III. DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A. ROLL CALL

CLERGY:

LAY MEMBERS
VISITORS

STAFF

CLERGY EXCUSED
B. Anspach (all); G.R. Bailey-R (all); J.W. Bardsley-R (all); R. Barnes-R (all); W. Baugh (all); Bigler-R (all); B. Brand-James (all); J. Brandon (Wed., Thurs.); A. Brewington (Sat); C. Brown-R (all); D. Caldwell (Thurs., Fri.); J. Calhoun (all); G. Camilleri (all); B.L. Carlson-R (all); A.D. Carvalho-R (all); N. Chin (Thurs. AM); F. Clark (all); L. Congdon-R (all); L. Coscia-Ackerman (Fri. Eve, Saturday); G. Czar-R (all); J.H. Davis-R (all); A. Dawber (all); S. Driscoll (all); C. Downs (Wed., Thurs.); F. Eddins (all); W. Eddins (all); C.R. Field-R (all); M. L. Florkey (all); H. N. Gainer (all); E.S. Gault-R (all); D. Goodson-R (all); D. Harper-R (all); R.G. Hassel-R (all); B. Hearth (Fri. Eve, Sat.); A.A. Hewitt-R (all); A. Hillard-R (all); G. Hilton-R (all); A. D. Hodges (all); K.P. Hong (all); R.E. Hullstrung-R (all); M. Ince (all); W. A. Johnston-R (all); A.W. Jones (all); E. Jones (Fri. P.M., Sat.); M. Kawakami (Sat.); M. S. Kim (all); S. C. Kim (all); C.F.W. Kohn-R (all); D. Krazmien (parts); K.L. Loughlin (all); R. L. Lykens (all); R. MacDonald-R (all); I.A. Marsland-R (all); B. McKinney (Fri., Sat.); A. Mecca (All); R. Mellerup (all); R. Merante (all); A.C. Miller-R (all); S. Miller (all); R. W. Mueckenhain-R (all); K. Mulfqueen (Sat); H. Newton-R (all); L.K. Owen-R (all); J.F. Parker (all); G. Paul (all); S. Pfeiffer (all); W. Pfohl (Fri, part., Sat, part.); R.H. Pinto-R (all); J. Polin (all); M. Queen-R (all); R. Reiners-R (all); R. E. Rhodes-R (all); R. Rice (all); R. Riley-R (all); J. Rosado (all); W. Ross-R (all); K.C. Ruge-R (all); N. Rust-R (all); R. E. Sargent-R (all); P. A. Sauerhoff (Wed., Thurs., Fri.); W. Schenck-R (all); B. Schofield-Bodt (all); J.L. Sharpe-R (all); W. Smartt (Sat); D. Smartt Sears (Fri); R. Spoor-R (all); S. Stallings (all); C. Stapleton (all); L. Stowe-Johns (Sat); V. Stutzman (all); A. T. Tedcastle-R (all); L.D. Thomas (all); E.A. Underwood-R (all); W.T. Viets-R (all); J. Wall-R (all); B West (all); V. Wilcox (all); J. Williams (Fri., Sat.); R. Yerkes (all); C. Yount (Sat)
LAITY EXCUSED
B.E. Campbell (all); B.J. Letzig (all); S. Pinckney (all); T. Smith (all); M. S. Telga (all); D. K. Brooks (all)

Singer from Christ Church, New Rochelle.
Minutes of The New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
208th Session, June 6-9, 2007
For Such a Time as This: Together We Make a Difference
Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550

Wednesday, June 6, 2007  Executive Session

An executive session of lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry and clergy members of the Conference was held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, Long Island beginning at 1 p.m. with Bishop Jeremiah J. Park Presiding. The session was opened with worship. Rev. Mark Chatterton preached on Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Joshua 22:5 and Numbers 18:20: “I Am Your Plot of Ground.” We were reminded to put God first by yielding to God and allowing God to be God. For Rev. Chatterton's full sermon see the NYAC web site. Rev. Judy Stevens led the Body through the questions pertaining to ordained ministers and local pastors, certification in specialized ministry, diaconal ministers and appointments. Those to become probationary elders and deacons and those to be ordained in full connection were introduced to the body. Corrections were noted for each question. Matters were referred to the appropriate committees. The session ended with communion where Rev. Kum Sam Cho began with a centering prayer and Bishop Jeremiah Park was the celebrant.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007  Laity Session

