IV. Daily Proceedings

REACHING HIGHER

FIRST DAY

Thursday, June 11, 2015

CLERGY SESSION

ORDER – Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton called the clergy session to order at 9:34 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Bishop Bickerton invited the assembly to begin with a time of worship.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Received on motion of Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, according to ¶322. Wade S. Barto.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING – Received on motion of Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, according to ¶324.4 a, c or 324.5: Provisional Elders: D. Andrew “Drew” Bell Jr., John D. Mize, Benjamin A. Phipps, Jack L. Tickle III.

FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ELDER’S ORDERS – Received on motion of Wade Berkey, according to ¶335: Alison M. Berkey.

FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ELDER’S ORDERS – Received on motion of Dennis Henley, according to ¶335: Gary L. Hilton.

FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ELDER’S ORDERS – Received on motion of David Henderson, according to ¶335: Anthony R. C. Hita.

FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ELDER’S ORDERS – Received on motion of Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, according to ¶335: Scott A. Shaffer.

PASTORS FROM OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES APPROVED FOR APPOINTMENT IN OUR CONFERENCE WHILE RETAINING THEIR CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP – Terry G. Shaffer, secretary of the Board of Ordained Ministry, reported, according to ¶331.8 & ¶346.1: name (credentials, annual conference membership): David S. Dempsey (RE, from Upper New York AC), Arnold G. Husk (RE, from West Virginia AC), Jay C. Sowers III (FD, from Missouri AC), Carole J.
CLERGY FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS – Terry G. Shaffer, secretary of the Board of Ordained Ministry, reported, according to ¶331.8 & ¶346.2: name (credentialing denomination): Denise R. Mason (United Church of Christ).

AFFILIATE MEMBERS IN ANOTHER UM ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Terry G. Shaffer, secretary of the Board of Ordained Ministry, reported, according to ¶334.5 & ¶344.4, without vote: Jane Ellen Nickell (West Virginia AC).


RECEIVED FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS – Terry G. Shaffer, secretary of the Board of Ordained Ministry, reported: those received from other denominations as Local Pastors (¶347.2), Adam J. Stump, Darryl S. Lockie.

OUR COMMUNITY LIFE TOGETHER – Bishop Bickerton read 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 and shared the Scripture’s sense of awe and hope for those who love and serve our God. “…’No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him’-- but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”


LEAVE OF ABSENCE, VOLUNTARY – Granted on motion of Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶354.2.a, 354.3: Michael A. Pacelli III (FD) 1st year (effective 12/31/2014), S. Bruce Mould (FE) 4th year, D. Lynn Yeso (FE) 4th year, Stephen A. Tiffany (FE) 5th year, Ronald E. Thomas (FE) 15th year, David R. Lewis (FE) 17th year, Gordon Barry Davis (FE) 21st year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, VOLUNTARY - Granted on motion of Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶354.2a.3, Ronald E. Thomas, David R. Lewis, and Gordon Barry Davis were allowed to continue with his present conference relationship. According to ¶354.2a 3, Barbara A. Turpish and Deborah A. Ackley-Killian were allowed to continue with their present relationship.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, TRANSITIONAL – Granted on motion of Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶354.2.c: Penelope F. Lyon (FE) 2nd year, Debra L. Pisor (FD) 2nd year, Beth A. Cooper (FE) 1st year, Kathleen M. Clark (FE) 1st year.

VOLUNTARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE SINCE THE LAST SESSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE -- Michael A. Pacelli III was placed on a leave of absence on December 31, 2014.

RETURN TO ACTIVE STATUS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Granted on motion of Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶354.11: name (credentials, date of return): William M. Pieringer (FE, 10/1/2014).

LESS THAN FULL TIME SERVICE – Approved on motion of Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶338.2, ¶342.2, ¶1506.4b: name (credential, fraction of full time service, year # of less than full time service): Willard C. Adkins (AM, ¼ time, year 13), Kenneth L. Bossart (FE, ¼ time, year 6), Emily A. Byrd (FE, ½ time, year 5), Ralph P. Cotten (FE, ¼ time, year 5), Harold J. Dangel (AM, ½ time, year 5), Todd M. Davis (FE, ½ time, year 8), Sharon M. Hamley (FE, ½ time, year 7), J. Mark Hurst (FE, ¼ time, year 8).
11), Tina G. Keller (FE, ½ time, year 7), In Ki Lee (FE, ½ time, year 4), Darlene K. Ryniec (AM, ½ time, year 10), John R. Wilson (FE, ¾ time, year 22), Joe K. Samalenge (FE, ¼ time, year 2), Cynthia K. Schneider (FE, ¼ time, year 2), Thomas V. Chacko (FE, ¼ time, year 1).

APPOINTED TO SERVE IN OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES – Terry G. Shaffer reported, according to ¶331.8 and ¶346: name (credentials, conference where appointed): Tracey L. Henderson (FD, West Ohio), Gary W. Jones (FD, East Ohio), Ralph P. Cotten (FE, Florida), Richard O. Feagin (FE, Pacific Northwest), Brittany L. Wooten (PE, East Ohio AC), Timothy C. McConville (FE, Alaska Missionary Conference).

CLERGY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES – Terry G. Shaffer reported, according to ¶416.5: name (credentials, conference where transferred): Jason E. Schweinberg (FE, North Carolina), Jeffrey T. St. Clair (FE, Florida).

