGNITION. Rev. Chris Humrichouse and Rev. Scott Lothe, recognition of Full Membership ordination anniversaries.
10. BREAK.
11. RECONVENE. Rev. Deborah Stowers reconvened the clergy session.
12. PURPOSE OF CLERGY SESSION. Rev. Deborah Stowers, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
13. VOTING RIGHTS. Lisa Steel, Director of Ministerial Services.
14. 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, *2016 Book of Discipline*). Seconded and adopted.
15. MOTION. Rev. Stowers moved, in accordance with §605.7 of the *2016 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 Steel, Bishop Haller's Executive Secretary Diane Brockmeyer, Conference Secretary Nitza Dovenspike, Chancellor John Moorlach, Sara Carlson, Katharine Yarnell, Courtney Glienke, 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.

16. MOTION. Rev. Scott Lothe moved that Rev. Sean McRoberts be elected co-chair for the Order of Elders. Adopted.
17. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS. Bishop Laurie Haller, Resident Bishop.
18. CELEBRATING the ministry of those retiring (Business of Annual Conference [BAC] #53, #54, #56. Rev. Dennis Tevis and Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong, Co-Chairs, Conference Relations.
19. APPOINTMENTS IN LESS THAN FULLTIME (BAC #72.a). Rev. Dennis Tevis and Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong. Approved by 2/3 votes.
20. APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION (BAC #72.b). Rev. Dennis Tevis and Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong.
21. APPOINTMENTS OF INTERIM PASTORS under the provisions of ¶338.3 (BAC #73). Rev. Dennis Tevis and Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong.
22. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER VALID MINISTRIES. (BAC #76) Approved by 2/3 votes.
23. CELEBRATING the lives of ministers who have died this year (Business of Annual Conference (BAC #48). Rev. Jodi Rushing and Pastor Michael D. Stevens.
24. OFFERING. Offering for the Clergy Sustentation Fund.
25. APPOINTIVE CABINET REPORT (BAC) #17. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie, Dean of the Appointive Cabinet.
26. CONSTITUTING COMMITTEES.
 - 26.1. Rev. Dr. Robert Burkhart moved election of the Administrative Review Committee (BAC #18.a). Elected, voice.
 - 26.2. Rev. Dr. Robert Burkhart reported on the members of the Committee on Investigation (BAC #18.c)
27. REGISTRAR'S REPORT. Lisa Steel, Director of Ministerial Services, reported those who are certified candidates for ministry (BAC #19.a., b., c.)
28. The Registrar reported those who have completed the studies for license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed (BAC #20)
29. The Registrar presented those approved and appointed as full-time local pastors (BAC #21.a). Approved.
30. The Registrar presented those approved and appointed as part-time local pastors (BAC #21.b). Approved.

31. The Registrar presented persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (BAC #21.e). Approved.
32. The Registrar reported those discontinued as local pastors (BAC #22).
33. The Registrar reported those reinstated as local pastors (BAC #23). Approved.
34. RECOGNITION. New graduates of the Course of Study were introduced and greeted by the Bishop.
35. The Registrar report of those from other annual conferences or Methodist denominations (BAC # 24). Approved.
36. The Registrar 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.a, b). Affirmed, voice.
37. The Registrar presented the one who is an affiliate member (BAC #26.b). Approved, 2/3 voice vote.
38. EXAMINATION REPORT. Rev. Scott Keele Kober and Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick, Co-chairs, Examination team, Board of Ordained Ministry.
 - 38.1. Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick moved the election of provisional member candidates (BAC # 28).
 - 38.2. Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by the Bishop.
 - 38.3. All were elected, welcomed into the body, and prayed for by the Bishop.
39. Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick moved the election of those recommended for election to full membership and for ordination as elder in full connection (BAC #32, 34).
 - 39.1. Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by the Bishop.
 - 39.2. All were elected, presented membership certificates, welcomed into the body and membership in the annual conference, and prayed for by the Bishop.
 - 39.3. Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick reported those who are continued as provisional members (BAC #29). Approved.
 - 39.4. Conference Relations reported those who are discontinued as provisional members (BAC #42). Approved.
40. CONFERENCE RELATIONS TEAM REPORT. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong and Rev. Dennis Tevis, Co-chairs, Conference Relations Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry.
 - 40.1. Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Tevis reported on those on location (BAC #43, #44).
 - 40.2. Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Tevis reported on withdrawal from ordained ministerial office. (BAC #46.b). Approved.
 - 40.3. Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Tevis reported on withdrawal under complaint (BAC #46.c).
 - 40.4. Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Tevis reported a suspension (BAC #47).
 - 40.5. Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Tevis reported on provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) who have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (BAC #49).