Conference Lay Leader Robert G. Hunsinger called the organizational session of Conference lay members to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Hofstra Arena. The opening scripture was Acts 2:1-21. Jim Fleegal gave a talk about lay speaking bringing hope and opportunity. A dinner for lay speakers was held on a recent Friday evening. A vote for a suspension of the rules for nomination of lay candidates to General and Jurisdictional Conference passed. There were no additional names for the slate of possible delegates. Mr. Hunsinger reviewed the voting procedure. Introduction of Lay nominees to the 2008 General and Jurisdictional Conferences was done by Lum Lee:

Mr. Frederick K Brewington, Westbury UMC, Westbury, NY LIE Dist
Ms. Inday Day, Katonah UMC, Katonah, NY, CT Dist
Ms. Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, Cheshire UMC, Cheshire, CT, CT Dist
Ms. Chan K. P. Gillham, Stamford Korean UMC, Stamford, CT, NYCT Dist
Ms. Annette B Griffith, Monroe UMC, Monroe, CT, CT Dist
Mr. Robert G Hunsinger, Monroe UMC, Monroe, NY, NYCT Dist
Ms. Betsy Ingram, UMC of Southampton, Southampton, NY, LIE Dist
Ms. Jaewon Kim, St Paul's UMC, Middletown, NY, CatHud Dist
Mr. Jorge Lockward, Grace UMC Spanish, New York, NY, Metro Dist
Ms. Maria Main, 1st UMC of Central Islip, Central Islip, NY, LIE Dist
Mr. Robert G Miller, Norwalk UMC, Norwalk, CT, NYCT Dist
Mr. Kevin M Nelson, Park Ave UMC, New York, NY, Metro Dist
Ms. Beverly Peck Risi, Pawling UMC, Pawling, NY, NYCT Dist  
Ms. Susan Marie Samuel, Simsbury UMC, Simsbury, CT, CT Dist  
Mr. Ernest Swiggett, Salem UMC, Salem, NY, Metro Dist  
Ms. Marva Usher-Kerr, John Wesley UMC, Brooklyn, NY LIW Dist  
Ms. Natassia Velez, St Paul’s UMC, Middletown, NY, CatHud Dist  

The following questions were asked of the candidates, who were given two minutes to answer each question:  
1. Why are you a United Methodist?  
2. What do you feel that your election will add to this delegation to conference?  

Grace was offered by Jim Fleegal. The gathering adjourned at 4:45 pm.  
(Submitted by Donna Jolly.)

Wednesday Evening, June 6, 2007  7:30p.m.

Gathering Music—Annual Conference Music Team

OPENING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE by Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Bishop Park greeted all in attendance Bishop Park; our theme is “For Such a Time As This: Together We Make a Difference”. Saturday will be a special day as we welcome around 1000 youth to Hofstra. Bishop Park called the 208th Session of the New York Annual Conference to order at 7:35pm. We were then lead in of the historic Charles Wesley hymn, “And Are We Yet Alive.” Bishop Park offered a prayer for the Conference.

Rev. Vicky A. Fleming, Conference Coordinator brought greetings and gave some general guidelines for the Conference. Hofstra is undergoing major renovations and so the special dinners and legislative sections have been moved around. Meals in room 219 before are now in room 142. Wellspring lunch is in room 145. She gave wishes for a blessed and spirit-filled conference.

ELECTION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Ms. Betsy Ingram, Conference Chair of Nominations presented Mr. Robert Miller’s name for Conference Secretary on behalf of the Cabinet and the Conference Committee on Nominations. Mr. Robert Miller was elected.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Robert Miller, Conference Secretary thanked the body for the way Rev. Gene Smith and Terry were supported during Gene’s illness and for all the people that have stepped forward to help him become oriented to the position. Mr. Miller presented organizational resolutions for Annual Conference. The organizational resolutions were adopted.
CONFERENCE RULES COMMITTEE

Rev. Adrienne Brewington, Chairperson of Conference Rules Committee presented the report of the Rules Committee. She introduced the members of the Committee. Rev. Brewington moved for adoption of the rules. Bishop Park reminded the Body to give name and ministry before speaking. Rule number 80, need to insert the word “ordained”. The rules were adopted.

Gathering Music—Annual Conference Music Team

We were treated to the world premier of the New York Annual Conference Vision Statement set to music by Rev. James Moore and Katherine Moore.

