

**V. DAILY PROCEEDINGS**  
**178th SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**Friday, June 4, 2021**  
**Zoom Webinar**

1. GATHERING MUSIC. Gathering music and practice votes.
2. OPENING LITURGY. Bishop Laurie Haller.
3. OPENING REMARKS. Rev. Chad Jennings opening remarks regarding technology and attendance.
4. RECOGNITION. Rev. Eric Schubert. Recognition of Full Membership ordination anniversaries.
5. RECOGNITION. Bishop Laurie Haller. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Deacon.
6. PRAYER. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson led unison prayer in appreciation for ordination anniversaries.
7. ANNOUNCEMENT. Rev. Chad Jennings. Quadrennial requirements for all appointed clergy.
8. PRACTICE VOTE. Rev. Chad Jennings led the session through a practice vote.
9. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Laurie Haller called the session to order.
10. PURPOSE OF CLERGY SESSION. Rev. Chad Jennings, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Based on ¶369.5 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*.

11. ENABLING MOTION. Rev. Chad Jennings.

In accordance with ¶604.1 and ¶605.7 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*, Rev. Chad Jennings moved the following enabling motions to allow the 2021 Clergy Session/Executive Session to do the business of this body via a Zoom webinar platform with votes taken on the VVoter system.

The bar of the Clergy Session will be set by the registration process and attendance on the Zoom webinar platform and the VVoter system; the bar of the clergy executive session will be those present on this Zoom Webinar with the following understanding: voting privileges for the 2021 Clergy Session are as follows:

- Clergy in full connection – both elders and deacons – may vote. (¶602.1a)
- Provisional members may not vote at clergy session. (¶327.2, 602.1b)
- Those associate members and local pastors who serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry do have the privilege of vote in the clergy session. (¶602.1.c,d)
- Other associate members and local pastors may not vote. (LP: ¶316.6; AM ¶321.1)
- In addition, lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry and Committee on Investigation may vote on the business of this clergy session. (¶602.6, 605.7, 33)

Voting shall be done by the VVoter electronic system, for which each eligible clergy person has received a unique identifier. Only persons using their voter-unique identifier will be permitted to vote.

The voter-unique identifier relies on the technology of the digital platform process and will not be independently monitored by human eyes unless a proper challenge is made to the qualifications of a given voter and this challenge is recognized by the presiding officer.

Seconded and adopted.

12. MOTION. Rev. Chad Jennings.

In accordance with ¶605.7 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*, Rev. Chad Jennings moved that 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; Executive Secretary to the Cabinet Wendy Lubkeman; Conference Secretary Nitza Dovenspike; Conference Chancellor John Moorlach; Bishop Deb Kiesey, Rev. Gary Haller, Rev. Dr. Katharine Yarnell, pastors of other denominations who are serving under appointment in the Iowa Annual Conference; and Diaconal Ministers of the Iowa Annual Conference; and those helping with technology Liz Winders, Alex Stambaugh, Courtney Levin, Felicia Coe, Roland Minshall, Mark Fite and other Option Technologies staff.

Seconded and approved.

13. EXAMINATION REPORT. Rev. Scott Keele Kober, Co-chair, Examination team, Board of Ordained Ministry.

- 13.1. Rev Scott Keele Kober moved the election of provisional member candidates (BAC #28).
- 13.2. Candidates were introduced, then greeted and examined by Bishop Laurie Haller.
- 13.3. All were elected, welcomed into the body, and prayed for by Bishop Laurie Haller.