41. LEAVE OF ABSENCE. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong and Rev. Dennis Tevis, Co-chairs, Conference Relations Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry.
 - 41.1. Rev. Tevis moved those on voluntary personal leave for less than five years (BAC #50.a.1). Approved.
 - 41.2. Rev. Tevis moved those on voluntary personal leave more than five years (BAC #50.a.2). Approved.
 - 41.3. Rev. Tevis moved those on voluntary family leave for less than five years (BAC #50.a.3). Approved.
 - 41.4. Rev. Tevis reported on those on voluntary transitional leave (BAC #50.a.5).
 - 41.5. Rev. Dr. Armstrong moved those granted sabbatical leave (BAC #51). Approved.
 - 41.6. Rev. Dr. Armstrong moved those granted medical leave (BAC #52). Approved.

42. DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING. Bishop Laurie Haller.

LAITY SESSION
Friday Evening – June 8, 2018

1. GATHERING MUSIC. Phil Carver, SE District Field Outreach Minister.
2. OPENING PRAYER. Margaret Borgen, Conference Lay Leader opened with prayer.
3. SPECIAL WORDS. Opening comments from Bishop Laurie Haller based on Ephesians 2:8-10. Bishop Haller encouraged everyone to participate in Praying It Forward every day from 2:23 to 2:26.
4. REASON FOR THE GATHERING. Margaret described purpose of Laity Session: fellowship, worship, information and fun.
5. INTRODUCTION. Board of Laity Members were introduced.
6. HYMN. "Rise Up, O Saints of God."
7. RECOGNITION. Colleen Petaros recognized Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Speakers, and Certified Lay Ministers.
8. RECOGNITION. Margaret Borgen recognized School for Lay Ministry graduates, who were introduced by the Dean of the campus they attended, Cornell, Morningside, and Simpson.
9. APPRECIATION. Dean Gabhart was recognized as he will be retiring from his role as dean of the Morningside School for Lay Ministry site.
10. CELEBRATION. "New Pastor Rap" skit presented by the Board of Laity members, written by Jan Hill and directed by Dan Corrow.
11. PRESENTATION. Diane McClanahan from the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center on how to be positive "Difference Makers" in the lives of the clergy who serve throughout the Iowa Annual Conference.
12. LEARNING. Mini workshops.
 - 12.1. How to Grow Your Church for \$1 and 1 Minute a Day

Leader: Wil Raney, Deacon in Extension Ministry. Wil is known as an expert and resource person on social media, particularly for churches. He lives in Waverly.

12.2. JFON (Justice for our Neighbors) and the Local Congregation

Leader: John Rothlisberger, national JFON board member. John is a retired school superintendent and is Dean of the School for Lay Ministry at Simpson.

12.3. Mental Illness and the Local Congregation

Leader: Monique Shore, Lay Leader at First United Methodist, Grinnell. Monique is also a member of the Annual Conference Mental Health Task Force

12.4. What is our WIG (Wildly Important Goal)?

Leader: Phil Carver, Field Outreach Ministry in the SE District. Phil is also the leader of Iowa's General Conference delegation and a well-known musician in the Conference.

13. HYMN. "Bind Us Together Lord."

14. BENEDICTION. Benediction and closing at 9:17pm.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Saturday Morning - June 9, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Laurie Haller called the 175th Session of the Iowa Annual Conference at 9:00 a.m.

