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CLERGY SESSION

Monday, May 3, 2021

Via the ZOOM platform

ORDER – Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi opened the clergy session at 1:00 p.m. by means of the use of the ZOOM platform online. She then led the body in prayer.

COURTESY – Bishop introduced Sharon Gregory, Conference Lay Leader, who was invited to attend clergy session this year by the Bishop in order to continue to model the interconnection of the work of the clergy and the work of the laity. The Bishop invited the members of clergy session to use the “poll” feature of the Zoom Platform, as a way of affirming our welcome of Sharon as our guest during today’s clergy session. The invitation was affirmed.

A TIME OF WORSHIP – Kelly Schanely, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, read First Corinthians 12:4-13 (NRSV), setting the stage for our work throughout the afternoon as we discuss, and vote, upon individuals with a variety of callings and roles in ministry.

(2021) (53) RETIREMENTS: ELDERS – Joseph P. Short read the names of elders who are retiring [¶with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Donna A. Anderson, [¶357.2d], 34.75 years, (10/1/2020); David B. Bowman, [¶357.2b], 38 years, (7/1/2021); Todd M. Davis, [¶357.2d], 36.5 years, (10/1/2020); Mark A. DeBaise, [¶357.2c], 34 years, (7/1/2021); John E. Gerber, [¶357.2c], 37 years, (7/1/2021); Mark E. Goswick, [¶357.2b], 39 years, (7/1/2021); John W. Hodge, [¶357.2c], 43 years, (7/1/2021); Dennis A. Johnson, [¶357.2c], 23 years, (2021); Joong W. Koe, [¶357.2c], 24.5 years, (7/1/2021); John A. Logan Jr., [¶357.2c], 41 years, (7/1/2021); Keith H. Lohr, [¶357.2d], 28.25 years, (9/1/2020); Michael E. Long, [¶357.2c], 39.5 years, (7/1/2021); Thomas J. Michalko, [¶357.2c], 36 years, (7/1/2021); Byron K. Myers, [¶357.2c], 40 years, (7/1/2021); Roseanne D. Oliver, [¶357.1], 2.5 years, (7/1/2021); James W. Parkinson, [¶357.2c], 16 years, (7/1/2021); B. Scott Peterman, [¶357.2d 32.5], years, (1/1/2021); Roger A. Peterson, Jr., [¶357.2c], 41 years, (7/1/2021); Thomas A. Phillips, [¶357.2c], 15 years, (7/1/2021); James N. Pond, [¶357.2c], 22.5 years, (7/1/2021); Timothy M. Rogers, [¶357.2b], 37.25 years, (7/1/2021); Jean A. Smith, [¶357.2c], 13 years, (7/1/2021); Jeffrey D. Sterling, [¶357.2c], 35.5 years, (7/1/2021); Steven S. Tuell, [¶357.2d], 42 years, (6/1/2021); Lola J. Turnbull, [¶357.2c], 25 years, (7/1/2021); Barbara A. Turpish, [¶357.2d], 4.75 years, (1/1/2021); Rico J. Vespa, [¶357.2c], 41 years, (7/1/2021); Kenneth R. Wagoner, [¶357.2d], 44.25 years, (10/1/2020); and Judith E. Winston Thomas, [¶357.2c], 14 years, (7/1/2021).

(2021) (54) RETIREMENTS: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Joseph Short read the names of associate members who are retiring [¶with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Ronald L. Emery, [¶357.2c], 21 years, (7/1/2021); and Joni K. Williams, [¶357.2b], 19 years, (7/1/2021).

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(2021) (56) RETIREMENTS: LOCAL PASTORS – Joseph Short read the names of local pastors who are retiring [¶with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Sandra K. Conti, [¶357.1], 9 years, (7/1/2018); Earl R. Dykes, [¶357.1], 19 years, (7/1/2021); Barbara J. English, [¶357.2c], 24 years, (7/1/2021); Thomas W. Fodor, [¶357.2c], 3 years, (7/1/2021); Kenneth R. Jacobs, [¶357.1], 10.5 years, (7/1/2021); D. Bruce Keen, [¶357.1], 11 years, (2/6/2021); David A. Klink, [¶357.2c], 23.5 years, (7/1/2021); Dennis L. Marshall, [¶357.1], 11 years, (7/1/2021); Dai D. Morgan, [¶357.2d], 15 years, (1/1/2021); Jerrold J. Pawloski, [¶357.2c], 10 years, (7/1/2021); Mark A. Sholtis, [¶357.1], 16.5 years, (7/1/2021); and William M. Warrick, [¶357.1], 4.5 years, (7/1/2021).