14. EXAMINATION REPORT. Rev. Scott Keele Kober & Rev. Timothy Bonney moved the election of those recommended for election to full membership and for ordination as elder in full connection (BAC #32, 34).
  - 14.1. Candidates were introduced and examined by Bishop Laurie Haller.
  - 14.2. All were elected, welcomed into the body and membership in the annual conference, and prayed for by Bishop Laurie Haller.
15. REPORT. Rev. Timothy Bonney reported those who are continued as provisional members (BAC #29). Approved.
16. REPORT. Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis reported on the ministry of elders retiring (Business of Annual Conference (BAC #53). Approved.
17. REPORT. Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis reported on the ministry of Associate Members retiring (BAC #54). Approved.
18. REPORT. Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis reported on the ministry of Local Pastors retiring (BAC #56).
19. REPORT. Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis reported on the ministry of pastors from denominations retiring who have been faithfully serving in Iowa.
20. APPOINTMENTS IN LESS THAN FULLTIME (BAC #72.a; BAC #72.b). Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis. Approved by 2/3 votes.
21. APPOINTMENTS OF INTERIM PASTORS under the provisions of ¶338.3 (BAC #73). Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis.
22. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER VALID MINISTRIES. Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis (BAC #76c). Approved by 2/3 votes.
23. CELEBRATING the lives of ministers who have died this year shared along with a Certified Lay Minister & Diaconal Minister (BAC #48 & 67). Shared by Rev. Deborah Parkison.
24. PRAYER. Prayer of Remembrance by Bishop Laurie Haller.
25. OFFERING. Rev. Dr. Heecheon Jeon introduced the offering for the Clergy Sustentation Fund.
26. BREAK.
27. APPOINTIVE CABINET REPORT (BAC #17). Rev. Dr. Heecheon Jeon, Dean of the Appointive Cabinet.
28. CONSTITUTING COMMITTEES.
  - 28.1. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie moved election of the Administrative Review Committee (BAC #18.a). Elected.
  - 28.2. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie reported on the members of the Conference Relations Committee (BAC #18.b).
  - 28.3. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie reported on the members of the Committee on Investigation (BAC #18.c).
29. REGISTRAR'S REPORT. Lisa Steel, Director of Ministerial Services, reported those who are certified candidates for ministry (BAC #19.a., b., c.).
30. The Registrar reported those who have completed the studies for license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed (BAC #20). Approved.
31. The Registrar presented those approved and appointed as full-time local pastors (BAC #21.a). Approved.
32. The Registrar presented those approved and appointed as part-time local pastors (BAC #21.b). Approved.
33. The Registrar reported those discontinued as local pastors (BAC #22).
34. The Registrar reported those clergy who have been reinstated as local pastors (BAC #23). Approved.
35. RECOGNITION. New graduates of the Course of Study were introduced and prayed for by Bishop Laurie Haller.
36. The Registrar reported on those from other annual conferences and Methodist denominations (BAC # 24).
37. The Registrar reported 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.
38. The Registrar presented the one who is an affiliate member (BAC #26.b). Approved.
39. CONFERENCE RELATIONS TEAM REPORT. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong, Co-chair, Conference Relations Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry.
  - 39.1. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported the transfers from other annual conferences (BAC #38). Approved.
  - 39.2. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported on a transfer to other annual conference (BAC #41).
  - 39.3. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported on those on honorable & administrative location (BAC #43).

40. ANNOUNCEMENT. Rev. Chad Jennings shared in accordance with ¶358 & 359 those on location must submit yearly reports. Failure to do this by next annual conference will result in being up for vote to have their orders rescinded.
41. CONFERENCE RELATIONS TEAM REPORT. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported on Ordained Elders & Deacons under appointment in other Annual Conferences (BAC #49).
42. LEAVE OF ABSENCE. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong, Co-chair, Conference Relations Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry.
  - 42.1. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported on those on voluntary personal leave for less than five years (BAC #50.a.1). Approved.
  - 42.2. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported on those on voluntary personal leave for more than five years (BAC #50.a.2).  
Approved by 2/3 vote.
  - 42.3. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong moved those on voluntary family leave for less than five years (BAC #50.a.3). Approved.
  - 42.4. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong moved those on voluntary family leave for more than five years (BAC #50.a.3). Approved by 2/3 vote.
  - 42.5. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong reported on those on transitional leave (BAC #50.a.5).
  - 42.6. Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong moved those granted medical leave (BAC #52). Approved
43. CLOSING LITURGY AND DISMISSAL. Bishop Laurie Haller.