2. WORSHIP. Opening worship – Sally Barrett, worship leader, worship music by Council Bluffs Broadway UMC Band and Phil Carver. Hymn – "And Are We Yet Alive" Preacher: Bishop Laurie preached on "Everything to Hope, Little to Fear."

3. BREAK.

4. ORGANIZATION. Jodi Rushing and Brian Oliver, Co-chairs of Business and Agenda, moved the organization of annual conference:

4.1. That the working agenda for the 2018 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;

4.2. That the voting bar for all plenary sessions of this Session of Annual Conference include the following areas: the presiding platform, the Journal platform, 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; 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: conference staff members: from the Episcopal Office; from Administrative Services; and from District Offices; those identified by the Book of Discipline (§602.9-10); greeters; hosts; Diakonos; Rev. Gary Haller; Bishop Deborah Kieseey, Brad Kieseey; and those named by conference action as visitors; and staff of Iowa United Methodist Foundation;

- 4.4. 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;
 - 4.5. That speakers be guided by the countdown clocks located on the video display screens;
 - 4.6. That sponsors of any new resolution or program item to be considered by the plenary session take the item to Chair of Business and Agenda for assignment to its proper location;
 - 4.7. That all materials to be distributed in our meeting places receive prior approval by Chair of Business and Agenda;
 - 4.8. That conference members and visitors show respect by keeping conversation and other noise and movement to a minimum during plenary sessions;
 - 4.9. 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.
 - 4.10. Adopted.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary gave instruction on using the light poles and floor microphones, followed by instruction on the rules and tools for using the voting pads.
 6. MOTION. Nitza Dovenspike moved on behalf of the Annual Conference Sessions Planning Committee that the 2020 session of the Iowa Annual Conference meet at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, June 6 through Monday, June 8, 2020. Adopted.
 7. MOTION. Nitza Dovenspike moved to suspend rule 1020.10.5 for the purpose of considering one item: the vote on the corrected Constitutional Amendment I. from 2016 General Conference. Adopted.
 8. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT I. Vote taken.
 9. MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved to suspend Rule 1020.10.5 for the purpose of considering one item: A rule for the consideration of petitions to the special called session of General Conference. Adopted.
 - 9.1. Jerry Oakland moved a temporary rule: Persons or groups seeking Annual Conference endorsement of petitions to the 2019 General Conference must submit the petition in electronic form to the Conference Secretary by 1:30 p.m. today, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Petitions may only originate with or be sponsored by individuals who are members of, or groups who are related to, The United Methodist Church in Iowa. The Committee on Rules of Order will review the petitions for compliance with the General Conference guidelines and assign them petition numbers with consideration to diverse perspectives: centrist, progressive, and traditional. If there is time remaining on the agenda, following the completion of all Action Items, petitions will be presented in numerical order for consideration. At least one petition from each of the three perspectives will be discussed as time permits. The petitions will be made available to conference members by the

Sunday evening legislative session. Petitions will not be amendable. This rule shall sunset at the conclusion of the 2018 Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

- 9.2. Mike Carey moved: to strike line 8 - the words "If there is time remaining on the agenda, following the completion of all action items." Failed.
- 9.3. Oakland motion for temporary rule. Failed.
10. NOMINATIONS Coordinating Committee Report. Erica Shannon-Stueve and Robin Thomas, Co-Chairs, presented the 2018 Annual Conference Ballot and opportunities for service.
11. MOTION. Erica Shannon-Stueve moved to suspend Plan of Organization Section 2115.35 to allow Gaylen Goettsch to fulfill his term to be in compliance with the *Book of Discipline* Paragraph 637.1. Adopted.
12. BUDGET. Rev. Jon Disburg moved the adoption of the working budget. Adopted.
13. TREASURER'S REPORT. Margaret Biggs presented the Treasurer's report including statistics, apportionments received, 2019 apportionments budget and the Council of Finance and Administration budget goal.
14. REPORT. Rev. Barrie Tritle, Marva Phillipsen, Nick Grove and Jaye Johnson presented a report on the staff alignment work.
15. REPORT. Judy Marnin and the Mission Education Team presented the program In Mission Together which replaces the Rainbow Covenant.
16. MEAL BREAK.