(2021) YEARS OF EXPERIENCE – Joseph Short also reported that the 2021 retirees have corporately accumulated a total of 1,042.25 years of pastoral service.

PRAYER – A prayer for all retirees was offered by Joseph Short.

SPECIAL MUSIC – Steven Morse and Jennifer Harrington, from Central Highlands UMC, sang “And Are We Yet Alive?”

COVENANT PRAYER – Eric Raygor, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, led the session in prayer for Bishop Moore-Koikoi and invited all to pray John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer (UMH #607).

(2020) COURSE OF STUDY GRADUATES - Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s registrar, recognized the 2019-2020 Course of Study graduates: Terry T. Brown, R. Jeffrey Canter, Calvin J. Cook, Dean P. Cooney, Paul A. Demi, Denise L. Mains, Janet R. Pratt, Joshua H. Ricketts, and C. Fred Zickefoose.

(2021) COURSE OF STUDY GRADUATES - Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s registrar, recognized the 2020-2021 Course of Study graduates: Brian M. Carroll, Christine M. Doren, Karen L. Jacobs, William J. Locke, and Sharon S. Waltenbaugh.

(2019) RESIDENTIAL LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES – Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s registrar, recognized the graduates of Residential Licensing School of Summer 2019: Edmund L. Bach, Sally E. Bell, Martie L. Cain, Katherine M. Fehl, Cindy M. Gray, Grace E. Killian, Natalie A. Marionneaux, Alex C. McConnell, and Megan R. Miles.

(2020) COMMUTER LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES – Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s registrar, recognized the graduates of Commuter Licensing School of Spring 2020: Jerome A. Alsdorf, Zachary R. Bohinski, Angela N. Ciarimboli, Johnathon D. Held, Dianne E. Hetrick, Karen J. Martin, Randy B. Ord, David J. Peightal, William J. Pinos, Bodie C. Riddle, Shawn Robbins, Peter Salko, Shawn E. Underwood, Ryan K. Washabaugh, and Jack K. Washabaugh.

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(2020) RESIDENTIAL LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES – Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s registrar, recognized the graduates of Residential Licensing School of Summer 2020: Todd M. Ciarimboli, Kyle M. Eisenhuth, Thomas A. Harrison, Kyle W. Holcomb, Zayzay G. Kpadeh, James P. Smeal, and Melissa A. Whitling.

(2020) (20) APPROVAL OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE STUDIES FOR THE LICENSE AS A LOCAL PASTOR BUT ARE NOT UNDER APPOINTMENT – Upon motion by Kelly Schanely, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶315, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox. The motion was approved.

(2020) (21a) FULL-TIME LOCAL PASTORS – Upon motion by Kelly Schanely, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶318.1, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox. The motion was approved.

(2020) (21b) PART-TIME LOCAL PASTORS – Upon motion by Kelly Schanely, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶318.2, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox. The motion was approved.

(2020) (26) AFFILIATE MEMBERS – Terry G. Shaffer, moved approval of Affiliate Members while a member of another Annual Conference, according to ¶334.5 and ¶344.4 (voice but no vote): Jane Ellen Nickell, FE, West Virginia AC; and Dawn M. Hand, FE, Western North Carolina AC. Seconded by J. Patrick Lenox. The motion was approved.

(2020) (27) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶322, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox: R, Jeffrey Canter.

(2020) (28) PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶324, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox: *Provisional Deacons*: Natalie A. Marionneaux and Matthew C. Scott; *Provisional Elders*: Joshua P. Demi, Jacob G. Judy, and Grace E. Killian.

(2020) (32) FULL MEMBERSHIP – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶330, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox: Robert V. Ellson, Paul A. Harman III, Randolph K. Landman, Loren A. McQueen, Roseanne D. Oliver, and Luke A. Whipple.

PRAYER – Bishop Moore-Koikoi prayed for those just elected as associate, provisional, and full members.

(2020) (34) ELDER’S ORDERS: ELLSON - On motion of Chris Livermore, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Robert Ellson was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2020) (34) ELDER’S ORDERS: LANDMAN - On motion of John Smith, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Randolph K. Landman was approved for ordination as an elder.