Opening Worship Celebration

The theme for the opening worship was “Heart-warmed United Methodists” The Bishop introduced visiting Bishops on the stage with him: Bishop F. Herbert Skeete, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., Bishop Alfred Johnson. Bishop Skeete led the Call to Worship. The Body than stood to sing, “Tu Has Venido a La Orilla.” The scripture, Luke 5:1-11 was read in Spanish by Rev. Arturo Maine. Bishop Brown spoke on “Go Deeper.” For the full text of his sermon please see the NYAC website. Bishop Brown challenged us to truly let Jesus in our boat and take us out into the deep water, reaching out to our neighbors by exhibiting open hearts, open minds and open doors. The offering was taken for the Bishop’s Katrina Church Recovery Fund. The final song was “Throw Out the Lifeline.” Bishop Brown gave the benediction.

CLERGY ELECTION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 2008

Bishop Park clarified the bar and told all eligible clergy to move inside the bar. A prayer was offered by Bishop Park. Mr. Robert Miller, Conference Secretary, gave general instructions on voting. The first clergy ballot was taken.

LAITY ELECTION FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2008

Ballots were given for election of lay delegates to General Conference. Instructions were given by the Conference Secretary. The first laity ballot was taken. The first laity vote was declared closed.

Bishop Park offered the evening prayer and the session adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Thursday Morning, June 7, 2007

Opening music was done by the Conference music team.

Memorial Service 8:30 A.M.

The service theme was “The Beloved Community of Hope: Remembering the Saints.” Prelude music was performed by the Conference music team. The
Introit was hymn “You are Mine.” Mr. Ernest Swiggett, Conference Treasurer lead the Call to Worship, which was followed by the hymn “God of the Ages” and the Prayer of Invocation. Scriptures were read by Rev. Yoko Asada in Japanese, Rev. James Moore and Rev. Allen Pinckney.

Rev. Adrienne Brewington delivered the sermon. Rev. Brewington spoke about the struggles of the contemporary faith community: the drive of evil to obliterate the good and the hesitancy of the good to do what is needed to overcome evil. She spoke about how in her own wandering she began to be assimilated into evil, though it did not look like evil it looked like independence and she slowly lost the ability to put God first. This is a community of hope that descended from the time God revealed the risen Lord to two women. The community of disciples that Jesus called together was not perfect and we are their descendants. The hope we embody comes with so much inside of it. (For the full text of Rev. Brewington’s sermon go to the NYAC website.)

After the sermon we sang, “Marching to Zion” and Mr. Robert Miller, Conference Secretary, lead a litany of remembrance. He then read the roll of persons who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year and after each name was spoken, a jing, a Korean instrument was sounded.

**Clergy**

Rev. Ruth B. Harrod  
Rev. John Vayhinger  
Rev. James J. Benson  
Rev. Marion Case Cox  
Rev. Robert Amasa Gevert  
Rev. Judith A. Mills  
Rev. Odella Barksdale Williamson  
Rev. John Gordon Chamberlain  
Rev. Jacob Marco Hunsberger  
Rev. Kenneth H. Davis  
Rev. James L. White  
Rev. Phillip E. Sandbek  
Rev. Gene M. Smith  
Rev. Latimer B. Neale

**Spouses of Clergy**

Janice Duren  
Linda Katherine Harper  
Marion Dore Watson  
Juanita O. James

**Widows/Widowers of Clergy**

Shirley Jeanette Berry  
Hanna Louise Swords Moore  
Alice M. Davidson  
Dorothy K. Everts  
Carol R. Bell  
Alice Emerson Blodget Hoon  
Grace Ellen Werner

**Children of Clergy**

Lisa Jeanne Hankins  
William Henry Hunter  
Wayne Newton

**Lay Members of Annual Conference**

Freda L. Adams  
Samuel P. Singletary  
Daisy Coke-Peart  
Henry M. Smith  
Joseph Lorde  
Howard H. Darling  
Roger Peter Johnson
Following the reading of the names the body sang “For All the Saints.” The service concluded with Holy Communion. Bishop Park and Bishop Johnson were the celebrants; communion elements were served by teams including a lay member and a pastor retiring in 2007, District Superintendent or other clergy member, and those candidates to be ordained. Service concluded with a prayer of commitment and the hymn, “In the Midst of New Dimensions.” Bishop Johnson gave the benediction.

Bishop Park called the body back to order at 10:35 A.M.

Results of Ballot Number 1
Mr. Robert Miller, Conference Secretary gave the first Clergy Ballot report, 223 ballots received, 221 accepted. Cut off was at 5 or more votes in their favor. There are 52 clergy with that number. The number needed for election was 111. No clergy person received a majority. The maximum received was 74. Instructions were given for ballot number 2. The names of those receiving more than five votes were read.

Clergy Ballot Number 2 was taken and closed.