Saturday Afternoon, June 9, 2018

1. RETIREMENT CELEBRATION. Celebration led by Bishop Laurie Haller. Speaker: Rev. LaTonya Calderon. Liturgists: Jordan Derhammer, Nitza Dovenspike. Offering: Nigerian Students attending Simpson College and Morningside College.
2. BREAK.
3. TEACHING SESSION. Bishop Haller introduced Christian Coon, the speaker for the Teaching Session in plenary.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
5. WORKSHOPS. Jerry Oakland, Interim Connectional Ministries Director, provided information about the workshops.
6. DISMISSAL. Dismissed for afternoon workshops.

Saturday Evening, June 9, 2018

1. RECONVENE. Bishop Laurie reconvened Annual Conference.
2. PRAYER. Matt German offered a prayer.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
4. REPORT. Bill Poland, Director of New Communities of Faith presented the report on the work on new faith communities. Offering: New Communities of Faith.
5. PRAYER. Bishop Laurie Haller introduced the third phase of Praying Our Way Forward and led the prayer.
6. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Don Preston requested prayers for persons around Manly and Bolan who have been experiencing flooding. Bishop Laurie Haller prayed for those affected by the weather.
7. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Pastor Catie Newman offered thank you for all the donations received by Fill the Truck.
8. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Jerry Oakland instructions and explanations on legislative actions and parliamentary resources at tables and in pre-conference manual, as well as, instructions and processes on how to address conference regarding legislative actions.
9. ACTION CALENDAR. Katie Dawson, leader for section 1.
 - a. Katie Dawson moved Action Items 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 as Action Calendar #1A. Adopted by two-thirds vote.
 - b. Katie Dawson moved Action Items 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127 as Action Calendar #1B.
 - c. Linda Westerhold moved to remove item 115 from action calendar. Adopted.
 - d. Katie Dawson moved Action items 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127. Adopted.
 - e. Katie Dawson moved Action Items 128, 129, 130 as Action Calendar #1C. Adopted.
10. ACTION CALENDAR. John Rothlisberger, leader for section 2.
 - a. John Rothlisberger moved Action Items 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206 as Action Calendar #2. Adopted.
 - b. Legislative Section 2 completed.
11. ACTION CALENDAR. John Rothlisberger, leader for section 3.
 - a. John Rothlisberger moved Action Items 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306 as Action Calendar #3. Adopted.
 - b. Legislative Section 3 completed.

12. ACTION CALENDAR. Lynn Calvert, leader for section 4.
 - a. Lynn Calvert moved Action Items 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413 as Action Calendar #4.
 - b. Cherie Morse moved to remove action item #405 from the action calendar for the purposes of discussion and possible amendment. Adopted.
 - c. Lynn Calvert moved Action Items 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 413. Adopted.
13. CAMPS REPORT. Bryan Johnson, Director of Camping and Christian Formation, provided an update on camps.
14. ADJOURNMENT. Adjourned for the evening at 8:31pm.