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(2020) (34) ELDER'S ORDERS: MCQUEEN - On motion of Jason McQueen, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Loren McQueen was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2020) (34) ELDER'S ORDERS: WHIPPLE - On motion of Dennis Swineford, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Luke Whipple was approved for ordination as an elder.

PRAYER – Bishop Moore-Koikoi prayed for those who were just approved for ordination.

(2020) (50a and 50c) CONTINUATION OF VOLUNTARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, moved continuation of leave of absence for: name, (status), ¶BOD reference, (year): Anthony R.C. Hita, (FE), ¶353, (year 3); Dawn M. Hand, (FE), ¶353.2a.3, (from 1/2/2020-1/16/2020); Austin P. Hornyak, (FE), ¶353.2a.3, (effective 14 2020: year 1); Ronald E. Thomas, (FE), ¶353.2a.3, (year 17); David R. Lewis, (FE), ¶353.2a.3, (year 20); Stephen A. Tiffany (FE), ¶353.2a.3, (year 10); Chul Park (FE), ¶353.2a.3, (year 11); Beth A. Cooper, (RE), ¶353.2b.3, (year 4); Barbara A. Turpish, (FE), ¶353.2b.3, (year 16); Darryl S. Lockie, (PE), ¶355, (4 weeks, Mar. 2020); Ronald E. Cox Jr., (PL), ¶355, (8 weeks, Apr. 2020); and Scott Lawrence, (FE), ¶355, (3 weeks, Aug./Sept. 2020). The motion was approved.

(2020) (50b) INVOLUNTARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶354, moved involuntary leave of absence for: name, (status), dates: Joel D. Peterson, (PE), (Ad Interim involuntary leave 9/11/2019-12/21/2019); and Angela M. Rishell, (PE), (Ad Interim involuntary leave 11/1/2019-12/21/2019). Seconded by Alan Morrison. John Wilson, Conference Secretary, clarified for the body who was eligible to vote on this motion based on Judicial Council memorandum 1408. which clarified Judicial Council Decision 1383. The motion was approved.

PRAYER – Bishop Moore-Koikoi led the clergy session in prayer.

(2020) (72) LESS THAN FULL TIME SERVICE – On motion of Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, the following clergy were approved for less than full time service, according to ¶331.7, ¶338.2, ¶342.2, and ¶1506: name, (status), fraction of time, years: Willard C. Adkins, (AM), ¼ time, year 18; Sharon M. Hamley, (FE), ¾ time, year 12; J. Mark Hurst, (FE), ¾ time, year 17; Tina G. Keller, (FE), ¾ time, year 12; John R. Wilson, (FE), ¾ time, year 27; Joni K. Williams, (AM), ¾ time, year 5; Sheila R. Auer, (AM), ¾ time, year 5; Nicole M. Crouch, (PD), ¾ time, year 3; Carol H. Hickman, (AM), ¾ time, year 3; Lawrence A. Peters, (FE), ¾ time, year 2; Roseanne Oliver, (FE), ¾ time, year 2; Rebecca W. Patterson, (FE), ¾ time, year 1; Scott D. Lawrence, (FE), ½ time, year 1; David B. Bowman, (FE), ¾ time, year 1; and Matthew C. Scott, (PD), ¾ time, year 1.

(2020) COMPREHENSIVE MOTION – On motion of Eric Raygor, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, and second by J. Patrick Lenox, members of the clergy session approved a comprehensive motion to receive and approve the 2020 report of the Board of Ministry, including approval of all matters contained in the 2020 report that had not already been specifically voted upon. Editor's Note: These motions were effective retroactively to 2020.

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(2021) (28) PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶322 or ¶324, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox: *Provisional Deacons*: Jessica Kateri Kennedy, Shawn Timothy Lehman, and Megan Renee Miles. *Provisional Elders*: Sarah Elizabeth Adkins, Kimberly Lynn Foes, Debra Lynn Mason, and Diane Curry Randolph.

(2021) (32) FULL MEMBERSHIP – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶330, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox: Deacons: Nicole M. Crouch, and Lynette S. Moran. Elders: Kendra L. Balliet, Angelique O. Bradford, Tai S. Courtemanche, Adam T. Dotts, Nathanael J. Fugate, Victoria R. Heath, Gloria A. Jun, Craig R. Lindahl, Darryl S. Lockie, Valerie B. Mize, Michelle A. Nagel, Clint T. Phillips, Shane J. Siciliano, Lori M. Walters, and Matthew E. Williams.