CORPORATE SESSION

Reports from Board of Pensions & Health Benefits
Rev. William S. Barnes

Rev. William Barnes brought a brief overview of the work of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. This board touches the lives of our clergy more than any other board — caring for those who serve and have served in the NYAC. A brief summary of the pension plan was given. CRSP began on January 1, 2007. The pre-1982 plan is a flat dollar amount for years served before 1982. The PSR is $503; recommendation for 2008 is $518. The MPP plan was a defined contribution plan. Participants choose the investment funds for those contributions. CPP is the comprehensive protection plan for death, disability and survivor benefits. It is funded by the church paying 3% of the pastor’s salary. CRSP the defined benefit is done by a formula not related to years served or amount saved. Everyone’s benefit will be 1.25% of the denominational average compensation at one’s retirement times years of service. The defined contribution component is the pastor’s investment account. There is no change for 2008. The churches contribution is 16.4%, as it is currently. Pensions funding recommendations were presented. Resources for financial planning were presented: UMPIP, Long Term Care Insurance, Life Stage investing, and financial planning and advice from Ernst and Young.

The health benefits program was reviewed by Rev. Barnes. Healthflex wellness partners were updated for the Body. Many resources are available through the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits website. A video about gaining
one’s maximum health was presented. Rev. Barnes reminded us that we are God’s temple and that the temple is holy, from 1 Corinthians. Rev. Bill Shillady gave a testimony about his journey to the best health possible. Only 10 of all the clergy families have taken advantage of this program. A wellness incentive of a rebate over $285 is available. Rev. Bill Shillady gave the rebate to the Bishop’s Partners in Mission fund. All clergy who want this rebate must have completed the health surveys by December 2008. The rates projected for 2008, are a modest decrease, a 3%, decrease for active clergy and a modest increase for our retired clergy. We hope to lower the uniform rate for the first time in a decade by 3%; this will be confirmed in late summer. Rev. Barnes reminded us that our clergy health benefits are about $750,000 every month. Contributions need to be faithfully made every month. At the end of 2006, 52 churches had paid less than 90% of the clergy benefits. Over $300,000 was not received and the Conference had to make up the deficit.

Rev. Barnes honored Rev. John Hill, now retiring, who worked on this board for 31 years. Rev. Barnes gave his deep appreciation to all those who make this work possible. Bishop Park gave his appreciation for the work done.

Reports of the Conference Finance & Administration

Mr. Robert Dutton, President

Mr. Robert Dutton brought us a report of the committee’s work. All C F & A members were called to stand. We need to celebrate what we did in 2006. We have continued to experience improvement and grown in our shared apportionments. For the third year in a row we paid our General Church apportionments in full. A total of 89% of the churches paid their apportionments in full. Forty-four VIM trips to the Gulf Coast have happened. We responded wonderfully to the Walton Flood. We are connected with over 42,000 local churches, over 2000 Advance programs. We are in 165 countries, have 893 supported mission personnel, and more than 135,000 Volunteer-in-Mission placements. No single church could do this. With only 12.4 cents of every dollar going to the Annual Conference and 3.3 cents to the General church we do all of this. We are connected together and only together can this happen.

The NYAC shared ministry apportionments have given 72% through May of this year as compared to 68% at this time last year. As of last week 46% (208) of churches are more than one month behind in payments. Twenty-two churches have already paid the full year. We must pay our bills every month. Failure to pay jeopardizes everyone in the plan. It is about discipleship and using of the available resources.

The budget for 2008 was presented in narrative form. Loan repayment was adjusted and this has helped the budget greatly. We are blessed with resources in this Conference. The local churches have responded to the covenant and helped us fund our shared ministries. Bishop Park gave thanks for the report and the awesome ministry that the members of this board perform.

Bishop Park took a personal moment to share appreciation of Mr. Robert Dutton as chair and the work he has done during the past several years. The Body stood and expressed its appreciation.
Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns' General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Larry Pickens brought greetings and congratulations for our support of this ministry and the five organizations that are supported. The interdenominational fund allows us to share the love of Jesus Christ and be in mission around the world.

In 2006, 17 Conferences paid their apportionment in full: the NYAC was among them. A certificate of appreciation was given to Bishop Park. We stood to sing “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations.”

**Introduction of Barbara Isaacs, Associate General Secretary, General Commission on Religion and Race**

Barbara Isaacs was introduced by Bishop Park and she brought greetings from this General Commission. Rev. Louisa Martinez-Buck and Rev. Taka Ishii are on this commission. Ms. Isaacs encouraged inclusiveness in selecting General and Jurisdictional conferences and in voting on legislation and election of Bishops.

