

**FOURTH DAY  
Saturday, June 9, 2018**

**MORNING SESSION**

**ORDER** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 8:05 AM.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR** - Kellie Wild, Secretarial Staff, announced that there was a correction in the vote count for RS502. It should have been recorded as 97-0-1. Wild announced that as of 7:45 PM on Friday, RS103 had been removed from the Consent Calendar (Daily Journal pages 623-626). She then moved for the adoption of the consent calendar as corrected. The motion carried (605-21).

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** - Mark Goswick, Secretarial Staff, moved the adoption of the minutes for Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's proceedings (Daily Journal pages 613-634). The motion carried (675-10). Goswick also moved that the Conference adopt in advance the minutes for the Saturday. The motion carried (657-34).

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: GREENSBURG DISTRICT** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Patricia M. Nelson, Superintendent, to come to the platform. She and Paul Huey, District Lay Leader, then read the new appointments to the District while all current District pastors welcomed and greeted each other. Sharon Gregory, Conference Lay Leader, offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Greensburg District.

**ANTI-RACISM MINISTRY TEAM III** - Sara Roncolato, team member, called Conference to give attention to a resource sheet entitled "Equipping the Saints to Confront Racism." It contains suggestions for books, Bible or video studies, online resources, and other resources which can be used by local churches in their work in trying to eliminate racism.

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS** - Tom Parkinson and Dara Sterling spoke about the movement toward becoming more proactive in the health care of pastors within the conference. For the first time in years, our health care claims have decreased over the past two years. Parkinson announced that this year's wellness champion is Becky Edwards. The Conference Board of Pensions and UPMC has agreed to a rate increase cap of 6% in 2019. Parkinson then outlined some of the benefits that are available in the pension plan for pastors. There will be a pre-retirement seminar on October 24 and 25 at the Cranberry Twp. Marriott. Parkinson extended gratitude to Larry Bridge for his past work and support to the Board of Pensions. He also extended gratitude to Roger White for the guidance that he has already given to the Board of Pensions.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: FRANKLIN DISTRICT** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Jodie Barron Smith, Superintendent, to come to the platform. She and Barbara Port, District Lay Leader, then read the new appointments to the District while all current District pastors welcomed and greeted each other. Bishop Moore-Koikoi offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Franklin District.

**WESTERN PA NICARAGUA PARTNERSHIP** - David Stains speaking on behalf of Richard Schall, introduced a video regarding the danger associated to indoor cooking over fires and the development of a stove for families to use instead of cooking over an open fire. At Stoveteam International, one can purchase a stove to give to a family. Stains continued to talk about the ministry that is occurring through the Western PA partnership with Nicaragua. He then introduced Richard Mrocza, volunteer lay conference missionary, who spoke about the needs because of the recent violence in Nicaragua.

**JOINT STAFF REPORT** - The Conference Staff shared a presentation entitled “There’s a Staff for That, 2.0”. This is a “User friendly, content driven, less static and more dynamic” version of last year’s presentation. The Conference Staff told stories about how they are able to work with local churches in developing and strengthening their ministries.

**LEADERSHIP RECRUITMENT & NOMINATION TEAM** - Larry Dunn, Chair, presented the Leadership Recruitment & Nomination report found on Daily Journal pages 504-529. The report was APPROVED (728-16).

**COMMITTEE ON THE EPISCOPACY** - Karen Trask, Chair, and the committee expressed appreciation to Bishop Moore-Koikoi for all the work she does for the Annual Conference. She then presented a gift of a black and silver grill to Bishop Moore-Koikoi and Raphael Koikoi.

Koikoi was granted a moment of privilege to expressed his appreciation to the committee for their love, care, and hospitality as they were welcomed into Western Pennsylvania.

**WESLEY SEMINARY** - Tim Hoover representing Wesley Seminary shared a video about the school and the educational opportunities it offers to those who are preparing for ministry.

**CLOSING CHURCHES** - Several members of the cabinet led the Conference in a Litany of Discontinuance for those churches that have closed during the past year: Dubois Trinity UMC, East Connellsville UMC, Scottdale Mount Nebo UMC, Torrance UMC.

**CLERGY COMMUNITIES** - Susan Moudry asked the conference to view a video about Clergy Communities. Following the video, Moudry encouraged all pastors to be involved in a Clergy Community of Care.

**YOUNG ADULT COUNCIL** - Sydney Widdersheim talked about the need for and the rebirth of the Young Adult Council. She outlined some the council’s current plans.

**UMC 50th ANNIVERSARY** - A video that celebrates the 50th anniversary of The United Methodist Church was presented.

**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS** - Sandra Matoushaya introduced the current and the past Global Partnerships that we have with God's children in: Columbia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, East Germany, Russia, Nicaragua, Uganda, Korea, Zimbabwe, and most recently Fiji. She then shared a video about Global Partnerships.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Joseph W. Patterson, Superintendent, to come to the platform. He, Dennis Swineford, incoming Superintendent, Donald Blystone, District Lay Leader, and Gail Fees, incoming District Lay Leader, then read the new appointments to the District while all current District pastors welcomed and greeted each other. Sharon Gregory offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Erie-Meadville District.

**CALL TO ACTION** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi asked the body to affirm and commit to report that begins on page 201 of the Pre-Conference Journal. She then called for a vote of support for report. It was AFFIRMED (644-68).