MEDICAL LEAVE – Terry G. Shaffer reported, according to ¶357: name (credentials, date of medical leave): Raymond H. Beal, Jr. (FE, 07/01/2007), LaMar E. Carlson (FE, 12/31/2008), Mark A. DeBaise (FE, 03/01/1996), Shawn L. Goodwin (without benefit) (FE, 05/01/2012), Debra Anne Groeger (FE, 02/01/1997), Floyd A. Hall (FE, 07/01/2007), Connie B. Hoeke (without benefit) (FE, 07/01/2000), Austin P. Hornyak (FE, 05/01/2012), Earl C. Killian II (FE, 03/01/1997), Bonnie Tyack Friend King (FE, 07/01/2006), John V. King (FE, 07/01/2007), David K. Means (FE, 12/01/2012), Thomas J. Michalko (FE, 03/16/2007), Stanley D. Nixon (AM, 02/01/2005), Bruce K. Northey (FE, 01/31/2013), Kenneth J. Peters (FE, 01/31/2007), Randall R. Roda (FE, 03/01/2005), Thomas F. St. Clair (FE, 11/01/2009), Susan E. Sphar-Calhoun (FE, 11/23/2009).

LOCAL PASTORS, DISCONTINUED -- On motion of Jeffrey D. Sterling, chair of Board of Ordained Ministry, according to ¶320.1: Jackie L. Condon, Marjorie L. Kiefer, Daniel J. Mealy, Aaron P. Trincia.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ORDAINED MINISTERIAL OFFICE -- On motion of Jeffrey D. Sterling, according to ¶361.2, .4: name (effective date): J. LaVon Kincaid Sr. (12/01/2014), Brett A. Probert (11/04/2014), Vicki L. Oliver (03/28/2015).

RETIREMENTS: ELDERS -- On motion of David D. Janz, according to ¶358: name, ¶, (years of service) effective date: Daniel O. Aleshire, ¶358.2c (17) July 1, 2015; Audrey J. Bell, ¶358.2c (26) 7/1/2015; David A. Bell, ¶358.2c (26) 7/1/2015; Linda B.
RETIREMENTS: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – On motion of David D. Janz, according to ¶358: name, ¶, (years of service) effective date: Alice M. McClymonds, ¶358.2b (24) 7/1/2015; Stephen C. Moore, ¶358.2c (18) 7/1/2015.

RETIREMENTS: LOCAL PASTORS – On motion of David D. Janz, according to ¶358: name, ¶, (years of service) effective date: Roy W. Butt, ¶358.1 (13) 7/1/2015; Y. Hope Cummins, ¶358.1 (2) 7/1/2015; Ardyth E. Hill, ¶358.1 (12) 9/30/2014; Daniel R. Myers, ¶358.2b (15) 7/1/2015; Bonnie L. King, ¶358.1 (10) 10/1/2014.

DECEASED MEMBERS – Terry G. Shaffer, secretary of the Board of Ordained Ministry, highlighted those clergy who have died since Annual Conference 2014. A full listing is included in the Memorial Service liturgy.

PENSION CREDIT REPORT – Gary L. Grau “God is good! All the time! And God has been good to your conference board of pensions and benefits.” On motion of Gary L. Grau, representing the Conference Board of Pensions, granting pension credit for the following: John Edward Donley, 1/1/1960-6/12/1965 change to FLP. Carried.

COMPREHENSIVE MOTION – On motion of Jeffrey D. Sterling, members of the Clergy Session approved a comprehensive motion to receive and approve the report of the Board of the Ordained Ministry.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION -- Bishop Bickerton shared that the 2012 Book of Discipline had removed the Committee on Investigation at the Annual Conference level. However, in a recent decision, the Judicial Council ruled that action out of order and charged the Bishops with reconstituting the committees in each annual conference. With that announcement, the Bishop nominated, and the body elected, the following Committee on Investigation: Clergy members: Tom Strandburg, Renee Mikell, Scott Gallagher, Eric Park. Lay members: Larry Beatty, Donna Doult, Bill Patrick. Clergy alternates: Joan Reasinger, Jay Sterling, Nancy Shute. Lay alternates: Michael Corner, Pat Pritchett, Tim Rigby.
APPROVAL OF CHARACTER OF PASTORS – Each of the District Superintendents highlighted the good work being done by pastors in their districts. They further affirmed that there are no Disciplinary charges pending against any of the pastors.

APPROVAL OF CHARACTER OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS – Bishop Bickerton affirmed each of the Superintendent’s character and integrity. He then personally thanked them for the hard work and continuing collegiality they share as they minister together as a cabinet.

FIRST CLERGY BALLOT – At 10:45 a.m., John R. Wilson, Conference Secretary prepared the members to cast the first ballot for General Conference clergy delegates. The members cast their ballots and the Bishop declared the ballot closed at 11:21 a.m.

EPISCOPAL COMMENTS – Bishop Bickerton shared concerns about uninvited intrusions of pastors returning to previous charges. The expected protocols the pastors are to keep in mind is that they must be invited to return to former pastorates. Emphasizing the fluidity of the pastoral call, when a pastor is moved to a new community he or she is expected to be on call and available for the new community and not the former community. It is not appropriate, he clarified, to make arrangements to return to former churches for baptisms, weddings, funerals, or other pastoral ministry. There are exceptions when the current pastor of a former church invites the former minister to return for a specific reason.