**LAITY SESSION**  
**Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7:00pm Virtual**

1. GATHERING MUSIC.
2. WELCOME. Margaret Borgen, Conference Lay Leader.
3. OPENING PRAYER. Dan Corrow, Board of Laity member opened with prayer.
4. INTRODUCTION: Margaret Borgen, Conference Lay Leader
5. SCRIPTURE READING. Marsha Gerot read Psalm 130,
6. MUSIC: "Lord I want to be a Christian" Trumpet by Tim Pokrywka
7. MESSAGE. "Watching Over One Another in Love" by Bishop Laurie Haller.
8. PRAYER SONG: "Flying Free" Read by Angela Hansen-Abbas
9. INTRODUCTION. Board of Laity Members introduced themselves and shared ways of watching over one another in Christian Love.
10. PRAYER. Margaret Borgen, Conference Lay Leader.
11. INFORMATIONAL PANEL. Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck & Rev. Ron Carlson shared information about Circuit Ministry, Ezekiel team work, and other changes being discussed
12. INFORMATION. Jeff Anderson & Gladys Alvarez shared information about Walk to Emmaus, Lay Servant, and School for Lay Ministry.
13. LEARNING. A video from California-Nevada Conference Lay Leaders and youth.
14. BLESSING. Blessing and closing prayer by Margaret Borgen, Conference Lay Leader.
15. CLOSING HYMN. "Lord I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart" by Shawn Mullen.

**Retirement Celebration**  
**Pre-recorded and presented on June 5, 2021**

1. RETIREMENT SERVICE. Worship leaders: Preacher Rev. Julie Poulsen. Liturgists: Pastor Gerald Neal, Rev. Douglas Harding, Pastor Nancy Sutherland, Pastor Joyce Proctor; Musicians: Heather Neuenschwander & Mary Jane Classen; Composer Craig Courtney – Cedar Rapids St Paul's UMC Sanctuary Choir directed by Ben Owen; Fort Dodge, First UMC Praise Band (Josh Kraushaar, Amy Champagne, Megan Cassidy, Brian Robison, Isaac Larson; Bruce Brown & Jamie Poulsen; Jackie Armstrong & Katelyn Rew; Gyeheun Jung. Editing: Chris Congdon.
2. SCRIPTURES. Psalm 103, Matthew 25:40, Joshua 24:14-15, Luke 3:16-21
3. SERMON. "All I Have Needed". Rev. Julie Poulsen.
4. READING OF THE RETIREMENT NAMES by Nitza Dovenspike  
 Robert W. Barrick, Beverlee A. Bell, Jackie L. Bradford, Michael A. Christie, Patti Lu D. Ford, Edward E. Frank, Paul E. Frederiksen, Dawn E. Freese, Karen L. Garrison, Harlan D. Gillespie, Douglas P. Harding, Mary Kathryn Hart, Cynthia C. Hickman, John D. Howerton, Gary W. Hoyt, Momodu A. Kamara, Mark Lewis, Matthew P. Miller, Roxanne L. Miller-Wessling, Gerald D. Neal, Diana M. Pollard, Julia E. Poulsen, Joyce A. Proctor, Stephen J. Ransom, Linda S. Reida, Cheryl Ridenour, Dan V. Ridnour, Valerie A. Ridnour, Lyndon W. Roesler, James F. Schutter, Michael D. Stevens, Nancy Sutherland, Diane E. Townsley, David A. Weesner, Gayle M. Wilcox, Paul N. Wilcox, Shirley H. Will, Alaire Willits, Patricia H. Youngquist.
5. Passing of the Mantle from Rev. Cynthia Hickman, West Des Moines United Methodist Church to Rev. Ryan Russell, Associate, Urbandale, Walnut Hills United Methodist Church and from Rev. Paul Wilcox, Conference Superintendent, to Rev. Trevor Vaughn, Associate, West Des Moines United Methodist Church.