Sunday Morning, June 10, 2018

1. Ordering of Ministry Worship Service. Worship leaders: Bishop Laurie Haller, Bishop Bruce Ough, Pastor Samuel Fisher, Rev. Enna Antúnez, Rev. Danilo Fernandez, Rev. Len Eberhart, Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson, Steve Agrisano, Worship Team: Sally Barrett, Phil Carver, Pastor Sue Ney, Thelma Perry, Rev. Hugh Stone, Rev. Dr. David Swinton, Metro Brass Quintet, East Central Praise Team, Margaret Borgen, Rev. Chad Jennings, Rev. Deb Stowers, Superintendents, Chairs and Co-Chairs of Board of Ordained Ministry and Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members.
2. ECUMENICAL GREETING: Bishop Michael Burk, Southeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iowa.
3. RECOGNITION of Course of Study Graduates: Douglas Amis, James Barnett, David Barrett, Melodee Carstens, Jeffrey McPheron, Kolleen Queener, Stephen Ransom, Jenny Seylar.
4. SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 64: 1-9, read by Rev. Danilo Fernandez.
5. MESSAGE: Your Gloria Lives in You, Bishop Laurie Haller.
6. COMMISSIONING as a provisional elder: Courtney Dake, Wendy Musgrave, Derrick Okine, Ryan Russell, Trevor Vaughn, Benjamin Wedeking.
7. ORDINATION as elders: Hugo Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz, Alex Bruening, Michael Fillmore, Humberto Gonzalez Santana, Susan Higdon.
8. FOOTWASHING CEREMONY: Bishop Laurie Haller and the newly ordained elders.
9. OFFERING: Mental Health Reform
10. HOLY COMMUNION
11. CALL TO MINISTRY: Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck.

12. CLOSING.

Sunday Afternoon, June 10, 2018

1. RECONVENE. Bishop Laurie Haller reconvened Annual Conference.
2. UM PUBLISHING HOUSE. Rev. Brian Milford, Lindsay Drake and Rev. Bob Dean shared information about upcoming changes to the website and ordering.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
4. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Chris Humrichouse and a group of clergy asked about supervisory process and complaint regarding Rev. Anna Blaedel. Bishop Haller responded that no information could be given during the annual conference session regarding supervisory processes.
5. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Michael Biklen reflecting on the Treasurer's report and inviting everyone to faithfully give to receive more in return.
6. MISSION AWARDS. Rev. Katie Dawson presented 2 awards to the Iowa Annual Conference, one for being in the top 10 conferences on health initiatives and one for being among the top 10 conferences on missionary support. Awards accepted by Bishop Laurie Haller.
7. BLACK COLLEGE INTERN. Dave Glenn-Burns introduced Brittany Levine from Claflin University
8. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Brody Tubaugh asked for a moment of prayer for a lay delegate that passed away on a bus crash recently. A moment of prayer was held.
9. CONFERENCE LAY LEADER. Address by Conference Lay Leader Address, Margaret Borgen.
10. INTRODUCTION. Bishop Laurie recognized Bishop Deb Kiesey and Brad Kiesey present in today's session.
11. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Rev. Dave Petersen, Chair of the Board of Pensions moved to adjourn the Iowa Annual Conference for the purpose of having the annual meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions. Adopted.
 - 11.1. Rev. Dave Petersen called the meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions to order.
 - 11.2. Rev. Petersen reported the current state of the pension plans and other benefits.
 - 11.3. Legislative Action. Amend Action Item #601 changing text the paragraph on Eligibility from "no years of service" to "entry level". Tabled.
12. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Bishop Laurie Haller moved that the Board of Pension session recess. Adopted.

13. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Nitza Dovenspike moved to reconvene Annual Conference. Adopted.
14. PRAYER. Pastoral Team from Ankeny, First UM Church offered prayer before the conversation On the Way Forward.
15. CONVERSATION ON THE WAY FORWARD. Bishop Laurie Haller, Bishop Bruce Ough, Rev. Katie Dawson, Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo-Seagren, Phil Carver, Norma Morrison shared thoughts on the work of the Commission on the Way Forward.
16. BREAK.
17. MEMORIAL CELEBRATION. Preacher: Bishop Bruce Ough. Liturgists: Nitza Dovenspike, Betty Kiboko, Daniel Nyonzima, Macyn Frasher, Parker Frasher.
18. MEAL BREAK.

