

## **IV Daily Proceedings**

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**DAILY PROCEEDINGS**  
**“Anchored in Christ”**  
**Dutilh United Methodist Church, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**GREETING** – At 1:00 PM, Bishop Moore-Koikoi welcomed the members to this year’s clergy session.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – Eric Raygor, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, led the Call to Worship.

**HYMN** – The body joined in song with “O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing.”

**PRAYER** – Kelley Schanely, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, led the body in prayer for the day’s business and worship.

**PROCEDURES & CORRECTIONS** – Kelley Schanely explained the procedure for progressing through the business of the clergy session today, following the prepared report from the Board. Following the presentations of items today, there will be a comprehensive omnibus motion for approval of all matters contained in the report that have not been specifically voted upon. She also drew attention to the ERRATA sheet attached to the back of the report for any misspellings or corrections.

**(13) CHARACTER OF THE CLERGY** – Bishop Moore-Koikoi asked “Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and administration?” (¶¶604.4, 605.7) Representing the ten District Superintendents, Patrick Lenox, Dean of the Cabinet, responded affirmatively.

**2021 RESIDENTIAL LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES** – Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s Registrar, identified those who had completed the residential Local Pastor Licensing School at Olmsted Manor during 2021 and recognized any who were present. Graduates were: Karen E. Fabian, Richard L. Foland, Jr, Dustin R. Heath, Lorraine A. Knapp, Amanda D. Mitchell, Jacob W. Penvose, Peggy A. Senior, Ethan T. Shearer, Barbara J. Trent, and John C. White.

**2022 SPRING LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES** – Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s Registrar, identified those who had completed the 2022 Spring Local Pastor Licensing School and recognized any who were present. Graduates were: Patricia R. Bushik-Bolsat, Steven G. Harrell, Robert H. Katzenstein Jr, Steven J. Ketner, Rebecca M. Konegen, David A. McVay, Todd F. Ritchey, Krystal M. Webb, Terri D. Wells, and Patricia L. Wood.

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**2022 COURSE OF STUDY GRADUATES** – Sara J. Wrona, Local Pastor’s Registrar, identified those local pastors who had completed Course of Study and recognized any who were present. Graduates were: R Bailey Allen. Dawn R. Hargraves, D. Bruce Keen, Harriet E. Hutton, Kathy J. Mihoerck, and Karen J. Trask.

**(16) 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. The motion was approved.

**(17a) FULL-TIME LOCAL PASTORS** – Upon motion by Kelly Schanely, cochair of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶318.1. The motion was approved.

**(17b) PART-TIME LOCAL PASTORS** – Upon motion by Kelly Schanely, cochair of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶318.2. The motion was approved.

**(23) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, Registrar for the Board of Ordained Ministry, according to ¶322: Dawn E. Krishart.

**(24a) PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP & COMMISSIONING: DEACON** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, in the deacon track, according to ¶¶324.4.a,c; 324.5: Dustin R. Heath.

**(24b) PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP & COMMISSIONING: ELDER** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, in the elder track, according to ¶¶324.4.a,c; 324.6: John F. Balliet, Jr.

**(28b) FULL MEMBERSHIP** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶335: Jeremy W. Barkley, Caleb T. Fugate, Matthew F. Howe, J. Mark Heckman, and Dylan R. Parson. Approved.

**(30) ELDER’S ORDERS: FUGATE** – Received on motion of Nathaniel J. Fugate, according to ¶335: Caleb T. Fugate. Approved for ordination as an elder.

**(30) ELDER’S ORDERS: HOWE** – Received on motion of Richard P. Howe, according to ¶335: Matthew F. Howe. Approved for ordination as an elder.

**(30) ELDER’S ORDERS: BARKLEY** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶335: Jeremy W. Barkley. Approved for ordination as an elder.

**(30) ELDER’S ORDERS: HECKMAN** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶335: J. Mark Heckman. Approved for ordination as an elder.

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**(30) ELDER'S ORDERS: PARSON** – Received on motion of Janet Lord, registrar of the Board of Ministry, according to ¶335: Dylan R. Parson. Approved for ordination as an elder.

**HYMN** – The body joined in song with “Here I Am, Lord.”

**(44a) DECEASED: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – (*Retired*): James E. Moore, Delbert W. Wasser, Earl F. Watterson, and John R. Bullock.