**CORPORATE SESSION**

Corporate session reconvened at 12, noon. Ms. Hornaday moved that the Corporate Session be suspended until 1:30pm tomorrow afternoon. Motioned carried. Chris Wilson took a point of privilege to announce a “lunch and learn” meeting regarding insurance.

**Trustee Nominations**

Ms. Betsy Ingram, Conference Nominating Committee introduced the slate of trustees to be elected. Names are: Rev. John Carrington, Rev. Ginny Hoch, Mr. Jorge Lockward and Mr. Ed Ruppmann. Kit Mays placed in nomination Rev. Koonae Lee; it was seconded. Nominations were closed.

**Instructions for Legislative Sections** Rev. Ian B. Straker, Chairperson

Rev. Straker thanked all of the section leaders and gave the locations of each section. Reminding the Body that sections may be meeting in different places from last year.

Session locations:
Section 1 Ministries of Witness — Arena
Section 2 CCOM and Nurture Ministries — Monroe 142
Section 3 Ministries of Advocacy — Student Center Theater
Section 4 Commissioning — Netherlands Cafeteria
Section 5 Pastoral Compensation — Cultural Center Theater.
Section 6 Administration Support — Plaza Dining Room
Section 7 Conference Budget — Hofstra USA

2007-314, 315, 316 and 319 petitions were moved from section 3 to section 4. This completed the announcements.

Grace for the noon meal was given by members of the UM Camps Staff.
Thursday Afternoon, June 7, 2007

Legislative Sections met as specified above. In each section a liturgy of the New York Annual Conference vision statement was done with Psalm 147.

Thursday Evening, June 7, 2007

Gathering music was provided by the Conference Music Team. Bishop Park welcomed us back.

Clyde Anderson of City Society offered a motion that we suspend the rule to exclude the first four rows of the center section to accommodate the families and friends. Motioned carried. First four rows of center section are for families and friends.

Report of Laity Ballot 1: 422 votes cast; there were 417 valid ballots number needed to elect is 209. Two elections: Fredrick Brewington, 280 votes and Ernest Swiggett, 267 votes.

Report of Clergy Ballot 2 Total ballots cast 258, valid ballots 251, 7 invalid, 126 needed to elect: no election.

Instructions: Mr. Bob Miller gave instructions for the laity ballot # 2 and clergy ballot # 3. Rev. Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii offered a prayer.

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING AND HONORING RETIREES

The passing the mantle service had the theme of “Building up a Healthy Body of Christ.” Prelude music was done by Jazz Vespers at the UMC of Mt. Kisco. Bishop Park presided over the commissioning service.

Presentation of those who have received the license for pastoral ministry:
Young Choi Laurence E. Powell Camille Regholec

Presentation of Candidates for Commissioning as Associate Members:
Anthony J. Beck Bridgette LeConey

Presentation of Candidates for Commissioning and Probationary Membership
Gabriel Oluleke Akinbode Amanda Iahn
Lawrence J. Charles Tisha Michelle Jermin
David R. Czeisel Dorothy M. Morris
Erika K.R. Hirsch Alpher K. Sylvester

The offering for tonight was for The Children’s Home of Binghamton. Ms. Rebecca Mebert and Bill Townsend spoke about the work of this home, through a short power point that gave voice to some of the children. Offertory Anthem was sung by the Jazz Vespers. Prayer for illumination was given by Rev. Kun Sam Cho. Pastor Roxana Yuen read the Hebrew Bible lesson in Chinese. Rev. Krzysztof Steiner read the Epistle lesson in Polish and Rev. George Engelhardt read the Gospel lesson in English. The Body sang “Spirit of the Living God”
Rev. Gunshik Shim was preacher for this service on, “Dream God’s Dream: Building Up the Healthy of Christ.” For the whole text of his sermon please go to the NYAC website. The Affirmation of Faith was lead by Rev. Mark Chatterton.

We then entered into a time of recognition with the hymn, “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”. The retirees were introduced by Rev. William Shillady, Conference Relations Retiree Coordinator. Rev. Shillady said they represent over 28,000 sermons and over 558 years of service. Joining the retired connection were:

- Edwin G Bergmann
- Charles W. Cheeseman
- Ivan (Toby) Joslir Gould
- Samuel Grano de Oro
- John H. Hill
- Margaret Ince
- Henry E. Johnson
- Kyong Nak Kim
- Betty R. McKinney
- Richard Edwards
- Glenn I. Miller
- Richard C. Mills
- Theodore (Ted) Norelius, Jr.
- Robert E. Osgood
- Ernest F. VanderKruik
- Phillip H. West
- Frank D. Wettstein
- Emmanuel M. Wilson
- Arthur Pl Yost

A prayer of thanksgiving was led by Bishop Jeremiah Park. The anthem: “Hymn of Promise” was sung by Sophie Gardephe and accompanied by Paul Gardephe, Christ Church New Rochelle.