RECESS – Following a reaffirmation of our covenant prayer and a hymn, the Clergy Session adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

OPENING WORSHIP - At 1:00 p.m., Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton led the opening worship service centered on the theme “Reaching Higher.” Bishop Bickerton introduced Mike McCurry from the Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference. McCurry spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee of The United Methodist Church’s Global Health Initiative. He thanked and praised the Annual Conference for not only pledging $1.8 million, but also for actually raising $2.1 million for this project. As a denomination, we have reached 88% of our $75 million goal ($67 million). Greg Cox responded to McCurry’s address of gratitude and challenged the Annual Conference to give once again to this cause. An offering of $91,059.53 was received for Imagine No More Malaria.
Bickerton brought God’s word to the body, based on Colossians 3:1-17, entitled “Leading from Within”. Bickerton stated, “A leader that leads from within takes their lead from Christ and nurtures a relationship with Christ that strengthens the thread of faith and constantly acknowledges that this relationship with Jesus is a new way of living and a new way of leading.” The sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated by the body.

**LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS** -- Following worship, the Annual Conference divided into legislative sections.

**EVENING SESSION**

**ORDER** – Following legislative sections and dinner, Bishop Bickerton called the conference to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER** – At the invitation of the Bishop, Rich Pearson led the conference in prayer.

**HOLY CONFERENCING** – The Bishop drew the gathering’s attention to the “Guidelines for Holy Conferencing – What God Expects of Us” printed in the pre-conference journal. As we work together to do the business of the Annual Conference, we are still expected to treat each other respectfully and graciously, which is the same way we would treat Jesus.

**SESSIONS COMMITTEE** – Vicki Stahlman, chair of the Conference Sessions Committee, highlighted logistical information to make the week more pleasant for all.

**BAR OF THE CONFERENCE** -- John R. Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that the bar of the conference be set to include “those who are seated at the tables.” APPROVED.

**ROLL CALL** -- John Wilson guided members through the completion of the attendance and seating cards. Laity: 653 in attendance, Clergy: 534 in attendance, 66 excused. TOTAL 1,253.

**ELECTION OF TELLERS** -- John Wilson presented the tellers listed on page 11 of the pre-conference journal. Head teller selected: Daryl Mains. All tellers were duly elected by the body.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Alan Morrison, Agenda Coordinator, moved for the setting of our published agenda. APPROVED.

CONFERENCE RULES – Amy Bentz, Conference Chancellor, reported that there was late legislation submitted this year. In order for the late legislation to be considered in plenary, the body waived Conference rule 2.3.8.1.1. APPROVED.

FIRST LAITY BALLOT -- In preparation for the balloting and election of delegates, Bishop Bickerton explained the voting procedure and the importance of discerning God’s will in this process. John Wilson prepared the lay members for the Laity Ballot. Laity may vote for these or write in other nominees on the first ballot. Ballot started at 7:35. Ballot closed at 7:50 p.m.

RESULTS OF FIRST CLERGY BALLOT – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, reported that there were 278 clergy ballots cast. 220 were valid, 58 were invalid. 111 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were no delegates elected.

SECOND CLERGY BALLOT – At 7:55 p.m., ballots were distributed and clergy voted for delegates. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 8:10 p.m.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT – Bishop Bickerton and Greg Cox shared the successful ways that ministry is happening in Western Pennsylvania. Along the way, he introduced many of his partners at the conference level: Superintendents, Director of Connectional Ministries, conference staff personnel, and, ultimately, the local churches of the conference with their laity and clergy. Bishop Bickerton reminded the body that, “I think you were made for tonight. I think you were made for this time. This is our opportunity to take a slice out of life and offer it to God in faithful service.”

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: CABINET – Bishop Bickerton formally introduced the cabinet members for the 2015-2016 ministry year, including Allan Brooks, who will become the Franklin District Superintendent.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT – The Bishop invited George and Kathleen Porter to join him on stage as he honored them and their time of service in the Franklin District and as a member of the cabinet. Porter was given an opportunity to address the body.

PRAYER & RECESS – Bishop Bickerton offered some closing remarks and a closing prayer. At 8:55 p.m., the Bishop declared a recess until Friday morning.
SECOND DAY  
Friday, June 12, 2015

MORNING SESSION

ORDER – Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton called the conference to order at 8:00 a.m. by leading the body in singing “This is the day.” He then recognized Eleanor Handler whom he believed to be the oldest member of this year’s Annual Conference. Handler is 95 years of age.

INTRODUCTION – Bishop Bickerton introduced Dr. Kevin M. Watson, the conference study leader. Watson is an assistant professor of Wesleyan and Methodist studies at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Dr. Watson is also author of Pursuing Social Holiness: The Band Meeting in Wesley’s Thought and Popular Methodist Practice.

STUDY – Dr. Watson’s address was on the Wesleyan concept of Christian Conferencing, or the more contemporary term of Holy Conferencing. Watson defined Christian conferencing in terms of asking “how is it with your soul?” which opens a discussion about your personal journey with Jesus. Christian Conferencing is not meant to be an informational Bible study nor an exercise in producing shame and guilt. Instead, it invites people into a relationship with each other through a discussion of their personal relationship with Jesus. Watson’s study session challenged the conference to see the danger of an isolated search for holiness. Additionally, he challenged the conference to grow in small ways, with small groups, to develop a larger sustainable growth and connection to the grace of God.

ORDER – Bishop Bickerton called the conference to order at 9:07 a.m.

RESULTS OF FIRST LAITY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 619 laity ballots were cast, 79 were invalid, 271 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were no elections.