**(44c) DECEASED: ELDERS** – (*Retired*): John V. King, William D. Mock, Robert G. Casler, Roger R. Shaffer, Peter A. Alfieri, Clair A. Lundberg, Thomas F. St. Clair, George S. Dran, LaVerne R. Howard, Donald E. Krestar, and Barry L. Lewis, Gerald McCammon.

**(44e) DECEASED: LOCAL PASTORS** – (*Active*): Janice E. Reynolds and Thomas Krishart. (*Retired*): Robert L. Carroll and Walter E. Patton.

**DECEASED: OTHER PASTORS OR BISHOPS** – Ha Kyung Cho-Kim, Donald Hullenbaugh, Jay Pifer, Charles Eckles.

**PRAYER & HYMN** – After a time of prayer, the body sang: “For All The Saints.”

**(46a) VOLUNTARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE** – Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, moved continuation of leave of absence for: name, ¶BOD reference, (year): Anthony R.C. Hita, ¶353, (year 5); Austin P. Hornyak, ¶353.2a.3, (effective 8/14/2020: year 3); William M. Pieringer, ¶353.2a.3, (effective 7/1/2021: year 2); Stephen A. Tiffany ¶353.2a.3, (year 12); Chul Park ¶353.2a.3, (year 13); Beth A. Cooper, ¶353.2b.3, (year 6); and Natalie A. Marionneaux, ¶353.1.c.2, (effective 8/20/2021-1/9/2022). The motion was approved.

**(46c) MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE** – Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, moved maternity/paternity leave (¶355) for: name (dates): Luke Whipple (12/8/2021-1/26/2022), Benjamin Phipps (2/24/2022-3/7/2022), and Matt Price (2/23/2022-3/8/2022).

**(48) MEDICAL LEAVE GRANTED** – Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, moved continued medical leave (¶356.1) for: name (start date of medical leave): Debra Anne Groeger (2/1/1997); Connie B. Hoeke (without benefits) (7/1/2000); Susan E. Sphar (1/23/2009); Pamela S. Armstrong (7/1/2017); Bruce K. Merritt (9/1/2017); David D. Ealy (5/1/2019); Jillian E. Jones (without Benefits) (3/1/2020) and Lance S. Tucker (7/1/2022).

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**(49) RETIREMENTS: ELDERS** – Joseph P. Short read the names of elders who are retiring [¶with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Anthony S. Fallisi [¶357.2d], 16 years, (8/1/2021); Gregory D. Golden [¶357.2d], 41.5 years, (1/1/2022); Shawn L. Goodwin [¶357.2a], 22.5 years, (7/1/2022); Lisa A. Grant [¶357.2c], 41 years, (7/1/2022); Larry P. Homitsky [¶357.2d], 46 years, (3/1/2022); Charles G. Jack [¶357.2c], 45 years, (7/1/2022); Robert E. Jones [¶357.2b], 33 years, (7/1/2022); A. James Lewis [¶357.2b], 36.5 years, (7/1/2022); Robert H Lewis [¶357.2b], 32 years, (7/1/2022); Keith T. McGarvey [¶357.2b], 11 years, (7/1/2022); Sue Anne Steffey Morrow [¶357.1], 47 years, (7/1/2022); Douglas B. Myers [¶357.2c], 14 years, (7/1/2022); Rebecca W. Patterson [¶257.2c], 14 years, (7/1/2022); Ronald E. Thomas [¶357.2d], 18 years, (11/1/2021); Rex A. Wasser [¶357.2b], 37 years, (7/1/2022); Kellie D. Wild [¶357.2d], 15 years, (7/1/2022).

**(50) RETIREMENTS: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – Joseph P. Short read the names of associate members who are retiring [¶with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): Roger P. Howard [¶357.2a], 21.75 years, (7/1/2022); and Denton R. Lester [¶357.1], 31 years, (7/1/2022).