Bishop Park officiated in the commissioning. Rev. Judy Stevens, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) and Rev. Kun Sam Cho, vice chair, guided the service. Others participating included Rev. Taka Ishii, BOOM registrar for probationers and Conference Lay Leader Robert G. Hunsinger.

**Clergy Ballot #3** Rev. Allen Pinckney was elected.

**Laity Ballot #2** Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt and Chan Gillham were elected, 430 votes cast, 216 needed to elect.

**Friday Morning, June 8, 2007**

Bishop Jeremiah Park called the session to order at 8:30am with a prayer.

**Religion and Race Monitor Report**

Mr. Les Johnson, Chair, read scripture from 1 Corinthians 12, reflecting on the body and how it can work together. This report monitors inclusivity of participation. The worship service demonstrated great diversity. Overall our membership body is aging. More parts of our Body are making themselves known. As we get to know each other we become stronger.

**United Methodist Publishing House**

Ms. Loretta Cooper of Cokesbury came before us on behalf of the UM Publishing House. She called our attention to new resources that are or will be
available. The website has been updated. UMPH Cokesbury is invested in ministry of the whole UM Church by contributing one million dollars this year in clergy support and another $50,000 for administrative costs of Central Conference Pension Funds and about $750,000 has been given to ministry that is not self-funding. Ms. Cooper presented to Bishop Park a check. Bishop Park gave thanks.

Rev. Bill Barnes moved we accept this gift and give it in its entirety to the Central Conference Pension Fund. Motion carried.

**Worshipful Work** began with music and energetic singing led by the Conference Music Team.

**Laity Ballot #3** 320 valid ballots, 161 required for election. Jorge Lockward is elected. There is one person remaining to be elected for General Conference. Ballot #4 was taken. Ms. Beth Capen prayed.

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER** Mr. Robert G. Hunsinger

Mr. Hunsinger spoke on the theme: “Together We Make a Difference”. Missouri, “the show me state”, was used as an example of what can happen when a community works together. The example he used was that two young boys abducted — how one child who was abducted 4½ years earlier in the group (community) made a negative difference and remained a victim (Shawn). For the second child the group (community) made a positive difference. Not getting involved does not mean that one is not making a difference — it could be a negative difference.

A petition to General Conference will be that the laity takes primary responsibility for the growth and vitality of the Church. Two proposed resolutions for General Conference were reviewed. It is time for the laity to step up to the plate and declare their responsibilities. For the full text of this speech go to the NYAC website.


Rev. Pinckney began with reviewing the vision statement we adopted in 2006; he reported that we are making this vision a reality. This vision ascribes to God’s people the opportunity to be servant leaders. We are called to be a beloved community of hope and build up a healthy body of Christ that brings transformation to a hurting people. How do we symbolize a beloved community of hope: through our VIM teams to the hurricane relief area, Biloxi, Mississippi; Habitat for Humanity; sharing our Financial Resources with churches devastated by flood and fire; with the implementation of dialogue groups on homosexuality and racism. Hope is alive because our hope is built on Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. Each District has increased its percentage of apportionments paid. Under the leadership of Bishop Park and the leadership of our District Superintendents there has been a cultural shift to have our clergy and congregations be attentive to apportionments. Saint Stevens UMC, in the Metropolitan District has moved from part-time to full-time ministry and sustained their apportionments. We have increased our resources that enable us to do effective ministry. Natural Church Development is an outgrowth
of our apportionments at work and is a process of church revitalization. Already close to 70 churches are participating in this program. Our vitality assessment teams are meeting with churches to help them meet their shared apportionments and do more than simply pay their pastor. Appointments that are less than full time and are part of mergers are part of the process and may be considered. It is the hope that the development of cluster relationships will establish relationships between churches and bring about new ministries and that the role of district superintendent will take on a new dimension. The Cabinet takes responsibility for appointments but sometimes mistakes are made. The reality is that there are appointments that do not fit and there are churches that have not done the work of re-visioning. Some clergy need to reconsider if local church ministry is the way to fulfill their call. As Rev. Brewington so eloquently said: “give more and love more, serve more and love more, witness more and love more, worship God and love more, pray more and love more for the more we give the more God gives.” We are thankful for the gifts of Rev. Mark Chatterton of the Catskill Hudson District, as he moves into local church ministry. Drew Chatterton was thanked for the gifts she brought to the Catskill Hudson District as she carried out the duties of the office. Rev. Jim Moore and his wife Holly were welcomed to the Cabinet family. Rev. Richard Rice and his wife Nancy were welcomed to the Long Island East District and the Cabinet table. Rev. Pinckney gave thanks for his amazing six years on the Cabinet. He is looking forward to the blessings and challenges of becoming the minister at Salem UMC. Thanks to his wife Ann Marie and his children was given. For a full text of this address go to the NYAC website.