PRAYER – Bishop Moore-Koikoi prayed for those just elected as associate, provisional, and full members.

(2021) (34a) DEACON'S ORDERS: CROUCH - On motion of Janet Lord, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Nicole M. Crouch was approved for ordination as a deacon.

(2021) (34a) DEACON'S ORDERS: MORAN - On motion of Janet Lord, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Lynette S. Moran was approved for ordination as a deacon.

ORDER OF DEACON'S ANNIVERSARY – Janet Lord noted that 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of the Order of Deacons in the United Methodist Church and Nicole and Lynette will become Western Pennsylvania's 20th and 21st Ordained Deacons!!

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: BALLIET - On motion of Sharon Schwab, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Kendra L. Balliet was approved for ordination as an elder.

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(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: BRADFORD - On motion of Terry Shaffer, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Angelique O. Bradford was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: COURTEMANCHE - On motion of John Seth, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Tai S. Courtemanche was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: DOTTS - On motion of J. R. Virgin, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Adam T. Dotts was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: FUGATE - On motion of Jonathan Fehl, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Nathanael J. Fugate was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: HEATH - On motion of Dan Owens, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Victoria R. Heath was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: JUN - On motion of Tom Strandburg, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Gloria A. Jun was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: LINDAHL - On motion of Marge Lindahl, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Craig R. Lindahl was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: MIZE - On motion of Erik Hoeke, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Valerie B. Mize was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: PHILLIPS - On motion of August Twigg, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Clint T. Phillips was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: SICILIANO - On motion of Jim Sands, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Shane J. Siciliano was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: WALTERS - On motion of Tom Hoeke, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Lori M. Walters was approved for ordination as an elder.

(2021) (34b) ELDER'S ORDERS: WILLIAMS - On motion of J. R. Virgin, seconded by J. Patrick Lenox, Matthew E. Williams was approved for ordination as an elder.

PRAYER – Bishop Moore-Koikoi prayed for those who were just approved for ordination.

(2021) (39) TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER METHODIST DENOMINATIONS – Janet Lord, on behalf of the Board of Ministry, reported the transfer into our conference of Michele A. Nagle from the Free Methodist Church (3/10/2021) and Darryl S. Lockie from the Wesleyan Church (3/8/2021).

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The motion was approved.

(2021) (72) LESS THAN FULL TIME SERVICE

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APPROVAL OF CHARACTER OF CLERGY – Bishop Moore-Koikoi asked “Are all the clergy members of the annual conference blameless in their life and administration?” (¶¶604.4., 605.6) Patrick Lenox, Dean of the Cabinet, responded “There are no formal complaints against any of our clergy at this time. We give thanks for our clergy’s willingness to heed God’s call, to minister in the name of Jesus Christ, to the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.”

BISHOP’S GRATITUDE – Bishop Moore-Koikoi shared her thanks to the sessions committee, the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Conference Secretary, the Cabinet, and technical staff, as well as the worship participants, and all the clergy for their flexibility and willingness to try to do clergy session in new ways.

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Connectional Leadership Table Saturday, June 5, 2021 Via the ZOOM platform

Attendees: Vicki Stahlman, John Wilson, Corben Russell, John Emigh, Dara Sterling, Alyce Weaver Dunn, David Ewing, Peggy Citeroni, Sandra Matoushaya, Chris Kindle, Dawn Hargraves, Sharon Gregory, Pat Lenox, Kristen Mabon, Seth McClymonds, Erica Rushing, Amanda Mitchell, Matthew Judd, Kayla DeCristoforo, Roger White, Laura Saffell, Lori Deal, Linda Thayer, Jackie Campbell, Thomas Hallman, Amy Wagner, Jonathan Fehl, Dayton Mix, Robb Montgomery, Dawn Lynn Check, Cyndi Bloise, Jessica Speer (32)

I. 10 a.m. Welcome, Devotional and Prayer by Vicki Stahlman, Vice Chair
Scripture: *Luke 10:30*, Jesus uses the story of the Good Samaritan to show us what “Love your neighbor” looks like.

