CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY I - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the body to order in the IM Room, at Grove City College, at 8:00 AM, and introduced Dr. Yung Suk Kim, this year’s Bible Study teacher. Dr. Kim introduced his study by explaining a different approach to Bible reading and study that he called “Reader-Response Criticism.” In this approach, one reads through the Scriptural text, but also responds to the text by “observing” what and who is around in the text, and asking questions of the text.

With the Reader-Response Criticism approach, Dr. Kim then began with his primary text for these three Bible Studies: Luke 5:1-11, the passage where Jesus gets into Peter’s boat to teach the crowds and later asks Peter, who had caught no fish all night, to go out into the deep and cast out his nets again… this time with an overwhelming catch of fish. Questions one could ask might involve why Peter’s boat was used. While Jesus used Peter’s boat, did Peter overhearing Jesus teach and “get it?” What was Peter really saying when he says “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man?” Dr. Kim gave the members of Conference “homework” to read the text and ‘look around’ at the people, places, scenes, and events in the passage. What questions would you ask?

With an invitation from Bishop Moore-Koikoi to return for part two at 8:00 tomorrow morning, the Bishop dismissed the conference to go to their respective Clergy or Laity Sessions, at 9:02 AM.

CLERGY SESSION

ORDER – Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the Clergy Session to order at 9:38 AM in Crawford Hall.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Bishop Moore-Koikoi led the body in the call to worship. The body then sang “In Unity We Lift Our Song.” The Bishop invited the body to hold hands while she opened the session with prayer.


RESIDENTIAL LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES – Sara J. Wrona introduced and recognized the graduates of the Summer 2018 Residential Licensing School (and what ministry track they intend to pursue: L-Local Pastor, D-Deacon, E-Elder): Kenneth G. Bailey, Jr., Ronald E. Cox (E), Wanick Fayette (L), Suzan M. Graham (L), Denise
COMMUTER LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES – Sara J. Wrona introduced and recognized the graduates of the Spring 2019 Commuter Licensing School: Charles A. Batson (L), Donald C. Blystone (L), Dean D. Dietrick, Jr. (L), Deborah A. Hassen (L), Brandon J. Moore (E), Vicki L. South (L), Heather J. Wakefield (E), Ashley M. Weyant (E).

(20) APPROVAL OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE STUDIES FOR THE LICENSE AS A LOCAL PASTOR, ARE APPROVED, BUT ARE NOT NOW APPOINTED – Upon motion by Sara J. Wrona, according to ¶315, those who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor but not now appointed were approved.

(21a) FULL-TIME LOCAL PASTORS – Upon motion by Sara J. Wrona, according to ¶318.1, the full-time local pastors were approved.

(21b) PART-TIME LOCAL PASTORS – Upon motion by Sara J. Wrona, according to ¶318.2, the part-time local pastors were approved, with one addition under Pittsburgh District: Brandon Moore, (2019) ¾ time.

(22) LOCAL PASTORS DISCONTINUED – Terry G. Shaffer reported local pastors who have exited or been discontinued, according to ¶320.1: Douglas A. Johnson, Greg D. Butler, Timothy R. Williams, Chance E. Kelosky, Robert D. Gillgrist, and Leon S. Blose.


(24b) CLERGY FROM OTHER METHODIST DENOMINATIONS SERVING IN WPA – Terry G. Shaffer reported the clergy from other Annual Conferences serving in Western Pennsylvania (¶¶331.8, 346.1): Bethany C. Rosler (FE) from Free Methodist, Michele A. Nagle (FE) from: Free Methodist, and Roseanne D. Oliver (FE) from AME.

(25) CLERGY FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING IN WPA – Terry G. Shaffer reported the clergy from other Denominations serving in Western Pennsylvania (¶¶331.8, 346.1): Peg Bowman (FE) from: Episcopal Church.
(26) AFFILIATE MEMBERS IN ANOTHER UM ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Terry G. Shaffer moved on those who are affiliate members while a member in another Annual Conference. Those without vote (¶334.5, ¶344.4): Dawn M. Hand (Western North Carolina) and Jane Ellen Nickell (West Virginia). The motion was approved.

(28b) PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING – Received on motion of Janet Lord according to ¶324: Provisional Elders: Caleb T. Fugate, Jillian E. Jones, Hae Seon Lee, Dylan R. Parson, and Beth A. Meier (PTS). The motion was approved.

(29) PROVISIONAL DEACONS – Janet Lord drew the body’s attention to those provisional members who are continuing to pursue ordination as a deacon according to ¶326 (with the year they were commissioned and, what seminary are they attending, if in school): commissioned in 2016: Matthew F. Howe. Commissioned in 2018: Nicole M. Crouch, and Lynette S. Moran.


(32a) FULL MEMBERSHIP – Dennis Swineford moved to receive Rebekah R. (Swineford) Clapp. according to ¶330. Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ministry, moved to receive Anais Hussian, and Sean R. Lewis. The motions were approved.

(32a) FULL MEMBERSHIP – Bruce Judy moved to receive Hannah M. (Judy) Loughman. Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ministry, moved to receive James T. Golla III, Hannah Marie Loughman, John D. Mize, Keith T. McGarvey, C. Drew Myers, Thom R. Scott, and Adam J. Stump. The motions were approved.