**Memorial Service**  
**Pre-recorded and presented on June 6, 2021**

1. SERVICE OF REMEMBERING. Worship leaders: Preacher Rev. Dr. Michel O. Lundula. Liturgists: Pastor Lewis Cox, Rev. Carl Phillips; Musicians: Denison, First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir directed by Patti Bekkerus; Pastor Jessica Jacobsen; The Walk Band - from Norwalk United Methodist Church (Raleigh McElroy, Alison McElroy, Lia Potratz, Elliot Klimowski, Dennis McElroy, Rev. Steve McElroy); Editing: Chris Congdon.
2. SCRIPTURES. John 14:1-7; Revelation 7:9-12
3. SERMON. "The Great Multitude". Rev. Dr. Michel O. Lundula
4. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE & READING OF NAMES by Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.  
 CLERGY: Roger G. Betsworth, Harold "Hal" Dean Bonath, J. Elmer Brunk, Jay Edwin Coble, William D. "Bill" Cotton, Duane Udel Ferguson, Darleen Fletcher, W. Robert Fowler, Donald Dean Frank, Milton Loren Geisler, H. Ronald Kinzler, LeRoy B. Lewis, Sheridan M. Mallott, Reginald H. Merrill, Frank A. Nichols, Dan L. Rogers, Marion G. Sindt, JoAn L. Skryme, Larry W. Sonner, David R. Wendel, Gerald E. "Bud" Wiser.  
 SPOUSES: Sandra Beard, Jo Anne Campney, Constance E. Carlson, Ellen M. Durham, Sally D. Ford, Anita M. Gaul, Marcille A. Green, Ruth A. Hantla, Lois Lee Imlay, Mildred McFate, Doris E. Miller, Linda Irene Nicholson, Mary Ellen Quandt, Leila M. Richardson, Ruby Delight Sullivan Ash, Helen J. Welsh Root.  
 RECENTLY REPORTED: Naomi Susan (Sue) Arthur, Thelma Faye Bryant, Arlie S. Gildner, Marylea Schwenn, Bonnie Maple, Hilda I Miller, Esther Gene Morrison, Joyce S. Powell, Constance (Connie) Riggs  
 CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER: Wilma J. "Joan" Ervin  
 DIACONAL MINISTER: Rosalie Jane Bentzinger  
 BISHOP'S SPOUSE: D. Brad Kieseey

**Ordering of Ministry Worship Service**  
**Saturday, July 10, 2021**  
**Ankeny First UMC, Christian Life Center, Ankeny, Iowa**

1. Ordering of Ministry Worship Service. Worship leaders: Bishop Laurie Haller; Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck; Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Leadership: Rev. Chad Jennings, Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson, Rev. Timothy Bonney, Conference Lay Leader Margaret Borgen, Rev. Barb Mittman, Superintendents. Musician: Kim Field
2. OPENING HYMN.
3. GREETING AND PRAYER. Bishop Laurie Haller
4. SCRIPTURE. Philippians 4:4-14
5. MESSAGE. "Whatever", Bishop Laurie Haller.
6. COMMISSIONING FOR THE OFFICE OF DEACONESS. Irene Rose DeMaris.
7. COMMISSIONING AS PROVISIONAL ELDERS: Lana Karie Williams, LeAnn Danielle Robine
8. ORDINATION AS ELDERS: Christopher Eric Childs, Lucas Stephen Richard Fillmore, Jennifer Lynn Hibben, Mark Richard Johnson, Jaeseong Lee, Ryan Mohan Russell, Trevor Joe Vaughn, Brian Edward Williams.
9. RECOGNITION OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF DEACONS. Rev. Barb Mittman
10. RECOGNITION of Transfer of Membership. Brian Lane Channel and Gwenlynn Viola Trullinger.
11. RECOGNITION of Course of Study Graduates: Linda K. Morris, Joyce Ann Proctor.
12. HOLY COMMUNION.
13. CULTURE OF CALL. Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck.
14. CLOSING HYMN.
15. SENDING FORTH. Bishop Laurie Haller.

**Legislative Session**  
**Saturday Morning – June 5, 2021**  
**Zoom Webinar**

1. WELCOME. Bishop Laurie Haller.
2. OPENING WORSHIP. Message by Bishop Laurie Haller. Liturgists: Rev. LaTonya Calderon, Pastor Jordan Derhammer, Rev. Byung-hwoon Lee, Rev. Caesar David; Worship music: Jean Park from Indianola, First UMC; Council Bluffs, Broadway UMC (Organist Joyce Mynster, Singers: Amanda Williamson, Jan Williamson, Vee Williamson, Steve Williamson); Twisted Sisters Musicians; Altoona, Centennial at Ivy (Pianist Linda Carnahan, Singers: Allison Lehn, Evan Fischer, Marcy Campbell, & Erik Hall); Praise Team at Spirit Lake UMC (Dan Tritle, Karla Oleson Tritle, Gary Heady, John Sandison, Rick Patrament, Greg Tritle).
3. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Laurie Haller called the 178<sup>th</sup> Session of the Iowa Annual Conference.
4. EPISCOPACY REPORT. Rev. Martha Ward recognized Bishop Laurie Haller and Rev. Gary Haller.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary gave instructions on the voting process with the electronic voting technology followed by practice votes.
6. DATES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary, announced dates for annual conferences: June 3-5, 2022 and June 2-4, 2023, in Des Moines, with specific site to be determined.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary, gave instructions on the use of Zoom webinar and email during the legislative session.