II. Approval of 2021 Annual Conference Legislation

- It was discussed that everyone has voice during the meeting but only 22 people are able to vote. Those not voting at this time include guests to the meeting (Matt Judd) and staff.
- In order for legislation to pass it must have a majority. This will be monitored by Alyce Weaver Dunn and John Wilson. If it is close there will be a count.

A. Motion: Seth McClymonds made a motion to place RS 706: Wesley Woods Bylaws before the committee for approval. Seconded by Linda Thayer.

RS 706: Wesley Woods Bylaws was presented by Matt Judd

Questions/Comments: Matt Judd states that changes to bylaws are editorial, just moving to perfect the bylaws. No Questions, No Amendments.

RESULT OF VOTE: PASSED

B. Motion: Sharon Gregory made a motion to place RS 101: Base Compensation, RS 102: Accountable Reimbursement and RS 103: Clergy Housing Allowance before the committee for approval. Seconded by Seth McClymonds.

The below legislation was presented by Corben Russell

RS 101: Base Compensation

RS 102: Accountable Reimbursement

RS 103: Clergy Housing Allowance

Presenter Comments: We have not changed anything for Housing Allowance or Accountable Reimbursement. There is a recommendation to correct the CPI. In January, the CPI was 1.6% and in April as increased 3.99% (found in RS 101, line 16).

CPI = Cost of living increase

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Clarification: The committee is not recommending an increase to salaries, but to leave it up to the churches individual to do what is best for them specifically, just to correct the language in the legislation to reflect updated information.

Motion: Dawn Lynn Check made a motion to amend the legislation to increase the minimum salaries by 1.9% and change the CPI to 3.99%. Seconded by Linda Thayer

Amended Salaries would read as follows \$42,071 (Line 21), \$43,402 (line 22), \$38,979 (Line 23), \$39,565 (Line 24)

RESULT OF AMENDMENT VOTE: DEFEATED

*Editorial changes will be made to reflect the updated CPI information.

Decision was made to separate RS 101 from the other two pieces of legislation for approval.

RESULT OF VOTE FOR RS 101: PASSED

RESULT OF VOTE FOR RS 102 AND 103: PASSED

C. Motion: Sharon Gregory made a motion to place RS 201: Rule Change Tellers and RS 202: Rule Change Annual Conference Fee before the committee for approval. Seconded by Linda Thayer.

The following legislation was presented by John Wilson

RS 201: Rule Change Tellers

RS 202: Rule Change Annual Conference Fee

Presenter Comments:

Generally, Amendments to the conference rules fall into two categories: 1. Procedural (to reflect changes in current practice) or 2. Aspirational changes. These two pieces of legislation are procedural, whereas controversial changes tend to be aspirational changes.

Changes being made to RS 201: We have introduced keypads into voting process (just updating the rules to reflect change in circumstances)

RS 202: Changes made because we are moving Annual Conference to a new location and there were concerns about cost changes due to members needing to find housing.

RESULT OF VOTE: PASSED

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D. Motion: Laura Saffell made a motion to place RS 301: Conference Evangelist Christina Zimmerman, RS 302: General Evangelist John Zimmerman, RS 303: Conference Evangelist Brittany Hartman before the committee for approval. Seconded by Seth McClymonds.

RS 301, 302, 303 Presented by John Emigh

Presenter Comments: This is standard legislation that we submit every year. The only change being made is to reflect that Paul Morelli is retiring and Brittany Hartman will be stepping in, in his place. We are also adding a list of local Evangelists that are available at the end of RS 303.

RESULT OF VOTE: PASSED

E. Motion: Sharon Gregory made a motion to place RS 501: Rental/Housing Allowance for Retired Clergy and Disabled Clergy, RS 502: Clergy Retirement Security Program & Comprehensive Protection Plan, RS 503: CRSP Future Liabilities & Benefit Reserve Fund and RS 504: 2022 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan Summary before the committee for approval. Seconded by Laura Saffell.

The following legislation was presented by Dara Sterling
RS 501: 2022 Rental/Housing Allowance for Retired Clergy and Disabled Clergy
RS 502: Clergy Retirement Security Program & Comprehensive Protection Plan
RS 503: CRSP Future Liabilities & Benefit Reserve Fund
RS 504: 2022 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan Summary

Presenter Comments: These are standard pieces of legislation, the only changes are updated financial numbers, no other changes.

RESULT OF VOTE: PASSED

Closing Prayer/Adjournment: Alyce Weaver Dunn.