SECOND LAITY BALLOT – At 9:17, following prayer by Greg Spencer, the Laity cast their second ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 9:34 a.m.

RESULTS OF SECOND CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 357 clergy votes were cast, 8 were invalid. 175 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: Eric S. Park.
THIRD CLERGY BALLOT – At 9:39, following prayer by Wanda Ross, the clergy cast their third ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 9:48 a.m.

GREETING – Dr. Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College, greeted the members of the conference.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER OF THE BUTLER DISTRICT – Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Butler District while Joel Garrett, Superintendent, and all the Butler District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Bishop Bickerton introduced Kellie Wild, who presented the consent calendar.

KEYSTONE UNITED METHODIST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION -- Patty Columbe, C.E.O. and Treasurer of the Credit Union, informed members of the advantages of being a member of the credit union. She warned members about security concerns, online safety, and combatting identity theft. She also presented a check for $3,500 for New Church Starts.

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION – Ed Bailey, Foundation Director, described how the United Methodist Foundation helps churches fund various ministries through grants, endowments, capital projects, and investments.

COKESBURY – Cheryl Cotten, Community Resource Consultant, highlighted ways and resources to help local church ministries which are available through Cokesbury, Abingdon Press, The United Methodist Publishing House, and the Common English Bible.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER OF THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT – Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Connellsville District while Bill Blair, Superintendent, and all the Connellsville District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA – The Rev. Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister of Christian Associates, explained information about the ecumenical ministries we share. Members are directed to www.casp.org for more information.
UNITED METHODIST ADVOCACY – Bishop Bickerton introduced the members to the joint advocacy efforts of the three Pennsylvania Annual Conferences. This includes the recent hiring of Western PA United Methodist pastor, Dai Morgan, as the coordinator. Morgan was given the opportunity to share ways that United Methodists collectively can educate our elected representatives about our faith and our Social Principles.

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – Bishop Bickerton introduced Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach. She described how the PA Council of Churches has been able to work together for over 100 years for the cause of Christ.

RESULTS OF SECOND LAITY BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 594 laity ballots were cast, 13 were invalid, 291 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were three elections: Sharon Gregory, Nancy Denardo, and Rich Hoffman.

THIRD LAITY BALLOT – At 11:03 a.m., following prayer by Steve Marsh, the Laity cast their third ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 11:11 a.m.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE BICENTENNIAL – Bishop Bickerton introduced Dr. James H. Mullen, Jr., President of Allegheny College. Dr. Mullen shared how the relationship between Allegheny College and The United Methodist Church dates back to 1833 and has shaped the way the college looks even today. He also announced that Allegheny has started offering a 50% tuition discount for children of United Methodist clergy.

RESULTS OF THIRD CLERGY BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 333 clergy ballots were cast, 11 invalid, 162 were needed to elect a delegate. There were two elections: Robert F. Zilhaver and Alyce Weaver Dunn.

FOURTH CLERGY BALLOT – At 11:15 a.m., following prayer by Matt Williams, the Clergy cast their fourth ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 11:28 a.m.

RECESS – Bishop Bickerton called for a lunch recess at 11:30 a.m.
AFTERNOON

ORDER – Bishop Bickerton called the conference to order at 1:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING THE RETIRING CLASS OF 2015 – David Janz led the conference in recognizing this year’s retiring clergy and celebrating their ministries.

RESULTS OF FOURTH CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 296 clergy ballots were cast, 3 invalid, 147 were needed to elect a delegate. There were no elections.

FIFTH CLERGY BALLOT -- At 1:39 p.m., following prayer from Susan Urbassik, the clergy cast their fifth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 1:48 p.m.

RESULTS OF THIRD LAITY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 592 laity ballots were cast, 5 invalid, 294 were needed to elect a delegate. There were two elections: Paul Morelli and Diane Miller.

FOURTH LAITY BALLOT -- At 1:50 p.m., following prayer by Eric Park, the laity cast their fourth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 1:58 p.m.

LAITY ADDRESS – Sharon Gregory, Conference Lay Leader, shared the state of lay ministries in our conference and the Board of Laity’s efforts to strengthen our lay leadership in local churches, districts, and throughout the conference.

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE – Matthew Judd, chair, introduced the members of the committee who honored Bishop Bickerton and Sally with their words of appreciation and gifts. Bishop Bickerton then shared with the conference family updates.

RESULTS OF FIFTH CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 264 clergy ballots were cast, 0 invalid, 133 votes needed to elect a delegate. There were no elections.

SIXTH CLERGY BALLOT -- At 2:21 p.m., following prayer by Corona McKee, the clergy cast their fifth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 2:33 p.m.
UNSTOPPABLE – Denise-Nicole Stone, on behalf of United Methodist Women, shared about Unstoppable, a summer event geared toward mentoring young women ages 14-23 in leadership roles.

MISSION U – Michael Airgood invited the members of the conference to this year’s mission education event at California University of Pennsylvania.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – Diane Miller introduced Jodale Barnhart, Mission Ambassador to Central America. Barnhart shared some of her experiences during her trip.

STOP HUNGER NOW – Andrew Moser, Area Representative for Stop Hunger Now, challenged the members to help in this ministry. Conference members are invited to visit the Stop Hunger Now area to help package meals.

RESULTS OF FOURTH LAITY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 584 laity ballots were cast, 3 invalid, 291 were needed to elect a delegate. There were no elections.

FIFTH LAITY BALLOT -- At 2:50 p.m., following prayer by Bob Zilhaver, the laity cast their fifth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 3:00 p.m.