(32a) DEACON’S ORDERS – Dennis Swineford moved to elect for ordination as an elder Rebekah R. (Swineford) Clapp according to ¶330. Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ministry, moved to elect for ordination as deacons Anais Hussian and Sean R. Lewis. The motions were approved.

(32b) ELDER’S ORDERS – Bruce Judy moved to elect for ordination as an elder Hannah M. (Judy) Loughman according to ¶335. Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ministry, moved to elect for ordination as elders James T. Golla III, Hannah Marie
Loughman, John D. Mize, Keith T. McGarvey, C. Drew Myers, Thom R. Scott, and Adam J. Stump. The motions were approved.

(38) RECEIVED BY TRANSFER FROM OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Eric Raygor announced those who were received into membership according to ¶347.1, 416.5, 635.2n: Timothy Reichard (FE), Eastern PA (7/1/2019) and Neville Hammer III (FD) Baltimore-Washington (7/1/2019).

(41) TRANSFERRED TO OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Eric Raygor reported that, according to ¶416.5, these pastors have been transferred to other annual conferences: Debra L. Pisor (FD) to South Carolina AC (7/1/2019) and Britt J. Leslie (FE) to Indiana AC (7/1/2019).

(46b) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORDAINED MINISTERIAL OFFICE – Eric Raygor reported on those who withdrew from the ordained ministerial office, according to ¶360.2, .4: Timothy C. McConville (FE) from Alaska Missionary Conference to Voluntary Transition (effective 7/1/2019) and James P. Walker (FE) (effective 7/1/2018).

(48) THE HONORED DEAD – Terry G. Shaffer read the names of those clergy who have died since Annual Conference 2018. (A complete list is included with the Memorial Service in Saturday’s Daily Journal).

PRAYER – Renee Mikell, Bishop’s Assistant, prayed a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the lives and ministries of these colleagues who have died.

(49) APPOINTED TO SERVE IN OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES – Terry G. Shaffer reported, according to ¶331.8, 346, regarding deacons and elders who have received appointments in other United Methodist Annual Conferences, while retaining their conference membership in Western Pennsylvania: Leah R. Bergstrom (RE, Desert Southwest AC), Nathan W. Carlson (FE, Florida AC), Rebekah R. Clapp (PD, West Ohio AC), Ralph P. Cotten (FE, Florida AC), Nicole M. Crouch (PD, New Mexico AC), Larry G. Dunn (FE, Florida AC), Richard O. Feagin (FE, Pacific Northwest AC), Bruce W. Griffith Jr. (FE, North Georgia AC), Tracey L. Henderson (FD, West Ohio AC), Matthew F. Howe (PD, Minnesota AC), Gary W. Jones (FD, East Ohio AC), Debra L. Pisor (FD, South Carolina), Kevin J. Rea (FE, Great Plains AC), and R. Duane Thompson (FE, Indiana AC).

(50-A) ABSENCE, VOLUNTARY – Terry G. Shaffer read the names of those who have requested voluntary leave of absence according to ¶353: Anthony R.C. Hita (2nd year), Eric M. Oliver (2nd year), and Jason E. Schweinberg (3rd year).

(50-A2) LEAVE OF ABSENCE, PERSONAL (AFTER 5 YEARS) – Granted on motion by Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶353.2a 3: Ronald E. Thomas (16th year), David R. Lewis (19th year), Stephen A. Tiffany (9th year), and Chul Park (10th year). The motion was approved.
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(50-A3) LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FAMILY – Terry G. Shaffer read the names of those on voluntary leave of absence (family), according to ¶353.2b 3: Beth A. Cooper (3rd year).

(50-A4) LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FAMILY (AFTER 5 YEARS) – Granted on motion by Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶353.2a 3: Barbara A. Turpish (15th year) (effective 7/1/2004). The motion was approved.

(50-A5) LEAVE OF ABSENCE, VOLUNTARY, TRANSITIONAL – Granted on motion by Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶353.2c: Brittany L. Gordon Wooten (FE) (7/1/2018-7/31/2018) and Joseph K. Samalenga (FE) (7/1/2019-6/30/2020). The motion was approved.

(50-C) MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE – Granted on motion by Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶355: Benjamin Phipps (effective 10/12/2018-11/23/2018). The motion was approved.

(50-D) RETURNED TO ACTIVE STATUS FROM VOLUNTARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Granted on motion by Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶353.11: Samantha S. (Penwell) Corbin (PE) (effective 7/1/2019). The motion was approved.


(53) RETIREMENTS: DEACONS – Kelley Schanely shared that one deacon is retiring, [with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Deborah L. Hills, [¶357.2c], 10 years, (9/1/2018).