**(51) RETIREMENTS: LOCAL PASTORS** – Joseph P. Short read the names of local pastors who are retiring [¶with Disciplinary reference], years of service, and (effective date): as retired local pastors (¶320.5): Carol E. Brown [¶¶320.5 & 357.2c], 12 years, (7/1/2022); Cleo A. Carr [¶¶320.5 & 357.1], 14 years, (7/1/2022); Kathryn K. Dom [¶¶320.5 & 357.1], 4 years, (7/1/2022); Donna N. Doult [¶¶320.5 & 357.1], 6 years, (7/1/2022); Dorothy (Ann) H. Foor [¶¶320.5 & 357.1], 5 years, (7/1/2022); Karen L. Jacobs [¶¶320.5 & 357.1], 10 years, (7/1/2022); Marjorie L. Kiefer [¶¶320.5 & 357.2e], 14.5 years, (7/1/2022); Thomas W. Moore [¶¶320.5 & 357.2c], 7.75 years, (7/1/2022); Gregory M. Stiver [¶¶320.5 & 357.2b], 19.5 years, (7/1/2022); Edward I. Wagner [¶¶320.5 & 357.2d], 7 years, (10/1/2021); and Frank J. Weingard [¶¶320.5 & 357.2c], 11.5 years, (7/1/2022).

**LEGACY OF FAITH** – Joseph P. Short reported that this year's retirees account for 633.5 years of service.

**PRAYER** – James Pond, prayed for those about to enter into the retired connection.

**(54) SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES** – Terry G. Shaffer, Secretary of the Board of Ministry, moved recertification in specialized ministries for: name (specialized ministry): Patricia M. Nelson (Older Adult Ministries), Deborah A. Dennick-Ream (Christian Education), and Jaime Willey (Youth Ministry). Approved.

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**(67a) 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 20; Sharon M. Hamley, (FE), ¾ time, year 14; Tina G. Keller, (FE), ¾ time, year 14; John R. Wilson, (FE), ¾ time, year 29; Sheila R. Auer, (AM), ¾ time, year 7; Carol H. Hickman, (AM), ¾ time, year 5; Lawrence A. Peters, (FE), ¾ time, year 4; Scott D. Lawrence, (FE), ½ time, year 3; Beth Rosler, (FE), ¾ time, year 3; Jason E. Schweinberg, (FE), ¾ time, year 2; Brenda K. Walker, (FE), ¾ time, year 2; Michelle Nagle (FE) ¾ time, year 2; Nicole M. Crouch (FD) ½ time, year 2; Shawn T. Lehman, (PD), ¾ time, year 2; Melody L. Kimmel (PE) ¾ time, year 1; and Eric Hoeke (FE) ½ Time, year 1.

**(75) PENSION CREDIT REPORT** -- On motion of Greg Cox, Board of Pensions, members approved pension credit for Mark Hecht August 1, 1988 to June 8, 1989; David S. Lake Attended school July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985; Dale Reese July 1 1983 to June 30, 1984 SLP service to count towards years of service BOD ¶357.

**COMPREHENSIVE MOTION** – On motion of Kelley Schanely, co-chair of the Board of Ministry, members of the clergy session approved a comprehensive omnibus motion to receive and approve the 2022 report of the Board of Ministry, including approval of all matters contained in the 2022 report that had not already been specifically voted upon. Approved.

**EPISCOPAL COMMENTS** – Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi lauded the hard work of these last couple of years by our clergy. She shared areas where she hopes our conference, and especially our clergy, might continue to grow. She also reminded elders considering extension ministries that the conversation should always start with the Bishop’s office first.

**PRAYER & HYMN** – Following a prayer by Kelley Schanely, the body sang “Go Forth For God.”

**ADJOURNMENT** – The Bishop declared the clergy session adjourned at 2:13 PM.

*NOTE: Following the adjournment of clergy session, the Order of Elders met and elected Erica Wellner as their new chairperson.*

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#### “Anchored in Christ”

Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania

Thursday, June 2, 2022

**WORSHIP** – During the opening worship, led by “Give Grace” from Indiana: Grace UMC, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, picking up on the themes in Philippians 2:1-11, exhorted the gathered members to allow the apostle Paul’s words speak to us as well: If there is any fellowship, ... any comfort, ... any fellowship, then let us be of the same mind. That doesn’t always mean think the exact same thoughts, but we think the same way: “thinking of others more highly than ourselves.” Also, the Bishop reminded all that we are to deliberately pursue the same goal: Love. We show our love to everyone.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Following worship, at 1:40 PM, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the plenary session to order.

**WELCOME TO ERIE** – The Honorable Joseph Schember, Mayor of Erie, welcomed the body to the Bayfront Convention Center and to the city and surrounding Erie.

**INTRODUCTION OF FLOOR MANAGERS** – Bishop Moore-Koikoi introduced Kelly Smith and Sharon Gregory, the floor managers for the Annual Conference.