RESULTS OF SIXTH CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 318 clergy ballots were cast, 2 invalid, 159 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: Amy R. Wagner.

SEVENTH CLERGY BALLOT -- At 3:10 p.m., following prayer by Debra Webb, the clergy cast their seventh ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 3:17 p.m.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT – Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Erie-Meadville District while Joe Patterson, Superintendent, and all the Erie-Meadville District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

DISABILITY AWARENESS – Debbie Hills shared a video presentation entitled “To Hug or Not To Hug?” showing three people in our Annual Conference describing their struggle with neurological differences. Not all disabilities are visible.
GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES – David Johnson, missionary with Global Mission Fellows (US-2), shared about ways to engage in mission. He further challenged the members to look for ways to engage young adults in reaching out to their world. As churches we can be the prayer support for our many mission programs. He further encouraged the members to go out of their way to support campus ministries to college students, who are often rethinking and reevaluating their life’s direction and the role of faith in their lives.

BLACK COLLEGE FUND – Kadrien Wilson was introduced to the conference. Wilson is the 2015 Rising Senior from Bennett College (N.C.) and a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church. She congratulated and thanked the Annual Conference for their ongoing support of the Black College Fund and for our history of paying 100% of our apportioned monies to this fund.

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE – Heather Burch explained the group’s mandate to tackle racism, a missional priority. In addition to the programs provided by the task force, we need to go beyond mere head knowledge and actually create a culture of inclusiveness.

RESULTS OF FIFTH LAITY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 581 laity ballots were cast, 9 invalid, 287 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: Vicki J. Stahlman. This completes the General Conference laity delegation.

SIXTH LAITY BALLOT – At 3:40 p.m., following prayer by Alice Weaver Dunn, the laity cast their sixth vote; this time for Jurisdictional delegates. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 3:48 p.m.

RESULTS OF SEVENTH CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 300 clergy ballots were cast, 5 invalid, 148 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were no elections.

EIGHTH CLERGY BALLOT – At 3:50 p.m., after prayer from Dan Miller, the clergy cast their eighth ballot. The ballot was declared closed at 4:01 p.m.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION – Paul Ritchie, chair of the Conference Council of Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the proposed budget. The complete audit will be available in the Journal. After his report, Ritchie moved the firm of McCall, Scanlon, and Tice LLC be responsible for the 2016 annual audit. The motion was approved.
APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE FRANKLIN DISTRICT – Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Franklin District while Allan Brooks, newly appointed Superintendent, and all the Franklin District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

RESULTS OF EIGHTH CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 280 clergy ballots were cast, 3 invalid, 138 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: William B. Meekins, Jr.

NINTH CLERGY BALLOT -- At 4:34 p.m., following prayer from Paul Huey, the clergy cast their eighth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 4:41 p.m.

RESULTS OF SIXTH LAITY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 570 laity ballots were cast, 13 invalid, 273 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were two elections: Don Blystone and Tina Whitehead. They will serve not only as delegates to Jurisdictional Conference, but also as reserves to General Conference.

SEVENTH LAITY BALLOT -- At 4:43 p.m., after prayer from Amy Wagner, the laity cast their seventh ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 4:52 p.m.

RECESS – Bishop Bickerton declared a dinner recess until 7:00 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

RESULTS OF NINTH CLERGY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 255 clergy ballots were cast, 3 invalid, 127 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: John W. Seth.

TENTH CLERGY BALLOT – At 7:05 p.m., after prayer from Louise Patterson, the clergy cast their tenth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 7:13 p.m.

RESULTS OF SEVENTH LAITY BALLOT – Bishop Bickerton announced that 567 laity ballots were cast, 23 invalid, 267 were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: Faith Geer.

EIGHTH LAITY BALLOT – At 7:19 p.m., after prayer from John Seth, the laity cast their eighth ballot. Bishop Bickerton declared the ballot closed at 7:24 p.m.
WORSHIP – Bishop Bickerton introduced Bishop Jonathan Holston from the South Carolina Annual Conference who has a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. Based on Matthew 4:12-23 (the calling of the disciples), his message was entitled “An Offer You Cannot Refuse.” Bishop Holston proclaimed that no matter who you are, the ultimate call to reach higher is to reach toward Jesus Christ. He also challenged the conference to fill our churches with people that are fully devoted, or who are willing to become fully devoted to discipleship.

The offering received during worship benefitted the Bishop’s discretionary fund. Greg Cox highlighted the importance and far reaching ministry of the discretionary fund.

THIRD DAY
Saturday, June 13, 2015

MORNING SESSION

COMMISSIONING SERVICE – The day’s activities began at 8:00 a.m. with the Commissioning Service. Bishop Jonathan Holston brought God’s word to the body using Romans 12:9-21 as his text. Entitling the sermon, “What’s Love Got to Do With It?” In response to that question, Bishop Holston declared that “we can become so heavenly bound that we are no earthly good.” A second response to that question is “Love is more powerful than hate.” Finally, the ultimate answer to the question “What’s Love Got to Do With It?” is “everything!”

Following the sermon, David Andrew “Drew” Bell, Jr., John Darin Mize, Benjamin Andrew Phipps, and Jack Lee Tickle III were commissioned as provisional elders.

ORDER -- Bishop Bickerton called the body to order at 9:45a.m.