Sunday Evening, June 10, 2018

1. RECONVENE. Bishop Haller reconvened Annual Conference at 7:04 PM. Pastor Rosa Soto offered a prayer in Spanish.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
3. MONITORING REPORT. Lauren Loonsfoot reported for COSROW.
4. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Diane McClanahan requested a translation of the opening prayer. Paul Burrow offered an impromptu translation to English.
5. CELEBRATION. Arnette Pint introduced Licensing School graduates and instructors.
6. LEGISLATION. Dave Peterson moved to recess the Annual Conference session to reconvene the meeting of the Board of Pensions. Adopted.
 - 6.1. Dave Peterson moved to amend Action Item 601, under The Iowa United Methodist Health Insurance Plan – Eligibility: replace the second sentence to read “All clergy under appointment to a local church/charge position in which compensation is paid directly by the Conference Central Treasury, whose compensation is $\frac{3}{4}$ or more the minimum base compensation as set by the commission on Equitable Compensation will be enrolled in this program.” Adopted.
 - 6.2. Dave Peterson moved to amend Action Item 601: on line 25 after the word “annuity” add these words: “according to the Wespath Plan Document.” Adopted.
 - 6.3. Dave Peterson moved action item 601 as amended. Adopted
 - 6.4. Dave Peterson moved to adjourn Board of Pensions and reconvene Annual Conference Session. Adopted.
7. LEGISLATION. Katie Dawson moved Action Item 115. Adopted.

8. LEGISLATION. Katie Dawson moved Action Item 131. Adopted by two-thirds.
8.1 Legislative Section 1 completed.
9. LEGISLATION. Lynn Calvert moved Action Item 405.
9.1. Cherie Morris brought up questions about the work of the Wesley Foundations.
9.2. Resource persons from the Wesley Foundations provided answers.
9.3. Don Preston moved to call the question. Adopted.
9.4. Item 405 Adopted.
10. LEGISLATION. Lynn Calvert moved Action Item 412 with editorial correction. Adopted.
11.1 Legislative Section 4 completed.
11. INFORMATION. Jason Collier informed of a website for worship ideas: www.worshipideas.org
12. PRAYER. Closing prayer was offered.
13. ADJOURNMENT. Bishop Haller adjourned 8:18 P.M.

Monday Morning, June 11, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Laurie Haller.
2. PRAYER. Judy Marnin, opening prayer.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
4. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Dr. Beverlee Bell mentioned the "What About Our Money?" study at UMW Mission u and encouraged participation.
5. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Chuck Layton on the staffing need for a youth leader at St. Luke's UMC.
6. RECOGNITION. Chad Jennings, member of the Board of Ordained Ministry recognized seminary students.
7. BUDGET. Jon Disburg, CFA Chair, moved the working budget as the budget for 2019.
7.1 Friendly amendment to change date on page from 2018 to 2019 accepted.
7.2 Adopted.
8. INTRODUCTION. Martha Ward, chair of the Episcopacy Committee, introduced Rev. Gary Haller, husband of Bishop Laurie, who gave remarks.
9. IOWA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION. Katherine Yarnell, Executive Director, Iowa United Methodist Foundation.

- 9.1. Rev. Jacqueline Thompson moved to recess for purpose of convening the Iowa United Methodist Foundation to hold its annual meeting. At the conclusion, the Annual Conference will reconvene. Adopted.
 - 9.2. Katharine Yarnell reported on fund balance, investments, fund performance, and the Building Fund Trust certificate rates.
 - 9.3. Iowa United Methodist Foundation Executive Director, Katharine Yarnell, presented amendment to article 12 of the Articles of Incorporation. Dean McPherson moved the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. Adopted by 2/3 vote.
 - 9.4. Dean McPherson moved the slate of new board members: Dan Carrow, Brenda Stephany, Janet Griffith, Steven Hebert. Adopted.
 - 9.5. Annual Meeting of the Foundation was adjourned, and Annual Conference was reconvened.
10. DIAKONOS. Acknowledgement by Rev. Steve Braudt and Diakonos skit. Offering: Diakonos.
 11. BREAK.
 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
 13. PRAYER. Bishop Laurie Haller.
 14. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. Jennifer Hibben, Ames, Collegiate/Wesley Foundation, shared information about campus ministries and Wesley Foundations and how they connect with students.
 15. AWARDS. One Matters Discipleship awards presented by Superintendent Jackie Bradford to Manchester UMC, and Superintendent Paul Smith to Tim Frasher, Bloomfield UMC.
 16. CLOSED CHURCHES. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the resolutions concerning the closed churches: Beaver, Cincinnati, Elberon, Fort Dodge Riverside, Riverton, West Grove, Union Memorial.