**WELCOME TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – Alan Morrison, chair of the Conference Sessions Committee, highlighted logistical information and new changes for this year.

**SETTING THE BAR OF THE CONFERENCE** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that the bar of the conference be set to include “those who were issued keypads.” The motion to set the bar was APPROVED.

**KEYPAD VOTING** – Joel Garrett instructed the members on how to vote using the electronic keypads.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Jude Urso, Agenda Coordinator moved for the setting of our published agenda as printed on pages 453-454 in the Daily Journal. The motion to adopt the agenda was APPROVED.

**REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RULES** – Rebecca Brammel, Chancellor, announced that the rules committee has proposed amendments to our Conference Bylaws in order to provide a way of meeting if and when we are unable to meet in person. This is in the legislative process and will be considered in section 2 later today.

**ELECTION OF TELLERS** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, nominated tellers to serve during this year’s Annual Conference, as listed in the Daily Journal (page 460) with Mary Beth Rine as head teller. The motion to elect tellers was APPROVED.

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**ELECTION OF AUDITOR** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that McCall, Scanlon & Tice be elected as auditors for 2023. The motion was APPROVED.

**ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that Rebecca Brammell be elected as Chancellor. The motion was APPROVED.

**ELECTION OF CONFERENCE LAY LEADER** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that Paul Huey be elected as Conference Lay Leader. The motion was APPROVED.

**ELECTION OF TREASURER** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that Roger White be elected as Treasurer. The motion was APPROVED.

**ELECTION OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF GLOBAL MISSIONS** – John Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that Barbara Holcombe be elected as Conference Secretary of Global Ministries. The motion was APPROVED.

**EPISCOPAL NOMINATIONS** – Vicki Stahlman, a member of the General Conference Delegation moved to suspend the rules, in particular conference rule 2.3.10.7 to allow the conference to nominate two candidates for the episcopacy. The motion was APPROVED. She then presented two candidates from our delegation: Alyce Weaver-Dunn and Robert Zilhaver. Both were elected as our nominees for the 2022 Jurisdictional Conference. Renee Mikell, Assistant to the Bishop, prayed for our nominees.

**STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS** – The Bishop shared a video highlighting ministry and faith throughout the churches of the Annual Conference. She closed her presentation with the song “My Soul Is Anchored.”

**LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS** – Following the afternoon session, the Bishop gave guidance regarding several petitions that were potentially out of order for the legislative sections to correct. The legislative sections were dismissed and met during the rest of the afternoon.

#### **EVENING SESSION**

**A SERVICE OF ORDINATION, COMMISSIONING, AND RECEIVING INTO MEMBERSHIP** – The conference gathered at 7:00 PM for the Service of Word and Table for Ordination, Commissioning, and receiving into Membership. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi introduced the Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, who preached a sermon entitled “Invited to Fish” based on Matthew 4:19. Elder Candidates were Jeremy Wayne Barkley, Caleb Fugate, John Mark Heckman, Matthew Howe, and Dylan Reed Parson. Deacon candidate for commissioning was Dustin Randal Heath. Elder candidate for commissioning was John F. Balliet, Jr. Received as an Associate Member was Dawn Eileen Krishart. The service closed following the Celebration of Holy Communion.

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**Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania**

**Friday, June 3, 2022**

**BIBLE STUDY** – 8 AM Bishop Moore-Koikoi led the gathered members of Western Pennsylvania and via livestream to the Susquehanna Conference in a time of Bible Study on the *Book of Hebrews*.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – Shane Siciliano, secretarial staff, presented the Legislation and Corporation Consent Calendar, (*Daily Journal* pages 467-470). He reminded the body about conference rule 2.3.7.4 which specifies how items are placed on the Consent Calendar. The body was reminded that with 25 signatures by 7:00 PM on Friday evening, an item can be removed from the Consent Calendar.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET/RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CABINET**

– Bishop Moore-Koikoi gathered the coordinating cabinet on the platform. She thanked them for their service to the cabinet and the conference. She then offered a prayer of thanksgiving for their gifts and graces. The Bishop thanked Pat Lenox for his eight years as District Superintendent of the Kane District. She then introduced new Superintendent Sang Kong Choi and his wife Grace. Bishop Moore-Koikoi also introduced Ross Pryor, who has been serving as District Superintendent of the Washington District since January 1, 2022. She announced that Eric Park has been selected as Dean of the Cabinet. The Bishop also introduced Renee Mikell who will be point person to work with churches that discern a path of disaffiliation.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor A. James Lewis reflected on the way God has led him throughout his years in ministry.

**FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS** – Chris Kindle, Director of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, shared a video presentation on ways our Annual Conference is Developing Principled Christian Leaders.

**CELEBRATING ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Erie-Meadville District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Dennis Swineford led in prayer.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Denton Lester reflected on the way God has led him throughout his years in ministry.

**BLACK COLLEGE FUND** – The body watched a video highlighting the Black College Fund and its ongoing successful ministries throughout the last 50 years.

**BISHOP’S DISCRETIONARY FUND** – It was reported that last night’s offering brought in \$3596 for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.



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**ELCA GREETINGS** – Bishop Michael Lozano of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod sent greetings and prayers.

**LEGISLATION: RS 701 ACTIVELY WAITING TASK FORCE** – Greg Spencer, on behalf of Section 7, moved concurrence as amended (80-28-5; *Daily Journal* page 471). Katherine Fehl offered an amendment on page 437 “to strike lines 6 and 7 and replace with “maintain ordination standards pertaining to human sexuality, including prohibition of homosexual practice.” The amendment PASSED. Following Prayer by the section leader, the main motion as amended, was ADOPTED.

**LEGISLATION: RS 101 BASE COMPENSATION** – Dean Dietrick, on behalf of Section 1, moved concurrence. (49-33-6; *Daily Journal* page 471). Katrina Laude offered an amendment, but it was not approved. Following Prayer by the section leader, the main motion was ADOPTED.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Donna Doutt reflected on the way God has led her throughout her years in ministry.

**FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS** – Rob Wilson, Director of Congregational Development and Revitalization, shared a video presentation on ways we are creating new and renewed congregations throughout our Annual Conference.

**CELEBRATING FRANKLIN DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Franklin District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Jodie Smith led in prayer.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Dorothy Foor reflected on the way God has led her throughout her years in ministry.

**FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS** – Bev Roscoe, chair of the Poverty Team, shared a video presentation on ways our Annual Conference is engaging in ministry with the poor.

**CELEBRATING KANE DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Kane District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendents Pat Lenox and Sang Kong Choi led in prayer.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Doug Myers reflected on the way God has led him throughout his years in ministry.

**UM COM** – Poonam Patodia, Chief Marketing Officer, United Methodist Communications, brought greetings from the General Church and announced that she also came with an award of recognition for Jackie Campbell. Liz Lennox accepted the award in her behalf because Jackie was unable to be present.

**PRAYER** – From throughout the floor of the body, the Bishop asked for eight people to lead the conference in prayers of healing for Jackie Campbell, Bob Green, and any others who need the healing power of our God in their lives.

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**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Gregory Stiver reflected on the way God has led him throughout his years in ministry.

**UMW/UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** – Linda Thayer, president of the conference arm of United Methodist Women, reported that the name of the organization is being rebranded as “United Women In Faith” as of this Spring. Thayer then shared a video highlighting the ongoing ministries of the group.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Karen Jacobs reflected on the way God has led her throughout her years in ministry.

**LEGISLATION: P34 TO SELECT GROVE CITY COLLEGE SITE** – Cyndi Bloise, on behalf of Section 3, moved to Table P34 (52-27-4; *Daily Journal* page 471). Following prayer by the section leader, the motion to Table was ADOPTED.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Keith McGarvey reflected on the way God has led him throughout his years in ministry.

**FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS** – Lynette Moran, Co-coordinator of the Abundant Health Initiative, shared a video presentation on ways the Annual Conference is Promoting Abundant Health. She also shared a video with Alexis Soohy, Conference Benefits Officer, explaining how the new Employee Assistance Program, is available to all of the conference clergy and their families, regardless of their status as full-time or part-time, and even if their clergy family is not covered by our conference health insurance plan.

**DEEPLY ROOTED, UPWARD REACHING CAMPAIGN** – Through a series of video presentations, members of the conference were updated on the progress of the Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching Campaign designed to help our camping and retreat ministries throughout the Annual Conference. The campaign, now in its fourth year, helps Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny, Jumonville, Olmsted Manor, Healthy Village Learning Institute, and At The Lake Ministries.