DEVOTIONAL MOMENT -- Bishop Bickerton shared thoughts about how to find a “Peace Pocket” in the midst of busy, hectic times (like a LONG day of Annual Conference). Citing Kirk Byron Jones’ book: Refill: Meditations for Leading with Wisdom, Peace, and Joy, he gave six specific steps to help create a Peace Pocket: 1) Breathe deeply, 2) Relax your body, 3) Empty your mind, 4) Accept your Divine acceptance, 5) Take your soul to a peaceful place, and 6) Give yourself some grace.

RESULTS OF FIRST CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 232 clergy ballots were cast, 5 invalid, 114 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were no elections.

SECOND CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- At 10:00 a.m., following prayer by Paul Morelli, the clergy cast their second jurisdictional ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 10:11 a.m.
RESULTS OF THIRD LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 560 Laity ballots were cast, 4 invalid, 279 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: Peggy Ward.

FOURTH LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- At 10:15 a.m., following prayer by William Meekins, Jr., the laity cast their fourth jurisdictional ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 10:21 a.m.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE GREENSBURG DISTRICT -- Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Greensburg District while Pat Nelson, District Superintendent, and all the Greensburg District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

CONSENT CALENDAR ADOPTION -- Kellie Wild moved adoption of the consent calendar as amended. APPROVED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES -- Mark Goswick moved adoption of the minutes as published in the Daily Journal pp. 616-623 and 626-629 for Thursday, June 11th and Friday, June 12th. APPROVED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES -- Mark Goswick moved that the conference secretary and staff be given authority to record, print, and publish the minutes of today (Saturday, June 13th) and tomorrow (Sunday, June 14th). APPROVED.

REPORT OF OFFERING: BISHOP’S DISCRETIONARY FUND -- Bishop Bickerton reported that $7,241 was received in last night’s special offering for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

LEGISLATION: P101 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT -- Legislative section one moved non-concurrence (42-48-4). NONCONCURRENCE APPROVED.

LEGISLATION: P103 WITHDRAW FROM RCRC -- Legislative section one moved concurrence (84-5-3). CONCURRENCE APPROVED.

LEGISLATIVE SECTION ONE -- Bishop Bickerton thanked the members of section one and Dan Miller, Annette Bolds, and Terry Trudge, its leaders.
LEGISLATION: P809 CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST ACTS OF ISIS -- Legislative section eight moved concurrence as amended (48-10-6).

AMENDMENT -- Rex Wasser offered the following amendment to P809: On page 538, after line 14, add a new paragraph: “Though we condemn the actions of Islamic extremists and terrorists, we call on all Christians to seek prayerfully to understand the tragic economic, social, and historic circumstances that have contributed to the extreme anger and hatred of groups such as ISIS.” A division of the house showed that the amendment failed, 337-430.

The section motion for CONCURRENCE was then APPROVED.

LEGISLATIVE SECTION EIGHT -- Bishop Bickerton thanked the members of section eight and Steve Morse, Cyndi Bloise, and Brian Olsen, its leaders.

RESULTS OF FOURTH LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 565 Laity ballots were cast, 8 invalid, 279 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was one election: Kayla Schwanke.

FIFTH LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- At 11:32 a.m., following prayer by Bishop Holston, the laity cast their fifth jurisdictional ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 11:38 a.m.

RESULTS OF SECOND CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 284 clergy ballots were cast, 15 invalid, 269 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were 2 elections: Seth McPherson and Sung Shik Chung.

THIRD CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- At 10:42 a.m., following prayer by Denise-Nicole Stone, the clergy cast their third jurisdictional ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 11:47 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM -- Bishop Bickerton invited the Youth Ministry Team (members, adult leaders, and pages) to the platform. Various members of the YMT informed the conference members about the significant ministry outreaches of the team, such as S.P.A.R.K. (Seeking and Preparing for A Renewed Kingdom) and Y.S.F. (Youth Service Fund). The annual Pineapple Award was presented to Jane Fiedler.

RECESS -- At 12:09 p.m., Bishop Bickerton dismissed the members for lunch and instructed the conference to regather at 1:30 p.m. for the Memorial Service.

AFTERNOON SESSION

MEMORIAL SERVICE -- at 1:30 p.m., the Conference reconvened for the Memorial Service. Keith McGarvey shared God’s word in a sermon entitled “Unbound.” The sermon was based on Daniel 3:21-29. Pamela Gardner read the role of the honored dead: Michelle Wobrak, Jean L. Haslett, William George Griffith, David Lee Ostrander,

ORDER -- Bishop Bickerton called the afternoon session to order at 3:00 p.m.

RESULTS OF THIRD CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 288 clergy ballots were cast, 10 invalid, 277 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was 1 election: Greg Cox.

FOURTH CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- At 3:07 p.m., following prayer by Nancy Denardo, the clergy cast their fourth jurisdictional ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 3:12 p.m.

RESULTS OF FIFTH LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 556 Laity ballots were cast, 8 invalid, 275 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was 1 election: Tracy Merrick.

JURISDICTIONAL ALTERNATES -- Eric Park and Sharon Gregory moved “the lay and clergy alternates to Jurisdictional Conference be elected on one ballot, with the persons receiving the top six vote totals being elected in the order of their vote totals. The first two alternates shall attend Jurisdictional Conference with their expenses reimbursed in accordance with conference rule 2.3.10.5. This is keeping with our historical procedure and will hopefully better ensure the inclusiveness sought in conference rule 2.3.1 0.3.” APPROVED.

LAITY JURISDICTIONAL ALTERNATES BALLOT -- At 3:20 p.m., following prayer by Seth McPherson, the laity cast their ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 3:28 p.m.