**RS103 SEXUAL HARASSMENT** - Dan Miller representing Section One moved concurrence of the petition as amended (55-3-0).

Suzanne Richey moved to amend to delete Resolution F on page 409. Following discussion, the motion to delete was APPROVED (573-199)

Following discussion and prayer, the motion for concurrence was APPROVED as amended by the section and Richey (729-74).

**RS104 PROTECTING THE CHILDREN** - Jane Davis representing Section One moved concurrence of the petition (71-32-7).

Following discussion and prayer, the motion for concurrence was APPROVED (497-304).

**RS105 CHILD INCARCERATION** - Les Hutchins representing Section One moved concurrence of the petition (68-25-9).

Following discussion and prayer, on a sustained call for the previous question by Tom Strandburg, the motion for concurrence was APPROVED (573-207).

**CLOSING COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Following some closing announcements and prayer by Bishop Moore-Koikoi, the conference was in recess until the Memorial Service at 1:30 PM.

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

**MINISTERS' CHOIR CONCERT** -- At 1:00 PM, the Ministers Choir shared several songs with the gathering body.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** - The Conference reconvened for the Memorial Service at 1:30 PM. Calvin Cook shared God's word in a sermon entitled "Humbled by the Presence", using I Thessalonians 5:12-22 as the scripture text. Dawn Lynn Check read the role of the honored dead: Active Clergy: Bruce Northy, Randall Roda. Retired Clergy: James

Devorik, John Fleischman, Sandra Jordan, Richard Gay, Juan Alberto Pons Perez, Mildred Monticue, Everett Woodcock, Joan Rousseaux, Charles F. Remaley Jr., Ralph Landis, Ralph Kenneth Keiper, Alexander Stewart Jr., Gerald H. Miller, William Brown, Wilbur Larsen, William Schmeling, Fay Barca, Jay Shaffer, Richard Sanford, W. Craig Smith, Ray Gnagey, Earl Killian, Mearle H. Jay, S. James Schmittle Sr., James Kramer, Jackson Parsons Sr., Clergy Spouses: Gwenda Slack, Dennis Kohlmeyer, Henrietta Hoffman, David L. Jones, Kathryn S. White, Hope Henry, Carol Chitester, Goldye Getschman, Janet Boor, Joyce Hess, Alcinda Goodin, Mary Ammon, Shirley Hauck, Doris Myers, Helen Wright, Lois Dunn. Laity: Sandra E. Roxbury, Cherie Beatty Palmer, Dennis Blank, Katherine "Katie" Parish. Certified Lay Ministry: Doreen Griffith. Others: Allen Brady. Also participating in the service were the Conference Praise Band, Steve Morris, Autumn Hunkele, John Ciampa, Mary Page, Drew Harvey, Wellington Chiomadzi, Hae-Seon Lee, and Tara Park.

**ORDER** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 3:39 PM. She reported that the Bishop's Discretionary Fund received an offering of \$5,261 and the Deeply Rooted Upward Reaching initiative received an offering of \$5,631.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE AWARDS RECOGNITION** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi commented on the various awards that were given around the conference. A video was shown of all of this year's award winners.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Robert F. Zilhaver, Superintendent, to come to the platform. He and Wanda Ross, District Lay Leader, then read the new appointments to the District while all current District pastors welcomed and greeted each other. Sharon Gregory offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Connellsville District.

**COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** - Seth McClymonds expressed a word of hope from the Council of Finance and Administration. He also expressed gratitude for the work that we have done to resource the ministries of the Annual Conference.

The CPA firm of McCall Scanlon & Tice, LLC has reported that they have not identified any audit issues to date. This is a testimony to the hard work of Larry Bridge, Roger White, Jervais Carr, Holly Sawyer, Ben Hersch, Sue Browne, and Kerry Cantner.

**RS401 FUNDING FOR MINISTRY FOR 2019** - Steve Morris representing Section Four moved concurrence of the petition on page 420 (89-2-0). Seth McClymonds offered a prayer and the motion for concurrence from the section was adopted (521-34).

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: BUTLER DISTRICT** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Joel S. Garrett, Superintendent, to come to the platform. He, Eric Park, incoming Superintendent, and Jerry Rectenwald, District Lay Leader, then read the new appointments to the District while all current District pastors welcomed and greeted each other. Bishop Moore-Koikoi offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Butler District.

**RECOGNITION & PRAYERS FOR ALL PASTORS** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi,

reminded the body that there is not a bad appointment. Anywhere that God is, it is a good appointment. Her prayer is that every pastor will approach their appointment like it is a blessing from God. Her prayer is also that every church will receive their pastor like they are a blessing from God. Bishop Moore-Koikoi offered a prayer for all pastors.

**COSROW MONITORING REPORT** - Angel Rishell, Chair, presented the COSROW report for this session of Annual Conference. She explained to the Conference some of the changes that has been made in the Commission. She gave some of the statistics from the legislative sections and expressed that COSROW is pleased, but there is still work to be done. In plenary sessions, the split of speakers and ethnicity was encouraging.

**CLOSING COMMENTS** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi expressed gratitude to Vicki Stahlman and the entire Sessions Committee. She also expressed gratitude to the safety team, the youth, the tellers, the secretarial staff, the floor managers, the praise team, Amy Wagner & Kevin Haley, Lance Tucker & Jonathan Bell, Sharon Gregory, and Raphael. Bill Patrick gave some closing instructions to the body.

**CLOSING WORSHIP** - The Conference paused for a moment of worship through songs, prayers, and a commitment to Christian service.

**ADJOURNMENT** -- With no further business to come before the body, the Conference was adjourned at 4:45 PM.