**CELEBRATING BUTLER DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Butler District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Eric Park led in prayer.

**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Rebecca Patterson reflected on the way God has led her throughout her years in ministry.

**CELEBRATING INDIANA DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Indiana District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendents Jodie Smith and Robert Zilhaver led in prayer.

**CREDIT UNION** – Members of conference learned, via video, about the Common Roots Federal Credit Union, which serves those connected to our Annual Conference.

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**RETIREMENT REFLECTION** – By video, retiring pastor Thomas Moore reflected on the way God has led him throughout his years in ministry.

**GRACE, RECESS, AND LUNCH** – Ross Pryor led the body in prayer in preparation for the lunch break, and then the Bishop declared a recess for lunch.

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION** – Renee Mikell opened with prayer. Joseph Short then led a litany of prayer. Kelley Schanely announced the Class of 2022 retirees present at Annual Conference, while Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi gave each retiree a special certificate. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi offered a closing prayer.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Following the Retirement Reception, at 1:45 p.m., Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the plenary session to order.

**DISMANTLING RACISM VIDEO REPORT** – Debra Mason reported on efforts to dismantle racism in our Annual Conference. Our districts are doing amazing work of their own. The goals of these efforts are to alter people’s points of view and to encourage them to speak out about race. Renee Mikell featured our new “Meet in the Middle” Podcast. This podcast was created to engage people about race relations, find common ground, and promote love of the community. We have a large podcast audience that includes many people living abroad. There was also video footage of creative performances of Black History from February (Black History Month).

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – After a litany led by Amy Wagner, Kelly Smith asked us on behalf of Shane Hinderliter, Camping Coordinator to write cards to camp staff this summer.

**EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION** – Chair Karen Trask said we are blessed to have such a Spirit-filled deep thinker as our Bishop in Western PA. Our Bishop is determined to move forward because she cares where God is leading. In this spirit, the Annual Conference is giving Bishop Cynthia and her husband, Raphael, a bicycle tour in August. The Episcopacy Committee also presented them with a sculpture of bicycle wheels.

**LEGISLATION – RS 201 – Amending Bylaws** - Roger Pike, on behalf of Section 2 made a motion for concurrence on RS 201 – Amending Bylaws (95-5-1; *Daily Journal* page 467). After prayer, the resolution was ADOPTED.

**LEGISLATION – P 23 – Guidance on Local Church Reporting** - The Bishop ruled P 23 out of order. Nathanael Fugate appealed the parliamentary ruling of the chair. After discussion, Katherine Fehl called the question and the APPEAL was PASSED. Roger Pike, on behalf of Section 2 made a motion for concurrence P 23 – Guidance on Local Church Reporting (51-40-6, *Daily Journal* page 471). An amendment was introduced by Gregory Spencer. SPENCER AMENDMENT: “On Page 406 on Line 24, beginning after the word ‘stop,’ DELETE all words through Line 26, ending with the words ‘social principles.’ REPLACE these words with “offering the option of ‘Non-Binary’ as a gender.” The amended text will read, “stop offering the option of ‘Non-Binary’ as a gender.” Debate

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ended on the amendment and the AMMENDMENT was PASSED. After prayer, the MAIN MOTION was ADOPTED.

**CELEBRATING JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Johnstown District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Sung Chung led in prayer.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM PRESENTATION** – Our Conference Youth showed up dressed as pirates! Everyone together said, “Aargh!” Pearl Russell presented about Uth 4 Missions 2022. Malorie Landman presented about SPARK. The youth made the case that they are not just the future of the church, but part of church today. Some youth are voting members, others are pages, all are an essential part of ministry.

**NOMINATIONS REPORT** – Alyce Weaver Dunn presented the Nominations Report starting on Page 301 of the *Daily Journal*. Alyce also referenced the page 466 in the *Daily Journal* an addendum, saying that the Intentional Missional Alignment Process Task Force was part of our vote. After presentation, she moved the Nominations Report for approval. The Nominations Report was ADOPTED.

**CELEBRATING PITTSBURGH DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Pittsburgh District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Deborah Ackley-Killian led in prayer.

**BOARD OF PENSIONS VIDEO REPORT** – Dara Sterling presented on the work of our Board of Pensions. She then recognized our three Wellness Champions: Ed Saxman, Jim Gascoine, and Cyndi Bloise.