STOP HUNGER NOW -- Bishop Bickerton reported that our conference members, over the past two days, have packed 50,000 meals. Compared to last year, that’s more meals packed in less time.
MISSIONS TEAM -- Sandra Matoushaya, Conference Zimbabwe Partnership Coordinator, and Stephanie Gottschalk, Conference Missions Director, spoke to the conference about the Zimbabwe Partnership, the Zimbabwe Mission Opportunities, the Bahamas Young Adult VIM Team, and Conference VIMpossible. A future mission team was introduced and Bishop Bickerton prayed for the participants of this team.

UMCOR 75th ANNIVERSARY -- Yovanna Troansky, Executive Secretary from International Disaster Response, shared how UMCOR responds when disasters strike. One of the key strategies UMCOR tries to be involved in is “Disaster Risk Reduction,” which means they are looking for ways to help communities to be ready for possible disasters.

LEGISLATION: RS401 FUNDING FOR MINISTRY 2016 - Legislative section four moved concurrence (85-2-0). APPROVED

LEGISLATIVE SECTION FOUR -- Bishop Bickerton thanked the members of section four and Sue Hutchins, Jim Sands and Roger Pike, its leaders.

EVANGELISM -- Paul Morelli shared a video about how a United Methodist church in Bradford (Kane District) used an unexpected crisis as an evangelistic tool. When Bradford experienced a water main break, the United Methodists in the Bradford Area Parish Charge, and Matthew Blake, their pastor, mobilized to provide bottled water to residents. At one of the senior high rise buildings, someone asked the pastor about the Christian faith. That conversation led to the development of a new worship service in that high rise. Since then, there have been 12 professions of faith.

DENMAN AWARDS -- Al Kimmel announced this year’s Denman Award which recognizes outstanding work in the area of evangelism. Youth recipient is Michael Gionti, from First United Methodist Church in Titusville. The clergy recipient is John Zimmerman, General Evangelist. The volunteer recipients are Steve and Wendy McPherson from Evangelical United Methodist Church in Brookville.

RESULTS OF FOURTH CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 247 clergy ballots were cast, 7 invalid, 240 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There were 2 elections: Randy Bain and Stephanie Gottschalk.

FIFTH CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- At 4:10 p.m., following prayer by Vicky Stahlman, the clergy cast their fifth jurisdictional ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 4:16 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY -- At 4:20 p.m., Bishop Bickerton introduced Dr. Scott Johnson from the New York West Conference. Using the call Joshua received as an example for us as leaders in the church today, he drew lessons from Joshua’s Call: 1) Focus on the God given vision, 2) Stay a disciple while also being a leader, and 3) Faith is the key to the challenges of leadership.
Has God set your heart on fire with passion for a promised land -- a land, a place, a mission, a vision that God has called you to? Like Joshua, God says to you, “I’ve commanded you to be brave and strong, haven’t I? Don’t be alarmed or terrified, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9 - CEB)

RECESS -- Bishop Bickerton dismissed the group for dinner at 5:00 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

ORDER -- Bishop Bickerton called the house to order at 7:00 p.m.

GCFA -- Stephen Lambert, from the General Council of Finance and Administration, congratulated and thanked the conference for financially supporting 100% of all apportionments asked by the General Church.

LEGISLATION: P505 FOR SETTING UP A DIVESTMENT TASK FORCE -- Legislative section five moved to refer the petition to Church and Society. (72-12-0)

-- AMENDMENT -- Greg Spencer moved that we delete lines 31-34. AMENDMENT APPROVED.

-- AMENDMENT -- page 463 line 26 after “women” add: “CFA, trustees, and any other conference related teams and any other teams with finances under investment.” AMENDMENT APPROVED.

-- AMENDMENT -- p 463, line 29 after the word “task force” insert the words “inasmuch as possible”. AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

P505 was then APPROVED as amended.

LEGISLATIVE SECTION FIVE -- Bishop Bickerton thanked the members of section five and Jeff Sterling, Barbara Gaither, and Herb Phar, its leaders.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE INDIANA DISTRICT -- Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Indiana District while James Pond, District Superintendent, and all the Indiana District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

PRAYER SHAWLS -- Ann Dixon, one of our new local pastors in the Indiana District, has been teaching a lay ministry course on “Hands On Ministry.” She presented the Bishop with a prayer shawls for the Bishop’s mother and mother-in-law.

RESULTS OF FIFTH CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT -- Bishop Bickerton announced that 272 clergy ballots were cast, 3 invalid, 135 votes were needed to elect a delegate. There was 1 election: John Ciampa.
CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL ALTERNATES BALLOT -- At 7:52 p.m., following prayer by Rich Hoffman, the clergy cast their ballot. Bishop Bickerton closed the ballot at 8:00 p.m.

GREETINGS -- On motion from Wayne Cleary, heartfelt greetings are to be conveyed to Bishop Bickerton’s parents, who were not able to visit us at Annual Conference this year. APPROVED.

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP RECRUITMENT TEAM -- Donna Vizza presented the Nominations and Leadership Recruitment Report. APPROVED.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT -- Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Johnstown District while Alyce Weaver Dunn, District Superintendent, and all the Johnstown District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

SHOE COLLECTION REPORT -- Bishop Bickerton reported that our Annual Conference had collected 1,047 pairs of shoes.