(53) RETIREMENTS: ELDERS – Kelley Schanely read the names of elders who are retiring, [with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Penny S. Adams, [¶357.2d], 33 years, (7/1/2019); Thomas J. Barnicott, [¶357.2d], 32 years, (2/1/2019); R. Scott Berkley, [¶357.2c], 40 years, (7/1/2019); Donald P. Blinn Jr., [¶357.2b], 37 years, (7/1/2019), Thomas P. Bonomo, [¶357.1], 21 years, (7/1/2019); Linda L. Dinger, [¶357.2c ], 19 years, (7/1/2019); Gary K. Donaldson, [¶357.2c], 31 years, (7/1/2019); Bruce A. Gascoine, [¶357.2b], 33 years, (7/1/2019); Floyd A. Hall, [¶357.2c], 30 years, (7/1/2019); Dennis J. Howard, [¶357.2c], 27 years, (7/1/2019); Richard P. Howe, [¶357.2c], 33 years, (7/1/2019); Raymond E. Lyon, [¶357.2c], 42 years, (7/1/2019); David K. Means, [¶357.2d], 25 years, (8/1/2018); Wayne D. Meyer, [¶357.2c], 27 years, (7/1/2019); Michael A. Milinovich, [¶357.2d], 27 years, (12/31/2018); S. Bruce Mould, [¶357.2d], 17 years, (7/1/2019); Bradley K. Neel, [¶357.2b], 36 years, (7/1/2019); Ernest L. Perry, [¶357.2b], 18.5 years, (7/1/2019); Jay R.
Polowsky, ¶357.2b, 39 years, (7/1/2019); Jeffrey L. Popson, ¶357.2d, 39 years, (1/1/2019); and Keith L. Rieder, ¶357.2c, 44 years, (7/1/2019).

(54) RETIREMENTS: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Kelley Shanley announced the names of associate members who are retiring, [with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Harold J. Dangel Jr., ¶357.1, 19 years, (7/1/2019); and Stanley D. Nixon, ¶357.2c, 15 years, (7/1/2019).

(56) RETIREMENTS: LOCAL PASTORS – Kelley Shanley read the names of local pastors who are retiring,[with specific Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): according to ¶320.5 and ¶357: Bruce A. Anthony, ¶357.2c, 13 years, (7/1/2019); Janet L. Chiplis, ¶357.1, 1.5 years, (7/1/2019); Ernie F. DeLuca, ¶357.2c, 21 years, (7/1/2019); Emma L. Greene, ¶357.2c, 12 years, (7/1/2019); Edward B. Hanley, ¶357.1, 6.5 years, (7/1/2019); Kenneth E. Hughes, ¶357.2c, 10.5 years, (7/1/2019); Colbert E. Jones, ¶357.2c, 3 years, (7/1/2019); Nancy J. Lightcap, ¶357.2d, 5 years, (7/1/2019); Samuel R. McClintock, ¶357.1, 7 years, (7/1/2019); Gary L. McGarvey, ¶357.2c, 2 years, (7/1/2015); Susan M. Pickering, ¶357.1, 15 years, (7/1/2019); Janice E. Reynolds, ¶357.1, 7 years, (10/1/2018); Martin P. Reynolds, ¶357.1, 19 years, (7/1/2019); Gary L. Sheesley, ¶357.2b, 18 years, (7/1/2019); Edward F. Sutton Sr., ¶357.1, 5 years, (7/1/2019); Timothy R. Williams, ¶357.2c, 12 years, (7/1/2019); and Chandler D. Wolf, ¶357.2c, 18 years, (7/1/2019).

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE – Kelley Schanely also reported that this year’s retirees have corporately accumulated a total of 870 years of years of pastoral service.

PRAYER – A prayer for the retirees was offered by Earl Butterfield.

(59) CERTIFIED IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY – Terry G Shaffer explained that individuals who receive certification in specialized ministry are certified for a two year period, and then need recertified by the clergy session. This is the year we need to recertify these individuals in their ministries. On a motion from Terry G. Shaffer, the following are recertified for a two year period (name, specialized ministry): Patricia M. Nelson (Older Adult Ministries), Janet F. Lord (Music Ministry), Gary W. Jones (Youth and Camping and Camping & Retreat Ministries, Christian Education), and Deborah A. Dennick-Ream (Christian Education).

(71) RETIREMENTS: DIACONAL MINISTERS – Terry G. Shaffer shared that our last diaconal minister is retiring, [with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Nancy T. Foltz, ¶357.1, 41 years, (7/1/2019).

(72A) ELDERS SERVING LESS THAN FULL-TIME SERVICE – Approved on motion of Terry G. Shaffer according to ¶338.2, ¶342.2, and ¶1506: Willard C. Adkins, (AM), ¼ time, year 17; Sharon M. Hamley, (FE), ¼ time, year 11; J. Mark Hurst, (FE), ¼ time, year 6; Tina G. Keller, (FE), ¼ time, year 11; John R. Wilson, (FE), ¼ time, year 26; Barbara J. Stoehr; (FE), ¼ time, year 4; Joni K. Williams, (AM), ¼ time, year 4;
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Sheila R. Auer, (AM), ¾ time, year 4; Joel D. Peterson, (PE), ¾ time, year 2; and Carol H. Hickman, (AM), ¾ time, year 2. The motion was approved.

DEACONS SERVING LESS THAN FULL-TIME SERVICE – Approved on motion by Terry G. Shaffer, according to ¶331.7: Nicole M. Crouch, (PD), ¾ time, year 2. The motion was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE MOTION – Approved on motion of David Janz, members of the Clergy Session approved a comprehensive motion to receive and approve the report of the Board of Ministry, including approval of all matters contained in the report that had not been specifically voted upon.

(17) APPROVAL OF CHARACTER OF CLERGY – Bishop Moore-Koikoi asked “Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and administration?” (¶¶604.4, 605.6). Pat Lennox, representing the cabinet, responded that all clergy were blameless and faithful.