16.1. Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Beaver United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Beaver United Methodist Church located in Boone County, first incorporated in 1935 as the Beaver Methodist Episcopal Church, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the church conference of the Beaver United Methodist Church voted on July 22, 2017 to close the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Beaver United Methodist Church and transfer of the membership to the Ogden Community United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Beaver United Methodist Church no longer owned property having disposed of the parsonage and church building after the church formed a yoke with the Beaver Church of the Brethren, Beaver, Iowa;

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaver United Methodist Church be closed effective July 22, 2017.

16.2. Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Cincinnati United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Cincinnati United Methodist Church located in Appanoose County was founded in 1869 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the church conference of the Cincinnati United Methodist Church voted on November 5, 2017 to close the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Cincinnati United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Unionville United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be sold.

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cincinnati United Methodist Church be closed effective November 5, 2017 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

16.3. Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Elberon United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Elberon United Methodist Church located in Tama County was founded in 1890 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the church conference of the Elberon United Methodist Church voted on October 1, 2017 to close the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of Elberon United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Van Horn Salem United Methodist Church; and

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

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elberon United Methodist Church be closed effective June 30, 2018.

16.4. Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church located in Webster County was founded in 1892 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the church conference of the Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church voted on March 11, 2018 to close the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to the Fort Dodge First United Methodist Church; and

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

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church be closed effective June 30, 2018 with the church property being sold and the proceeds of the sale dedicated for the payment of unpaid Conference Apportionment.

16.5. Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Riverton United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Riverton United Methodist Church located in Fremont County was founded in 1871 and has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the church conference of the Riverton United Methodist Church voted on May 10, 2018 to close the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Riverton United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to the Farragut United Methodist Church; and

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

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverton United Methodist Church be closed effective June 30, 2018, and that the church property shall be transferred to the Trustees of the Iowa Annual Conference.

16.6. Property Matter – a Resolution for the closing of the West Grove United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the West Grove United Methodist Church located in Davis County was founded in 1871 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the church conference of the West Grove United Methodist Church voted on January 28, 2018 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the West Grove United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Drakesville United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be sold.

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Grove United Methodist Church be closed effective January 28, 2018 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

16.7. Property Matter – a Resolution for the closing of the Union Memorial United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Union Memorial Church located in Milford, Iowa in Dickinson County was formed by a union of the Congregational and Methodist Churches of Milford in 1924 and has a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent, in accordance with Par. ¶2549.1.b of the *Book of Discipline* has recommended the closing of the Union Memorial Church and transfer of membership to the Calvary United Methodist Church of Arnolds Park; and

WHEREAS the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the property be sold.

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop and a majority of the district superintendents, and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Union Memorial Church be closed effective June 7, 2018 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

16.8. Harlan Gillespie, on behalf of the Cabinet, moved these seven resolutions. The Bishop prayed for these congregations and their witness through the years. The resolutions were adopted.

17. NOMINATIONS. Robin Thomas, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, moved the final 2019 Annual Conference Ballot. Adopted.

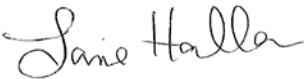
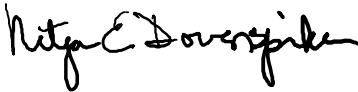
18. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Bob Ward mentioned the Maple Grove UMC need for padded chairs.
19. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Beth Odor presented a crocheted prayer shawl to Bishop Laurie.
20. DIALOGUE ON THE WAY FORWARD. Video was presented followed by 90-second thoughts and reflections from members of Annual Conference.
21. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitzza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
22. PRAYER.
23. MEAL BREAK. Jim McIntosh led prayer before the meal break.