BISHOP JEREMIAH J. PARK’S ADDRESS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Prior to Bishop Park’s address we sang, “Praise the Lord.” He brought thanks for himself and Lisa for the spirit of joy and warm hospitality extended to them wherever they go. Bishop Park gave thanks to the pastors and to Rev. Mark Chatterton for his service as District Superintendent and to Drew for all of her work. The work of Rev. Allen Pinckney was acclaimed, with his wife Ann Marie. The newest members of the Cabinet were introduced: Rev. James and Holly Moore and Rev. Richard and Nancy Rice, as interim superintendent. The new dean of the Cabinet is: Rev. George Engelhardt. Rev. Ann Pierson, Director of Connectional Ministries and Ernest Swiggett, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, Rev. Dennis Winkleblack, assistant to the Bishop; Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie, Mission Co-coordinator, Rev. Don Collier, Vision Editor and Evelyn Brunson, the Bishops assistant, were thanked for their work and devotion. Bishop Park reviewed the Natural Church Development process and the many Volunteer in Mission projects that come from this body. Bishop Park talked about the cultural changes that are necessary to create vital churches. Mission can change the survivalist culture; the sense of urgent mission for Jesus said, “Go right now”. He looks forward to the day that all churches fulfill their shared apportionments at 100%. This says we are a church in mission for the transformation of the world. Our Annual Conference membership has continued to decline at about 10% in five years. Bishop Park reviewed how the decline of the church has manifested itself during the past 10
years. Are we in the business of managing the decline? Have we just accepted this as the future of our church? As your Bishop, he refuses to manage a declining church. Can we turn the church around? Who will make it happen? Seven pathways to revitalize the church were presented by Bishop Park, and he added four more items. God has the answer and God has the answer for the future of our church. Bishop Park spoke of how we know we are United Methodists’ and what we can do to make the church “the church”. Bishop Park spoke of his time with Rev. Gene Smith who had liver cancer and said to Bishop Park, “With this God, I can’t lose.” For the full text of Bishop Park’s address go to the NYAC website.

Rev. Louisa Martinez, Grace, Manhattan, chair of the Episcopacy Committee took the podium. She had all the members stand and then introduced and welcomed Lisa Park, wife of our Bishop and his son. Mrs. Park spoke about the World Methodist Conference in Korea. It had been 15 years since her last visit. She accompanied her husband to the Bishop’s gathering in Mozambique where the spouses of the Bishops visited the two training centers build by United Methodists. In addition, they attended a District meeting of United Methodist Women. They know how to praise God through dancing and singing. In January she attended the Bishop’s Convocation and throughout the year visited churches with her husband.

After a short break, we reconvened with a point of privilege. Rev. Richard Rice and his wife announced that it is their fiftieth anniversary. “Together we make a difference.”

**Black College Presentation and Offering**

The Black College Fund ambassador Ernest Bervell Mensah was introduced by the President of the Black College Fund. He is a graduate of Claflin University where he was active in the Wesley Foundation and the United Methodist Student Movement. He now works on Wall Street, and works on educational opportunities for others in his free time. He is from Ghana. He spoke of the difference that the 21 Black Colleges are making and thanked the Conference for Apportionments that were given to the BCF.

Bishop Park expressed appreciation for our 100% Apportionment giving to BCF and invited people to give through a special offering.

**REPORT OF THE FRONTIER FOUNDATION   Rev. Jeff Rarich**

Rev. Jeff Rarich, president and executive director of the Frontier Foundation presented the work of the foundation in 2006 – directing capital campaigns, providing investment management, etc. They took in 25 new accounts and had more than $32 million funds in management. They gave out over $3 million. Churches used this money for such things as repairing stained glass windows, building maintenance and programming. They managed over 60 gift annuities, and paid out $275,000, some of it to annuities, some of it to charitable remainder annuities. The Frontier Foundation hosted the association of UM Foundations in NYC. That association presented $100,000 to the Far Rockaway Mission.
The Frontier Foundation helps churches with annual campaigns, guides stewardship campaigns and establishes sources of funding to provide funding for future and current ministries.