COMMENTS BY THE BISHOP – Bishop Moore-Koikoi shared her great joy of working with the ministries and ministers of The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. In the midst of the challenges our denomination is facing, she responded: “My heart breaks for our denomination as we struggle…” She went on to share some of the hope she sees for our Church as a denomination and for our conference: “I affirm and am convinced that God is not done with us yet! I affirm and am convinced that the grace and power of the Holy Spirit is still enough!” There is “enough grace and power in this room to figure this out. We CAN move forward together… We need EVERYONE in this room! And I am convinced there IS a way! … There’s just too much at stake! There are still people who need to know Jesus saves and is Lord!”

CLOSING & RECESS – The closing was led by David Janz and Eric Park, co-chairpersons of the Conference Board of Ministry. All joined together in the Covenant Prayer, followed by the hymn “Go To The World.” Bishop Moore-Koikoi closed the Clergy Session with a final blessing at 10:42 AM.

AFTERNOON SESSION

CALL TO ORDER -- Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 1:04 PM. She welcomed the members and guests and led the body in prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF FLOOR MANAGERS-- Bishop Moore-Koikoi introduced Bill Patrick and Kelly Smith, the floor managers for this year’s Annual Conference.

WELCOME TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Alan Morrison, chair of the Conference Sessions Committee, highlighted logistical information and new changes for this year. Alan also led the body in remembering D-Day, 75 years ago today, a day when so many laid down their lives for others.
SETTING THE BAR OF THE CONFERENCE -- John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that the bar of the conference be set to include “those seated on this side of the security barrier.” The motion to set the bar was APPROVED.

ELECTION OF TELLERS -- John Wilson, Conference Secretary, nominated tellers to serve during this year’s Annual Conference, as listed in the Daily Journal (page 647) with Mary Beth Rine and Cheryl Spengler as head tellers. The motion to elect tellers was APPROVED.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AUDITORS -- Seth McClymonds moved the election of McCall, Scanlon & Tice be elected as auditors for 2020. The motion was APPROVED.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Jude Urso, Agenda Coordinator moved for the setting of our published agenda as printed on pages 605-606 in the Daily Journal. The motion to adopt the agenda was APPROVED.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RULES -- Amy Bentz, Chancellor, announced that the rules committee has submitted two proposals that will be considered by legislative section 2.

ELECTION OF CO-CHANCELLORS – On motion of John Wilson, Amy Bentz and Rebecca Brammel were elected as co-chancellors. The Bishop also announced that over the next year, Amy will be transitioning out, while Rebecca transitions more fully into the role of chancellor.

WELCOME FROM GROVE CITY COLLEGE – Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College, enthusiastically welcomed the conference on behalf of the college.

CHANGES TO CONFERENCE REPORTS – Alyce Weaver Dunn shared information about the way the various reports will be communicated to the Annual Conference during our sessions, including written, published reports in the pre-conference journal, displays in the [display room], and occasional video highlights.

FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS – Alyce Weaver Dunn and Jessica Gamache highlighted ways that the Deeply Rooted, campaign helps contribute to each of the five areas of focus to which our annual conference has committed itself.

CAMPING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – Randy Sweet, on behalf of the Yough Cluster, presented a check from their combined Lenten Services, in the amount of $5,000 for the Deeply Rooted Camping Initiative. The Yough Cluster includes the West Newton, Herminie, Middletown, Madison, and Hilltop-Madison churches.

CREATING NEW AND RENEWED CONGREGATIONS – A skit was presented highlighting the seed spreading skills of the common dandelion and relating it to the
Biblical concept of spreading seeds of the Gospel. As we seek to spread the seeds of the Gospel to the world around us, we need to be following the example of the dandelion seeds… be ready to go anywhere and everywhere we have a chance to spread the news: through hands on ministries, traditional and electronic media, and even one on one, face to face encounters.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH – The annual report to the Annual Conference concerning the condition of the Church in Western Pennsylvania was delivered by Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. Building from Luke 5:1-11, the Bishop drew attention to the text where it says that Jesus told Peter to go to the deep water and cast out the nets. The Bishop challenged the body to “cast out into the deep” in the areas of our ministries as we answer the call of Christ to become fishers of people. “Are you ready to go fishing?”

RECESS – The Bishop dismissed the body to make their way to the various legislative sections as assigned in the Daily Journal.

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ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE -- The conference gathered at 7:00 PM for the Service of Word and Table for Commissioning of Provisional Members and Recognition of Associate Members. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi preached a sermon entitled “WPA Chic: Dressed for Fishing” based on Luke 5:1-11. Commissioning as Provisional Elders were Caleb Thomas Fugate, Jillian Evelyn Jones, Hae Seon Lee, Beth Ann Meier, and Dylan Reed Parson.

Ordained as Deacons with Full Membership were Rebekah Ruth Clapp, Anais Lura Hussian, and Sean Robert Lewis.

Ordained as Elders with Full Membership were James Terry Golla III, Hannah Marie Loughman, Keith Thomas McGarvey, John Darin Mize, C. Drew Myers, and Thomas Roy Scott.

Welcomed as a Full Member, with Recognition of Ordination, was Adam Joseph Stump.

The Conference recessed at 9:03 PM.
CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY II -- Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 8:00 AM, and introduced Bible study teacher, Dr. Yung Suk Kim. In today’s study, Dr. Kim examined the text of Luke 5:1-11 and began to walk through various themes one finds there, and how one might apply the themes found in the text to everyday life today. Following the study, with a reminder from the Bishop that part three of our Bible Study will be tomorrow morning at 8:00, the conference was in brief recess.