Monday Afternoon, June 11, 2018

1. CLOSING WORSHIP FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS: Preacher: Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie, Dean of the Bishop's Cabinet. Participating leaders: Bishop Laurie Haller, Rev. Humberto Gonzalez, Rev. Hugh Stone, and the Polk City Praise Band.
 - 1.1. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie read the appointments for the North Central District.
 - 1.2. Rev. Jackie Bradford read the appointments for the Northeast District.
 - 1.3. Rev. Paul Smith read the appointments for the Southcentral District.
 - 1.4. Rev. Dr. Tom Carver read the appointments Northwest District.
 - 1.5. Rev. Dr. Lillian Gallo Seagren read the appointments for the Southeast District.
 - 1.6. Rev. Terra Amundson read the appointments for the Southwest District.
 - 1.7. Rev. Dr. Heecheon Jeon read the appointments for the Central District.
 - 1.8. Rev. Kiboko Kiboko read the appointments for the East Central District.
 - 1.9. Bishop Laurie Haller presented the Director of New Communities of Faith, Director of Clergy and Leadership Excellence, Director of Congregational Excellence.
 - 1.10. Bishop Laurie Haller closed in prayer.
2. BREAK.
3. PRAYER. Bishop Laurie Haller led the prayer for work of the Commission on the Way Forward.
4. MONITORING REPORT. Alex Bruening, Co-chair of COSROW. Rev. Danilo Fernandez, co-Chair of Commission on Religion and Race.
5. RECONCILING MOTION. Jerry Oakland moved that the Annual Conference Session authorize the Conference Secretary, the Journal Editor, the Rules of Order Committee and the Annual Conference Planning Committee to edit and reconcile the actions of this Annual Conference Session so they may be published in the 2018 *Iowa Annual Conference Journal*.

6. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Diakonos shared they are donating 15% of the offering received to the Hunter Williams Memorial.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
8. APPRECIATION. Recognition and appreciation for artists and musicians.
9. CLOSING REMARKS. Bishop Laurie Haller offered reflections and thanked staff and volunteers.
10. ADJOURNMENT. The 2018 Annual Conference adjourned at 3:04 pm.
11. ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP TEAM. Rev. Dave Swinton, Rev. Hugh Stone, Sally Barrett, Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson, Rev. Danilo Fernandez, Thelma Perry, Sue Ney.
12. REGISTRATION. 618 Clergy and 772 Laity members were registered.
13. OFFERINGS.

Clergy Session - Sustentation Fund	\$3,669.70
Nigerian Students	\$6,607.50
New Faith Communities	\$7,129.18
Mental Health	\$8,884.84
Bishop's Fit Walk	\$590.00
Diakonos	\$9,192.67
14. ASSOCIATE SECRETARIES. Chris Ebbers, Pam Kranzler, Judy Marnin, Cherry Marsden, Jeff McPheron, Kathy Mitchell, Libby Hiatt, and Amanda Thompson assisted in the preparation of these Daily Proceedings.
15. ATTEST OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Presiding Bishop,	Conference Secretary,
	
Laurie Haller	Nitza E. Dovenspike

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT HYVEE HALL

IN DES MOINES, IOWA

ON THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2018, I ORDAINED:

ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION

Hugo Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz

Alex K. Bruening

Michael A. Fillmore

Humberto A. Gonzalez Santana

Susan M. Higdon

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Haller".

Bishop Laurie Haller

2018 ORDINANDS

Elders in Full Connection



L to R: Humberto A. Gonzalez Santana; Michael A. Fillmore; Bishop Laurie Haller; Alex K. Bruening; and Susan M. Higdon. Not pictured: H. Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz

Course of Study Graduates



L to R: Jennifer L. Seylar, Kolleen M. Queener, Jeffrey A. McPheron, Melodee Carstens, David L. Barrett, James R. Barnett, Douglas L. Amis
Not pictured: Stephen J. Ransom