CABINET REPORT -- The cabinet report was delivered in dramatic fashion by the extended cabinet. Even though they started out by saying, “It’s all about me!” the final conclusion is that it’s all about us! More importantly, it’s really all about JESUS! In fact, “Excellent leadership begins on our knees.” Joel Garrett invited all who were able to kneel at their seats. He then offered a prayer concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE KANE DISTRICT -- Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Kane District while Patrick Lenox, District Superintendent, and all the Kane District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

CAMPING PRESENTATION -- Jessica Gamache, camping coordinator, shared the ministry of our conference’s three summer camps: Jumonville, Camp Allegheny, and Wesley Woods. She told of the impact camp can have on children. She also shared a video presentation highlighting the positive influence camp has on the young adults who are hired to work with our children.

Jessica also highlighted the new “Called and Sent” program. For the first class of “Called and Sent”, Trent Somes and John Kolacz attended Annual Conference.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT -- Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Pittsburgh District while Paul Taylor, District Superintendent, and all the Pittsburgh District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

BOARD OF PENSIONS -- Tom Parkinson reported on anticipated changes in the conference’s health care plan for 2016.
NEW CHURCH STARTS -- Amy Wagner, Director of Congregational Development and Revitalization, gave a history of new church starts that occurred during the 1700s and 1800s. She explained that never in our history has there been more than four years without starting a new church. Currently, there are several new worshipping communities supported in part by our annual conference: The Heights Faith Community, Allegheny River Valley, Roots of Faith, Faith Acts, Faith on 68 (Rochester), Connect Church (Blairsville), Charter Oak Crossroads Campus, Point Marion Fijian Language Community, and Laketon Heights.

ASBURY INTERNS -- Bishop Bickerton reported that our Conference is hosting three interns from Asbury Theological Seminary this summer.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER FOR THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT -- Bishop Bickerton read the new appointments to the Washington District while Brad Lauster, District Superintendent, and all the Washington District pastors welcomed and greeted each other.

FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS -- At 9:20 p.m., Bishop Bickerton declared all appointments for the coming year fixed. “None of you are appointed to a building. Each of you are appointed to a community. Find the courage to get out of the building and into the places where the people of your community go.”

GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES -- Bishop Bickerton introduced Eric Park, Sharon Gregory, Robert Zilhaver, Nancy Denardo, Alyce Weaver Dunn, Rich Hoffman, Amy Wagner, Paul Morelli, William Meekins, Jr., Diane Miller, John Seth, and Vicki Stahlman as the delegates who will represent our annual conference at General Conference in May 2016 at Portland, Oregon.

Joining them in July 2016 at Lancaster, PA, Jurisdictional Conference delegates will be Seth McPherson, Don Blystone, Sung Shik Chung, Tina Whitehead, Greg Cox, Faith Geer, Randy Bain, Peggy Ward, Stephanie Gottschalk, Kayla Shwanke, John Ciampa, and Tracy Merrick.

The Bishop then introduced the elected alternates to Jurisdictional Conference in order of their election by house: Clergy - Pat Nelson, Tom Parkinson, Joel Garrett, Joe Stains, Janet Lord, Thomas Strandburg, Laity - Joe Emigh, Donna Burkhart, Eric Duda, Larry Bridge, Richard Thomas, and Sydney Widdersheim.

Prayer was offered for all those who will be representing our Annual Conference at those quadrennial meetings.

COSROW REPORT -- Peggy Ward and Nancy Shute presented the COSROW monitoring report.

RECESS -- At 9:50 p.m., Bishop Bickerton recessed the conference until Ordination tomorrow morning.
ORDINATION -- The conference gathered at 9:00 a.m. for a service of Reaffirmation of Baptism, Ordination, and Holy Communion. Bishop Bickerton’s message was “Leading with Purpose” and was based on Ephesians 4:1-13.

Recognized as an Associate Member: Wade Scott Barto.
Receiving ordination as Elders: Alison Michelle Berkey, Gary Lee Hilton, Anthony Richard Carlos Hita, and Scott Alan Shaffer.

ADJOURNMENT -- Following the ordination service, Bishop Bickerton adjourned the conference.
CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton
President

Rev. John R. Wilson
Secretary
CERTIFICATE OF COMISSIONING

This is to certify that on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I Received as Probationary Members and Commissioned as Ministers:

David Andrew Bell, Jr., John Darin Mize, Benjamin Andrew Phipps, and Jack Lee Tickle III

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton
Resident Bishop
CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This is to certify that on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I Received as Associate Members:

Receiving Associate Membership was:

_Wade Scott Barto_

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton  
Resident Bishop
CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I ordained as ELDERS:

Receiving Full Membership and Elder's Orders were:

Alison Michelle Berkey, Gary Lee Hilton, Anthony Richard Carlos Hita, Scott Alan Shaffer

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton
Resident Bishop
MEMBERS ELDER CLASS OF 2015

Alison Michelle Berkey

Gary Lee Hilton

Anthony Richard Carlos Hita

Scott Alan Shaffer

Wade Scott Barto

Associate
Member
2015 COMMISSIONED AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

From top left: 
Jack Lee Tickle III, John Darin Mize, 
David Andrew Bell, Jr., Benjamin Andrew Phipps

Permission and praise for photos should be sent to communications@wpaumc.org or 1-800-886-3382 x 227

2015 Graduates Course of Study

From top left: 
Mark A. Sholtis, Thomas J. Shirer, Dawn E. Krishart, Earl A. Butterfield
Missing from photo is David A. Klink.

Incoming District Superintendent

Allan K. Brooks, Franklin District