ORDER -- Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the Conference back to order at 9:38 AM.

PRAYER – Chris Kindle led the conference in prayer.

SETTING THE BAR OF THE CONFERENCE -- John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that the bar of the conference to be set to include “members who are seated at the tables.” The motion to set the bar was APPROVED.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – John Wilson explained the roll call of members. Members were guided through the completion of the attendance card and the seating designation card. 2019 Attendance By District, Total: 1086
- Laity in attendance:612; Clergy in attendance 483 plus 42 excused clergy; Total: 1,128

CONSENT CALENDAR -- Kellie Wild, secretarial staff, presented the Legislation and Corporation Consent Calendar, (Daily Journal pages 678-683). She reminded the body about conference rule 2.3.7.4 which speaks about how items are placed on the Consent Calendar. The body was reminded that with 25 signatures by 8:00 PM on Friday evening, an item can be removed from the Consent Calendar.

VOTING KEYPAD INSTRUCTIONS – Joel Garrett and Ray Hansen, Padgett Communications, led the conference in a period of practice with the digital voting system. The conference practiced with a test question. (Chocolate was selected as the favorite ice cream flavor! Wonder Woman, Captain Marvel, and Hulk were chosen as the three best superheroes!)

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA (C.A.S.P.) – Liddy Barlow, Executive Director of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, used the initials of C. A. S. P. to highlight the interfaith and ecumenical ministries we are able to be a part of as one of the twenty-eight faith communities involved with C.A.S.P. She also introduced the new “300 Cups” program. For more information, go to www.casp.org/300cups online. She also shared briefly about how Christian Associates, representing the larger faith community in the wake of the massacre at Tree of Life Synagogue.
BISHOP’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES – Citing Conference Rule 2.3.10.3 and referring to Book of Discipline paragraphs 34, 35, and 36, the Bishop reminded the body of our stated intent to elect delegates to General Conference “who reflect our inclusive nature in regard to theological diversity, race, age, gender, and disability.”

LAITY BALLOT 1 – The first laity ballot elected two delegates to General Conference: Nancy Denardo and Paul Morelli.

CLERGY BALLOT 1 – The first clergy ballot elected two delegates to General Conference: Alyce Weaver Dunn and Robert Zilhaver.

CLERGY BALLOT 2 – The second clergy ballot elected one delegate to General Conference: Janet Lord.

LAITY BALLOT 2 – The second laity ballot resulted in no elections.

The conference then recessed for lunch.

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CLERGY BALLOT 3 – The third clergy ballot resulted in no elections.

APPOINTMENT AND PRAYER OF THE CABINET – Bishop Moore-Koikoi announced that there would be no changes with the cabinet this year. She expressed that even in the midst of great diversity, she is grateful for the way that they are able to work together for the cause of the church of Jesus Christ.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: KANE DISTRICT - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Pat Lennox, superintendent, to come to the platform. He then read the new appointments to the District. He and Mark Schwanke, district lay leader, then read the new appointments to the District. Schwanke offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Kane District.

CAMPING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 3 – A video was presented to the body. Mary Urso shared some of her thoughts and experiences about the conference camping program.

MINISTRY WITH THE POOR – Katie Peterson and Glenna Wilson outlined many of the existing conference ministries with the poor including flood clean-up, Eastbrook Mission Barn, Erie United Methodist Alliance, Roots of Faith, CEM in Johnstown, and
several other ministries. Adam Stump offered a prayer asking God to strengthen our ministry with the poor.

**RS611 CONCERNING THE LIVING WAGE** – Ricky Nelson, representing Section Six moved non-concurrence of the petition as amended (38-11-9). Following discussion and prayer, the motion for non-concurrence was not supported (473-482). Therefore the Annual Conference adopted RS611 as amended.

**P92 SEXUAL HARASSMENT** – Michael Airgood, representing Section Nine moved non-concurrence of the petition as amended (30-37-7). There was one editorial change -- Page 474, line 31 should read “Matthew 7:12”

Michele Panek moved to amend by deleting the Luke 8:46 passage (Daily Journal, page 682, the second bullet point). The motion to delete was approved (883-73)

Michele Panek moved to divide the question. The motion to divide was approved (566-390).

**“IT’S ON US CRUSADE”** – Following discussion, “It’s On Us Crusade” was approved by the body (739-181).

**“THE #METOO MOVEMENT”** – Following an un-sustained motion for the previous question on all that is before us, “The #MeToo Movement” was approved by the body (688-250).

**“HUMAN TRAFFICKING”** -- Calvin Cook moved to change “child” to “any person of any age” (page 476, line 30). The motion to amend was approved (767-163).

Calvin Cook moved to add on page 477, line 5 – after “sexual harassment” the words “or human trafficking”. The motion was supported (845-75).

Greg Cox moved to substitute “the author of this Resolution (Roger Thomas)” with “Dai Morgan, coordinator Advocacy WPA”. The motion was supported (843-90).

The main motion was then supported (895-51).

The Bishop called for a ten minutes break at 4:00 pm.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi invited Sung Shik Chung, superintendent, to come to the platform. He then read the new appointments to the District. Nancy Demi, district lay leader, offered a prayer for all the pastors of the Johnstown District.