8. ENABLING MOTION. Rev. Brian Oliver, Chair of Business and Agenda, moved the organization of annual conference. **That the working agenda** for the 2021 session of the Iowa Annual Conference be the agenda which most recently has been made available electronically to members of this annual conference session. **That the bar of the Annual Conference session** will be set by the registration process and attendance on the Zoom webinar platform and the VVoter system, the bar shall include all Clergy Members and all duly elected or appointed Lay Members or their properly seated alternates. Voting shall be done by the VVoter electronic system, for which each eligible member has received a unique identifier. Only persons using their voter-unique identifier will be permitted to vote. The voter-unique identifier relies on the technology of the digital platform process and will not be independently monitored by human eyes unless a proper challenge is made to the qualifications of a given voter and this challenge is recognized by the presiding officer. **That the following persons be allowed to be in attendance during the Session:** Those in *The 2016 Book of Discipline* ¶32; persons occupying the following positions with voice and no vote: Rev Gary Haller, Bishop Deborah Kiesey, clergy from other denominations serving in the Iowa Conference, staff of the United Methodist Foundation, and those persons outlined in *The 2016 Book of Discipline* ¶¶602.9 and 602.10; To the persons occupying the following positions with no voice and no vote: Conference staff from: the Episcopal Office, Administrative Services, Communications, Partner District offices, Connectional Ministries, those assisting with the operations of the Zoom Webinar and VVoter technology, and others with approval of the Assistant to the Bishop or the Business and Agenda Chair, unless already outlined by our Rule of Order 1060.10. Adopted.
9. MOTION. Rev. Brian Oliver moved the suspension of Rules 1020.25 and 1020.30 and adoption of the following: "At the conclusion of all business published in PCM and Agenda, other items for consideration may arise from the floor if time permits, and they are ruled in order. (Rule 1020.15) Adopted by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote.
10. RATIFICATION OF 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTION. Rev. Brian Oliver moved the ratification of the action of Annual Conference 2020. Whereas, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Iowa has been under a Public Health Emergency since March 2020, Whereas, the Public Health Emergency allowed the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to conduct its 2020 session virtually. And, whereas, to ensure full body participation in the actions of our 2020 Annual Conference. Therefore be it resolved, that the 2021 session of the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church hereby ratifies all actions taken by the 2020 session. Adopted by simple majority.
11. Motion: Lanny Hillyard, chair of the Conference Nominations Coordinating Committee, moved the suspension of Rule of Order 1015.35 (1) in order to allow for action on the Nominations Final Report during our two-day legislative session. This rule requires a 24-hour period in which to make nominations after the initial Nominations Report. Because of our shortened session, we need to alter the process for nominations from the floor. Seconded by Rev. Brian Carter. Adopted by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote.
12. NOMINATIONS Coordinating Committee report. Barb Oakland and Lanny Hillyard presented the 2021 Annual Conference Ballot and opportunities for service.
13. PRAYER. Pastor Lucas Fillmore.
14. BREAK.
15. OFFERING. Disaster Relief Ministries.
16. PRAYER. Gladys Alvarez
17. TREASURER'S AND CFA REPORT. Conference Treasurer, Maggie Biggs and Norlan Hinke, Chair of Conference Finance and Administration presented the working budget.
18. POINT OF ORDER: Rev. Matthew Conover asked about the budget compliance with *The 2016 Book of Discipline* ¶811.4 regarding the payment of full general Church apportionments. Budget aligns with Standing Item adopted during the 2020 Annual Conference.
19. BISHOP'S OPERATIONS TEAM REPORT. Rev. Barrie Tritle, Jeff Branstetter & Ian Montgomery presented the Bishop's Operational Team report.
20. POINT OF PRIVILEGE. Barbara Oakland expressed appreciation for all individuals serving on boards and agencies.
21. ACTION CALENDAR. Rev. LaTonya Calderon legislative leader for section 1.  
 21.1. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved Action Items 101, 102 as Action Calendar #1  
 21.2. Rev. Carolyn Bitner moved to remove Action Item 101 from action calendar for purpose of discussion. Adopted.  
 21.3. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved Action Item 102 as Action Calendar #11. Adopted.
22. ACTION CALENDAR. Diana Sagastizado legislative leader for section 2.  
 22.1. Diana Sagastizado moved Action Items 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212 as Action Calendar #2. Adopted.