**LEGISLATION – RS 401 – 2023 Connectional Budget** - Rick Nelson, convener of Section 4, moved concurrence on RS 401 – 2023 Connectional Budget (60-18-1, *Daily Journal* page 471). The budget was ADOPTED.

**CELEBRATING WASHINGTON DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Washington District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Ross Pryor led in prayer.

**CELEBRATING GREENSBURG DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Greensburg District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Paul Ritchie led in prayer.

**VIDEO FROM ALLEGHENY COLLEGE** – Jane Ellen Nickell, chaplain at Allegheny College, mentioned that the relationship between the College and the United Methodist Church has been changing. Allegheny College is hosting a symposium to explore this relationship called “Meeting the Moment,” to be held March 17-18, 2023. The college welcomes members of the Annual Conference to submit papers, with proposals due June 30, 2022.

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**CELEBRATING CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS** – As new Connellsville District pastoral appointments scrolled on the screen, pastors that will newly serve there on July 1st stood, and District Superintendent Robert Zilhaver led in prayer.

**SETTING OF THE APPOINTMENTS AND PRAYER FOR CLERGY AND LAITY** – The Bishop announced that the appointments are fixed in the name of Jesus and our new Conference Lay Leader, Paul Huey, offered prayer.

**LAITY SESSION** – Laity Session was led by David Teal, Laity and Spiritual Leadership Director from Discipleship Ministries. David Teal gave a tour of [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org), discussed #SEEALLTHE PEOPLE, and provided the 2022 catalog for Lay Servant Ministries. Every lay person present was provided with a copy of the book, *How to Have a Courageous Conversation.*”

**CLERGY SESSION** – The Bishop started the Clergy Session by explaining its intent. This clergy session was held so the laity can have a session during that time. The bishop directed the clergy to take advantage of this time to pray for one another. The gathered clergy moved into groups of 3 or 4. Each clergy person shared their concerns and prayer needs, and then the group prayed over them. The clergy were in prayer for 30-45 minutes.

**EVENSONG WORSHIP** – Following the separate sessions, the conference gathered. Vicki Stahlman, Ross Pryor, Amy Wagner, and others led Evensong Worship with prayers, songs, and a responsive sung psalm.

#### **DAILY PROCEEDINGS**

##### **“Anchored in Christ”**

**Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

**BIBLE STUDY** – During Bible Study, Bishop Moore-Koikoi related the first few chapters of the *Book of Hebrews* to our United Methodist Doctrinal Standards. She discussed both the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church and the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. No changes can be made to our Doctrinal Standards or new standards established that are contrary by anybody or any body of the church. The Bishop showed how the *Book of Hebrews* lays this out by showing who Jesus is, our great High Priest.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Following Bible Study, at 9:00 AM, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the plenary session to order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – After the 10-hour window lapsed, two pieces of legislation were pulled, RS 201 and P 73. RS 201 was adopted Friday and P 73 was scheduled for discussion shortly. Shane Siciliano moved the Consent Calendar for concurrence without RS 201 and P 73 included. The Consent Calendar was ADOPTED.

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**LEGISLATION – P 73 – For Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant to ¶2553 – W.** Stephen Morse, on behalf of Section 7, moved concurrence for P 73 (93-9-3, *Daily Journal* page 469). Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi responded that P 73 is not properly before us, giving a Ruling of the Chair on this item as a Decision of Law:

*This petition takes away the authority given to the Board of Trustees under ¶2553 to determine if ¶2553 and conference policies have been complied with before the annual conference votes to approve or deny the request to disaffiliate.*

*Further, this petition takes away the authority of the Board of Trustees, cabinet, annual conference benefits officer, the director of connectional ministries, and the annual conference chancellor given to them by ¶2553. And (it limits their ability to perform) their duty as officers of the denomination to preserve the safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the annual conference; to maintain the resources related to the annual conference's interests and those of The United Methodist Church. (The implication of ¶2553.4a is that the Board of Trustees is acting on behalf of GCFA to ensure that the provisions of ¶807.9 are protected in any Disaffiliation Agreement.)*

*The only right of a local church to disaffiliate is in ¶2553, and this is a limited right. ¶2548.2 does not provide a right to a local congregation to disaffiliate, and the deeding of property pursuant to ¶2548.2 relates only to property and not to the disaffiliation or separation of the church itself. In addition, ¶2548.2 does not address any issues of pension liability, (therefore it's inclusion in this petition is inappropriate).*