**CLERGY BALLOT 4** – The fourth clergy ballot elected two delegates to General Conference: Duk Hee Han and Steve Cordle.
LAITY BALLOT 4 – The fourth laity ballot resulted in no elections.

CLERGY BALLOT 5 – The fifth clergy ballot resulted in no elections.

LAITY BALLOT 5 – The fifth laity ballot elected one delegate to General Conference: Katherine Fehl.

RS 904 CASHLESS BAIL – Cyndi Bloise representing Section Nine moved concurrence of the petition (37-28-6).

Greg Cox offered amendment 1: “On page 479, line 37, strike “the author… Roger Thomas” and replace with “Dai Morgan.”

Roger Thomas offered an amendment to the amendment to include both names, Dai Morgan and Roger Thomas. The Thomas amendment to the Cox amendment were approved.

The Cox amendment (“Dai Morgan and Roger Thomas”) was approved.

Rex Wasser moved to amend by insertion, Page 479, line 33, after the first “bail” add “and encourage creative solutions appropriate to each situation.” The motion to insert was approved.

Following discussion and prayer, the original resolution, as amended, was not approved (296-580).

CLERGY BALLOT 5 – The fifth clergy ballot elected one delegate to General Conference: Keith H. McIlwain.

The conference then recessed for dinner.

Brandon Moore: “I have a point of order. I believe rule 2.3.10.3 has been broken. Specifically ‘Throughout the election process, care shall be given to select a slate of delegates who reflect our inclusive nature in regard to theological diversity, race, age, gender, and disability.’”

“This rule has been broken through a network on social media which has a published document from 5/30/19 stating therein that votes should be cast for traditionalists. The slate elected today reflects the same organization’s published slate of delegates.”

“Together the two documents point to a plan to not take care to reflect our inclusive nature.”

Bishop Moore-Koikoi: “I will rule on this tomorrow morning.”

Erica Wellner: Question concerning the Point of Order: “On the question of theological diversity, are we addressing solely the human sexuality issue? I can attest that I have
theological differences with colleagues that both agree and disagree with me on this issue.”

Bishop Moore-Koikoi: “I will rule on this tomorrow morning.”

The conference then recessed for dinner.

**EVENING SESSION**

The evening session began with the Robert E Harper Men’s Chorus and the Herman L. Scharpff Chancel Choir. Ministry Night and Celebration of the Retiring Class began at 7:00 pm. During the service, there was a Celebration of 150 years of United Methodist Women led by Denise Nicole Stone (UMW National Director) and Linda Thayer (WPA UMW President). There was also a celebration of 200 years of Methodist Mission led by Sandra Matoushaya. Bev Roscoe, Tevita Matuataumado (Lay Leader, WPA Figian Methodists), and Bob Zilhaver signed a Global Partnership Covenant with the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma. Sandra Matoushaya led the conference in a blessing of UMVIM Teams. James I. Cogman preached a sermon entitled “Mission: It’s Still Possible.” An offering was received for the Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching Campaign. Retirees were recognized and thanked for their years of faithful service. The Thoburn Cane was presented to Donald Struchen (class of 1946). Other participants in the service include Mary Kay Kennedy Chorale, HVLI Drum Circle, Aundre Robinson, Keith Dunn, Kathleen Lasky and Kelley Schanely.
THIRD DAY
Saturday, June 8, 2019

MORNING SESSION

CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY III -- Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 8:00 AM, and re-introduced Bible study teacher, Dr. Yung Suk Kim. Dr. Kim returned again to Luke 5:1-11, looking today toward a new vocation through transformation and discipleship, or using Jesus’ words: that we would become “fishers of people.”

ORDER - Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 9:30 AM for the morning session.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - Kellie Wild, Secretarial Staff, announced that three petitions have been pulled from the consent calendar: P11 (page 678), P601 (page 680), and P86 (page 681). Wild also clarified that P92 (page 682) was dealt with yesterday by the full conference. Wild moved for the adoption of the consent calendar as corrected. The motion was approved.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES - Mark Goswick, Secretarial Staff, moved the adoption of the minutes for Thursday’s and Friday’s proceedings (Daily Journal pages 653-691). The motion was approved. Goswick also moved that the Conference adopt in advance the minutes for the Saturday. The motion was approved.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT - Robert F. Zilhaver, Superintendent, asked all Connellsville District pastors to stand as he and Wanda Ross, District Lay Leader, read the new appointments to the district. Ross offered prayer for all the pastors of the Connellsville District.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: GREENSBURG DISTRICT – Pat Nelson, Superintendent, asked all Greensburg District pastors to stand as she and Paul Huey, District Lay Leader, read the new appointments to the District. Huey offered prayer for all the pastors of the Greensburg District.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: FRANKLIN DISTRICT – Jodie Smith, Superintendent, asked all Franklin District pastors to stand as she and Jean Ehrhart, District Lay Leader, read the new appointments to the District. Ross offered prayer for all the pastors of the Franklin District.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: INDIANA DISTRICT – James Pond, Superintendent, asked all Indiana District pastors to stand as he and Jennifer Gordon, Director of Lay Servant Ministries, read the new appointments to the District. Gordon offered prayer for all the pastors of the Indiana District.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT – Dennis Swineford, Superintendent, asked all Erie-Meadville District pastors to stand as he and
Gail Fees, District Lay Leader, read the new appointments to the District. Fees offered prayer for all the pastors of the Erie-Meadville District.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: PITTSBURGH DISTRICT** – Dawn Hand, Superintendent, asked all Pittsburgh pastors to stand as she and Shannon Shaffer, District Lay Leader, read the new appointments to the District. Shaffer offered prayer for all the pastors of the Pittsburgh District.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS: BUTLER DISTRICT** – Eric Park, Superintendent, asked all Butler District pastors to stand as he and Jerry Rectenwald, District Lay Leader, read the new appointments to the District. Rectenwald offered prayer for all the pastors of the Butler District.