23. ACTION CALENDAR. Rev. LaTonya Calderon legislative leader for section 3.
  - 23.1. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved Action Items 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306 as Action Calendar #3. Adopted.
24. ACTION CALENDAR. Diana Sagastizado legislative leader for section 4.
  - 24.1. Diana Sagastizado moved Action Items 401, 402, 403, 404, 405 as Action Calendar #4. Adopted.
25. PRAYER. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson
26. BREAK
27. PRAYER. Rev. Katie Dawson
28. MOTION. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson moved to recess the Iowa Annual Conference session to allow the Iowa United Methodist Foundation to hold its annual meeting. At the conclusion of business of the Foundation, the Annual Conference will reconvene. Rev. Amy Johnson seconded. Adopted.
29. FOUNDATION. Foundation report by Rev. Dr. Katharine Yarnell. New board members elected were Sandy Ley & Rev. Michael Fillmore.
30. MOTION. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson moved we adopt the foundation report. Approved.
31. MOTION. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson moved we adjourn the Iowa United Methodist Foundation Annual Meeting and reconvene the Iowa Annual Conference Session. Amanda Thompson seconded. Adopted.
32. GENERAL CONFERENCE/JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION REPORT by Rev. Katie Dawson & John Rothlisberger, Chairs of the Delegation.
33. EZEKIEL TEAM REPORT. Rev. Ron Carlson
34. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION & CAMPUS MINISTRY REPORT. Bishop Laurie Haller.
35. PRAYER. Pastor Fred Bryson
36. BREAK
37. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
38. PRAYER. Rev. Kayla Lange-Carney
39. AGENDA UPDATE. Chair of Business and Agenda, Brian Oliver.
40. LEGISLATIVE ACTION.
  - 40.1. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved action item 101.
  - 40.2. MOTION. Rev. Carolyn Bitner. Action Item 101 page 20, Line 19&20: Restore sentence with addition. Shall recommend to the annual conference the location of the conference session at least two years in advance when feasible. Adopted.
  - 40.3. Vote on Action Item 101 as amended. Adopted.
41. LEGISLATIVE ACTION.
  - 41.1. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved action item 701.
  - 41.2. Adopted
42. MOTION. Rev. Lee Schott. Motion to reconsider Action Item 211. Seconded by Rev. Katie Dawson. Adopted.
43. LEGISLATIVE ACTION.
  - 43.1. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved action item 702.
  - 43.2. Adopted.
44. LEGISLATIVE ACTION.
  - 44.1. Rev. LaTonya Calderon moved action item 703.  
Adopted.
45. Break

46. MOTION. Rev. Lee Schott Motion to table item 211. Adopted.
47. MONITORING REPORT. Rita Carter 63 speakers, 42% male, 58% female; 55% clergy, 44% laity; 14 % BIPOC; 1 youth presenter.
48. ANNOUNCEMENT. Bishop Laurie. The Retirement Service will be shown at 5 p.m.
49. PRAYER. Rev. Matthew German.
50. EVENING RECESS.

**Legislative Session  
Sunday - June 6, 2021  
Zoom Webinar**

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Laurie Haller.
2. REPORT. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order of Deacons.
3. REPORT. AntiRacism Leadership Team.
4. DIRECTOR OF CLERGY & LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE REPORT. By Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck, announced that Rev. LaTonya Calderon is appointed Part-time as the Associate Director of Clergy and Leadership Excellence starting July 1.
5. OFFERING. Black and Immigrant Communities of Faith.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nitza Dovenspike, Conference Secretary.
7. MOTION. Rev. David Peterson moved to recess the 2021 Session of the Iowa Annual Conference to convene the Board of Pensions. Adopted.
8. BOARD OF PENSION REPORT. Rev. David Peterson, Chairperson of Board of Pensions.
9. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Rev. David Peterson moved Action Item #601. Adopted.
10. MOTION. Rev. David Peterson moved to adjourn the Board of Pension session and reconvene 2021 Iowa Annual Conference. Adopted.
11. PRAYER. Pastor Dani Musselman.
12. BREAK
13. PRAYER. Mary Baker.
14. ANNOUNCEMENT. Bishop Laurie Haller made a correction to BHECM report. University of Iowa Wesley Foundation was omitted.
15. AGENDA UPDATE. Chair of Business and Agenda, Rev. Brian Oliver.
16. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Rev. Brian Oliver moved to remove from table Action item 211. Adopted.
17. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Rev. Lee Schott moved to amend Action Item #211. Adopted.
18. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Rev. Katie Dawson moved action item #803. Ruled out of order.
19. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Angela Hansen-Abbas moved to amend #802. Set aside due to time limitations.
20. BREAK
21. AGENDA UPDATE. Chair of Business and Agenda, Rev. Brian Oliver
22. LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Pastor Laurel Capesius motion to extend working legislative time by 30 minutes. Failed.
23. MONITORING REPORT. By Rita Carter, 46 speakers, 35% male, 43% female; 17% BIPOC, 73% Clergy 22% Laity.
24. FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS. Bishop Laurie Haller.