*This petition negates the authority of the Board of Trustees to add additional standard terms to any agreement. Each of those agreements must be ratified by the annual conference.*

*The designation of "over" and "fully" funded pension is a technical term, not simply a balance sheet total. It is a determination that is made by the Board of Pensions, CFA, and Wespath pursuant to ¶1504.8a and ¶1506.6.*

*This petition violates ¶2553.4a and ¶1504.23 (in allowing for the option of a \$1 pension liability).*

*The petition negates the Board of Pensions ability to carry out ¶2512.4.*

*Further ¶2553 sets the parameters for the effective date of disaffiliation based on the conditions that must be met for disaffiliate as spelled out in ¶2553.*

This Decision of Law will be automatically appealed to the Judicial Council as per ¶2609.6. The Bishop then gave a pastoral response to the Annual Conference reconciling her ruling with the needs of local churches.

**LEGISLATION – P 14 – End Degrading Behavior Against Female Athletes – Dan Miller**, on behalf of Section 1, moved concurrence for P 14 (33-24-0, *Daily Journal* page 472). B.T. Gilligan moved to Table the motion until September 20 at 2:30pm. The motion to Table was not adopted. Katherine Fehl motioned to extend the time to allow for 15 more minutes of discussion. The motion to extend the time was not adopted. Time having elapsed, a vote was called on the main motion. Concurrence was ADOPTED.

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**LAITY ADDRESS** – Sharon Gregory, outgoing Conference Lay Leader, and Paul Huey, incoming Conference Lay Leader, jointly gave the Laity Address. Sharon thanked the Conference for all of the support she received over the years. Paul shared about himself so we might get to know him.

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT** – After closing announcements, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi adjourned Annual Conference 2022 at 10:40 AM.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CLOSING WORSHIP** – Sharon Gregory opened worship. After song and prayer, Kendra Balliet read the names of clergy, laity, and other individuals who passed away since our last meeting, leading everyone in the Prayer of the Saints. Sung Chung and Jodie Smith prayed and read the names of churches who have closed since our last meeting. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi prayed for closed churches and released their assets to bless others. Mary Urso and Mylie Landman read from Scripture. Rob Wilson preached about anchoring in Christ’s love from personal experience growing up in a family of commercial fishermen. Dean Ziegler introduced the offering, benefiting the Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching Camping Campaign. Bishop Cynthia closed worship by commending the Conference for adopting the commitments of Actively Waiting Task Force, where we must honor our differences and support one another. Worship ended with a Wesley covenant prayer.

### **CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**



Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
President



Rev. John R. Wilson  
Secretary

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## CERTIFICATE OF COMISSIONING

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania, I Received as Provisional Members and Commissioned as Ministers:

*Deacon Candidates: **Dustin Randal Heath***

*Elder Candidates: **John F. Balliet, Jr.***

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Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Resident Bishop



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**CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP**

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania, I Received as Associate Member:

*Dawn E. Krishart.*

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Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Resident Bishop

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## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania, I Ordained as ELDERS:

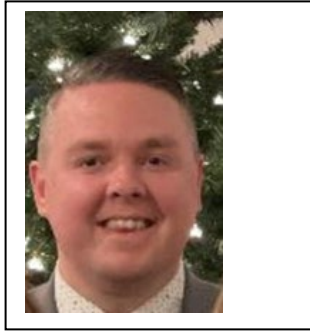
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Matthew Howe, Dylan Reed Parson.*

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Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Resident Bishop

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Jeremy Barkley (FE)



Caleb Fugate (FE)



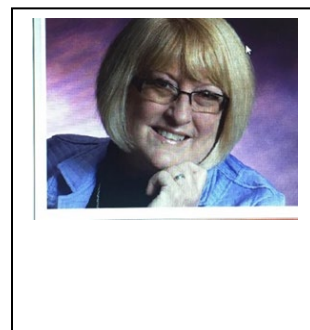
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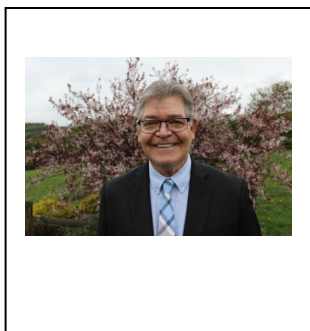
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