**RESPONSE TO POINT OF ORDER** - Rebecca Brammel, Co-chancellor, reported that in response to the point of order concerning rule 2.3.10.3, she read the *Discipline*, considered the matter in question, had consultation with others, and is of the conclusion that in the entire election process, we have followed the letter of the law.

**BISHOP’S RESPONSE** – Bishop Moore-Koikoi responded to the chancellor’s opinion. The Bishop stated that "while we have followed our rules, I believe God is calling us to something deeper!" The Bishop also said she celebrated the balance of men and women among the elected delegates, as well as the election of the first Asian to General Conference from our conference, a deacon and one young adult. But she asked delegates to pray about those missing from the group as balloting continued.

**PRAYER** – Michael Airgood asked for and was granted permission to offer a prayer for Bishop Moore-Koikoi.

**POINT OF ORDER** – Scott Shaffer, appealed the previous ruling of the Chair, and reminded the body of the emphasis on inclusivity in Article IV of the Constitution (¶4). After prayer, the body voted and the Bishop’s decision was upheld. (731-187).

**CAMPING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 4** – The fourth installment of the Camping Capital Campaign video presentation was presented. Sharon Hamley followed with a direct invitation for individuals to find a way to give and/or participate.

**PROMOTING ABUNDANT HEALTH** - Dawn Krishart & Debbie Bates were invited to share with the body some of the work that is being done in Promoting Abundant Health. Parish Nursing was one of the ministries that they outlined with the body. Krishart introduced Jenn Marshall from the Connect Church in Blairsville. Marshall talked about her struggles with addiction and how Christ has been helping her overcome these addictions. She ended by introducing Trenton Marshall, her son and a youth page for this Annual Conference.

**LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 1** – The first laity jurisdictional ballot elected two delegates to Jurisdictional Conference: William Patrick and Jerry Rectenwald.
CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 1 – The first clergy jurisdictional ballot resulted in no elections.

LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 2 – The second laity jurisdictional ballot elected two delegates to Jurisdictional Conference: Alexander Hoffman and Sherry Meterko.

CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 2 – The second clergy jurisdictional ballot elected John Seth.

POINT OF ORDER – Shannon Shaffer requested that election results posted.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Eric Hoeke asked that his name be removed from consideration as clergy vote on further jurisdictional ballots.

AFTERNOON SESSION

WPA UM MINISTERS CHORUS – The Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Ministers’ Chorus began the afternoon by singing “Lay His Body Down”, “What a Friend”, “Let All The People Say Amen”, and “Yes, My Jesus Loves Me.”

MEMORIAL SERVICE - The Conference reconvened for the Memorial Service at 1:30 PM. Dennis Swineford and Rebecca Clapp shared God’s word in a sermon entitled “What the Next Generation Saw” using 2 Kings 2:1-5 as the Scripture text. Tom Hallman, Conference Trustees Chair, and Jim Pond, Cabinet Secretary, led the congregation in the Litany of Discontinuance as the following churches are declared closed: Bradleytown, East Connellsville, Fayette City, Jollytown, Porter, Sportsburg, Starford, Wheatland-Farrell, Wilmore, and Wyano.


ORDER - Bishop Moore-Koikoi called the body to order at 3:01 for the afternoon session.
MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE – Bishop Moore-Koikoi introduced a representative from the AME Zion Church. He brought greetings to the conference.

CONFERENCE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (CF&A) AND BOARD OF PENSIONS – Dara Sterling, chair of the Conference Board of Pensions, discussed ways that the Pension board has been able to try to reduce costs for pastoral health insurance costs for individual congregations. In working with UPMC, the Board of Pensions has been able to retool the ‘Take a Healthy Step’ program to make it easier and more helpful. This year’s “Wellness Champion” award was awarded to the Conference Center staff for their joint efforts at helping and encouraging each other in becoming even more healthy. Roger White, Conference Treasurer, Seth McClymonds, chair of CF&A gave a brief explanation and outline of the 2020 proposed budget.

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE – Karen Trask, representing the Episcopacy Committee, highlighted ways her committee is working with our Bishop and her family to strengthen and support their health, wellness, and ministry.

CAMPING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 5 – Jessica Gamache, WPA Camping Coordinator, accompanied by some of the cyclists planning to participate in this Fall’s Pittsburgh to Baltimore bicycle trip fundraiser, introduced the congregational portion of the Camping Capital Campaign.

DISMANTLING RACISM – A dramatic conversation was presented by Scott Gallagher and Cynthia Hill describing and exposing ways that racism has worked its way into systems, organizations, and even churches, in conscious and even unconscious ways… and how we might begin to, or continue to, dismantle these areas… even in the ways we speak to, and about, others.