## 25. CLOSED CHURCHES.

- 25.1 Rev. Ron Carlson, District Superintendent of Northwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of the Alexander Community United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Alexander, Community United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Alexander, Community United Methodist Church located in Franklin County was founded in 1888 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Alexander, Community United Methodist Church voted on November 21, 2019, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Alexander, Community United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Dows 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 Alexander, Community United Methodist Church be closed effective August 31, 2020, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.2 Rev. Ron Carlson, District Superintendent Northwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of Hartley United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Hartley United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Hartley United Methodist Church located in O'Brien County was founded in 1880 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Hartley United Methodist Church voted on August 17, 2020, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Hartley United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Sanborn 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 Hartley United Methodist Church be closed effective August 29, 2020, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.3 Rev. Ron Carlson, District Superintendent Northwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of the Williams United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Williams United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Williams United Methodist Church located in Hamilton County was founded in 1877, and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Williams United Methodist Church voted on June 22, 2020, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Williams United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Webster City, Faith 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 Williams United Methodist Church be closed effective November 1, 2020, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted

- 25.4 Rev. Melissa Drake, District Superintendent Southwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of the Greenbrier United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Greenbrier United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Greenbrier United Methodist Church located in Greene County was founded in 1892 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Greenbrier United Methodist Church voted on August 31, 2020, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Greenbrier United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Jefferson, First 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 Greenbrier United Methodist Church be closed effective June 1, 2021, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.5 Rev. Melissa Drake, District Superintendent Southwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of the Mackey United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Mackey United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Mackey United Methodist Church located in Boone County was founded in 1855 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Mackey United Methodist Church voted on September 2, 2020, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Mackey United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Boone, Marion Street 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 Mackey United Methodist Church be closed effective October 4, 2020, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.6 Rev. Melissa Drake, District Superintendent Southwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of the Murray United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Murray United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Murray United Methodist Church located in Clarke County was founded in 1873 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Murray United Methodist Church voted on October 2, 2019, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Murray United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Osceola 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 Murray United Methodist Church be closed effective September 28, 2020, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.7 Rev. Melissa Drake, District Superintendent Southwest District, presented the resolution for the closing of the Van Wert United Methodist Church.

Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Van Wert United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Van Wert United Methodist Church located in Decatur County was founded in 1856 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Van Wert United Methodist Church voted on April 27, 2021, to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Van Wert United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Leon, Loving Chapel 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 Van Wert United Methodist Church be closed effective July 1, 2021, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.8 Rev. Dr. Heecheon Jeon, District Superintendent Central District, presented the resolution for the discontinuance of the ministry of Thrive United Methodist Church.

A Resolution for the Discontinuance of the Ministry of the Thrive United Methodist Church (An Un-chartered Congregation)

**WHEREAS** the Thrive United Methodist Church located in Polk County began in 2013 with the partnership of the Ankeny United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS** the leadership team of the Thrive United Methodist Church voted on October 21, 2020 to discontinue the ministry; and

**WHEREAS** the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the financial assets be transferred equally to the Trinity Las Americas United Methodist Church and Bidwell Riverside; and

**WHEREAS** the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ministry of the Thrive United Methodist Church be discontinued effective November 15, 2020 and that the assets shall be transferred equally to Trinity Las Americas and Bidwell Riverside.

Resolution Adopted.

- 25.9 Rev. Paul Wilcox, District Superintendent, on behalf of Rev. Moody Colorado, District Superintendent Northeast District, presented the resolution for the Closing of the Raymond United Methodist Church.

Property Matter - A Resolution for the Closing of the Raymond United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS** the Raymond United Methodist Church located in Black Hawk County was founded in 1869 and has a long and proud history; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Raymond United Methodist Church voted on May 16, 2021 to close the church; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the closing of the Raymond United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Waterloo, Kimball Avenue 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 Raymond United Methodist Church be closed effective July 1, 2021, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Resolution Adopted.