CALL TO ACTION SURVEY – Dianne Glave, Coordinator of Diversity Development, WPA UMC, led the body in a survey of racial diversity and attitudes.

CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 3 – The third clergy jurisdictional ballot resulted in no elections.

LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 3 – The third laity jurisdictional ballot resulted in no elections.

RS401 FUNDING FOR MINISTRY FOR 2019 – Jim Kimmel, representing section four, moved concurrence of the petition on pages beginning on 416 and page 684 (60-3-0). The motion for concurrence from the section was approved (624-31).

NOMINATIONS – Larry Dunn and Alyce Weaver Dunn presented the nominations report. Larry Dunn reminded the body that the committee is always looking for people to fulfill the various responsibilities of the Annual Conference.
LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 4 – The fourth laity jurisdictional ballot resulted in no elections.

LAITY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 5 – The fifth laity jurisdictional ballot resulted in two elections: Joseph Emigh and Kayla Schwanke.

LAITY ALTERNATES – Following proper motion and second, and approval from the body, the next six people receiving the highest votes will be named as alternates. This action resulted in the election of the following laity alternates (in order): Andrew Chung, Denise-Nicole Stone, Peggy Ward, Diane Miller, Tracy Merrick, Jennifer Gordon, Brad Smith. Diane Miller immediately resigned.

CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 4 – The fourth clergy jurisdictional ballot resulted in two elections: Eric Park and Randall Bain.

OFFERING: BISHOP’S DISCRETIONARY FUND – The offering collected at Thursday night’s worship service totaled $4,969. The final collected amount will be higher when adding in the online donations.

OFFERING: CAMPING CAMPAIGN – The offering collected for the Camping Campaign at Friday night’s worship service totaled $4,877. The final collected amount will be higher upon the completion of online donations.

CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 5 – The fifth clergy jurisdictional ballot resulted in two elections: Renee Mikell and Laura Saffell.

CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 6 – The sixth clergy jurisdictional ballot resulted in no elections.

CLERGY JURISDICTIONAL BALLOT 7 – The seventh clergy jurisdictional ballot resulted in electing Joseph Stains as a delegate.

CLERGY ALTERNATES – Following proper motion and second, and approval from the body, the next six people receiving the highest votes will be named as alternates. This action resulted in the election of the following clergy alternates (in order): William Meekins, Anais Husain, Amy Wagner, Sung Shik Chung, Timothy Goodman, and Bret Dinger

FINAL WORSHIP – Following a brief recess, the youth caucus led the body in singing “New Wine.” Bishop Moore-Koikoi set the appointments for the coming conference year. She then invited the 2020 General and Jurisdictional delegation to gather in the front of the plenary room. She also invited the youth caucus to surround the delegation and lay hands upon their shoulders while she offered a prayer for strength and guidance as they prepare to go to General and Jurisdictional conferences. The body offered the Wesleyan Covenant prayer followed by the singing of “What a Friend.” The service ended with a Commitment to Christian Service.
P13 FOR DISSOLUTION – Steve Morse, on behalf of section 1, moved concurrence as amended on P13 (42-20-3). Following discussion and a failed motion to extend time, the petition was supported (191-176).

MOTION -- Paul Ritchey moved that RS601, P11, and P86 be placed back on the consent calendar. Following discussion, the motion prevailed.

COSROW MONITORING REPORT – Angel Rishell presented the COSROW report for this session of the Annual Conference. While there are continuing concerns for gender equality, race equality, age equality, and clergy/laity equality, the work of Commission on Status and Role of Women was to monitor to the progress. Rishell celebrated the diversity of the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegations. During this year’s session, there was almost a 50/50 ratio with female/male speakers. There was also about a 50/50 ratio with laity/clergy speakers. However, only about 10% of all speakers were minorities. While there was good news to share, we are still working toward perfection.

CLOSING COMMENTS – Bishop Moore-Koikoi extended her gratitude to Greg Spencer and section leaders, Becky Brammel, the prayer team, the tech team, the safety team, the secretarial staff, Padgett tech team, the agenda committee, the sessions committee, Sharon Gregory, and “all those who stayed until the very last minute.”

ADJOURNMENT – At 6:46 pm, Bishop Moore-Koikoi declared this session of the Annual Conference to be adjourned.
CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
President

Rev. John R. Wilson
Secretary
CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONING

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I Received as Provisional Members and Commissioned as Ministers:

Elder Candidates: Caleb Thomas Fugate, Jillian Evelyn Jones, Hae Seon Lee, Beth Ann Meier, Dylan Reed Parson

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Resident Bishop
CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I Received as Full Member with Recognition of Ordination:

Adam Joseph Stump

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Resident Bishop
CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I Ordained as ELDERS:

James Terry Golla III, Hannah Marie Loughman, Keith Thomas McGarvey, John Darin Mize, C. Drew Myers, Thomas Roy Scott

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Resident Bishop
CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, I Ordained as DEACONS:

Rebekah Ruth Clapp, Anais Lura Hussian, Sean Robert Lewis

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Resident Bishop
ELDERS & DEACONS CLASS 2019

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PROVISIONAL MEMBERS 2019

Left to Right: Caleb Thomas Fugate, Jillian Evelyn Jones, Hae Seon Lee, Dylan Reed Parson, Beth Ann Meier

Retiring Class of 2019

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