25.10 Rev. Paul Wilcox, District Superintendent, on behalf of Rev. Moody Colorado, District Superintendent Northeast District, presented the resolution for the Dissolution of the Living Faith Parish (Monona-Giard-McGregor).

Property Matter - A Resolution for the Dissolution of the Living Faith Parish (Monona-Giard-McGregor)

**WHEREAS** the Living Faith Parish (Monona-Giard-McGregor) located in Clayton County was founded in 2004 and has had a strong impact and ministry; and

**WHEREAS** the church conference of the Living Faith Parish (Monona-Giard-McGregor) voted on February 21, 2021 to dissolve the parish; and

**WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the dissolution of the Living Faith Parish (Monona-Giard-McGregor) and transfer of membership to The Monona and Giard United Methodist Churches; and

**WHEREAS** the superintendent, in consultation with the District Board of Church Location and Building, and vote of the Charge Conference, the property and assets be transferred to the Monona and Giard United Methodist Churches upon their organization and charter; and

**WHEREAS** the McGregor site voted not to reorganize and charter, the superintendent, in consultation with the District Board of Church Location and Building and the remaining members has recommended to the Conference Board of Trustees that the property be transferred to The McGregor Historical Society;

**WHEREAS** the consent to dissolve 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 Living Faith Parish (Monona-Giard-McGregor) be dissolved effective July 1, 2021, and the property be transferred to The Monona United Methodist Church, The Giard United Methodist Church, and the Conference Board of Trustees.

Resolution Adopted.

26. PRAYER. Bishop Laurie Haller led a prayer for closed churches.

27. NOMINATIONS. Final nominations ballot. Adopted.

28. FINAL BUDGET. Adopted.

29. RECONCILING MOTION. Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie moved that the Iowa 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 2021 Iowa Annual Conference Journal. Adopted.

30. CLOSING REMARKS. Bishop Haller brought closing announcements, acknowledgements, and personal remarks.

31. ADJOURNMENT. Rev. Brian Oliver moved adjournment. The Iowa Annual Conference adjourned at 5:18 pm.

32. REGISTRATION. 725 members attended.


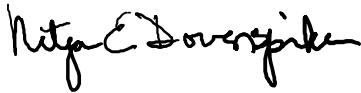
**Offerings and attestation**

1. OFFERINGS.

Clergy Assistance Fund	\$3,953.88
Disaster Relief Ministries	\$1,972.00
Black and Immigrant Communities of Faith	\$2,164.00

2. ASSOCIATE SECRETARIES. Patty King and Lisa Steel assisted in the preparation of these Daily Proceedings.

3. ATTEST OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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

**CERTIFICATION OF ORDINATION**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT ANKENY, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**IN ANKENY, IOWA**

**ON THE 10th DAY OF JULY, 2021, I ORDAINED:**

**ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION**

**Christopher Eric Childs**

**Lucas Stephen Richard Fillmore**

**Jennifer Lynn Hibben**

**Mark Richard Johnson**

**Jaeseong Lee**

**Ryan Mohan Russell**

**Trevor Joe Vaughn**

**Brian Edward Williams**

**Signed,**

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**Bishop Laurie Haller**

### Elders in Full Connection

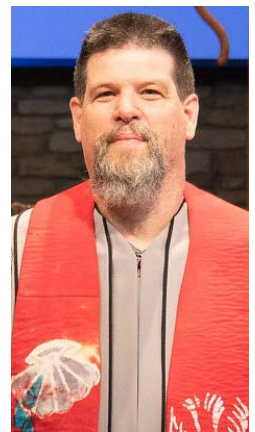


L to R: Lucas Stephen Richard Fillmore, Brian E. Williams, Jaeseong Lee, Trevor J. Vaughn, Jennifer L. Hibben, Mark R. Johnson, Ryan M. Russell, Christopher E. Childs

### Recognition at the Service of Ordering



Left Photo: Commissioned Deaconess Irene DeMaris.



Right Photo: Elder Transferring Membership from Other Annual Conference Brian L. Channel.



Comissioned as Provisional Elders  
Lana K. Williams & LeAnn D. Robine



Course of Study Graduates  
Joyce A. Proctor & Linda K. Morris