Rev. Rarich introduced Susan Ezrati as his successor. She will serve as Interim Director. Ms. Ezrati has served on the Foundation board as Investment Chair. She has professional experience as a financial analyst who has handled $16 billion. Rev. Rarich thanked Mr. Lum Lee as Foundation Board Chair and Sally Evans, Office Manager.

Susan Ezrati spoke of the achievements of Rev. Rarich in helping churches define and finance their missions, helping them with stewardship campaigns, helping them to invest in socially responsible investments. Over the last eight years he has been instrumental in many achievements. He has grown Foundation assets from $3 to $30 million. He has made the Foundation independent and self-sustaining. He merged the Foundation with the North Central Conference to cover all of New York state as well as part of Connecticut. He has created a strong board. He has set things up so it is ready to succeed under new leadership. Ms. Ezrati asked for prayer for her incumbency and all connected with the Foundation as they move forward.

Bishop Park expressed his thanks and well wishes to Rev. Rarich and his wife Suzanne.

REPORT OF CITY SOCIETY

Mr. James Perkins, President, spoke of goals to lift up the most vulnerable of the city. He spoke of Anchor House’s ministry with women and families, the leadership of the Far Rockaway Mission that provides food and clothing through the children and youth after school programs. He recognized the leadership of Camp Olmsted’s work with children and of low income housing at Salem House. He thanked those who work on administration and thanked Rev. Clyde Anderson as they work together to strengthen ties with community with programs of worth and meaning. He stated that “the New Jerusalem” is here, and we are to engage in its fulfillment. Only through our prayers and gifts can the Society continue in ministry.

Rev. Dr. Clyde Anderson, Executive Director, invited the body to read the report of the City Society on page 74 of the pre-Conference packet and other materials at their booth. They work with struggling churches in vast, changing communities. The 21st century church must have transformed thinking and behavior to re-shape church relationship with the community. The Society partners with churches to develop ministries that are related to the community. Dr. Anderson celebrated various ministries including San Pablo UMC; 1,200 children are served by programs in seven churches in the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens. Some 1,300 participated in retreat programs at Olmsted Center. We must embrace and teach children who are vital to the present and future of the church. He expressed thanks to Bishop Park, the Board and the staff for their support of the Society. He thanked all who have and will contribute to the Society to make their cause just and viable for such a time as this.
Bishop Park gave thanks to the Society for providing him with office space in the City of New York.

UNITED METHODIST CAMPS PRESENTATION

The camps board chair Betty Gasteluia presented Kingswood, Epworth and Quinipet staff. She stated that camping is strong. She invited all to fill out cards with stories about their experiences. Camps are vital now because of strong leadership, stability and sense of what God wants.

Camp leadership and staff gave various reports. They spoke of the camps as places where we can encounter God in God’s garden. There have been improvements such as replacing mattresses and providing baths, winter and summer facilities. Camps are year-round and for all ages. All are invited to visit.

Greg Nissen of Quinipet said the three camps are worth over $40 million. The mission is to bring the ministry to strong standards. They are not-for-profit, but also not-for-loss. They brought in $200,000 more in programming income in ’06 over ’05. They have re-examined the way they do business and revitalized their structure. The program is solvent, with over $90,000 going toward capital improvements. They have conducted a feasibility study and will launch a capital campaign to be announced in the future.

Some 5,500 users of the camps were from other places beyond the United Methodist churches in 2006. It is not only a youth ministry. There are also many adults. The budget of $1.1 million of ‘06 received no money through Conference funds. Through God’s leading there is much support for the camps. All were invited to continue to support the camps and to sing, “They will Know We are Christians by Our Love.”

General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries

Rev. Dr. Randy R. Day brought greetings to the Conference Body.

Report of the Journal Review Committee

Linda Redfield of the Journal Review Committee announced that the minutes of the Conference through Thursday have been examined and are correct.

Ms. Rebekah Forni, Conference Council on Youth Ministries, offered Grace.

Friday Afternoon, June 8, 2007

Worshipful work continued with Corporate session — the session called to order at 1:45 p.m.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Ms. Diane Hornaday, Chairperson.

The report of the Board of Trustees was given by Ms. Diane Hornaday, Chairperson. She introduced the members of the Conference trustees and asked them to stand, the Conference staff liaison and Conference Chancellor.

The report received in March was noted and Resolutions were held to the end.
Corrections: (refer to Addenda to Report of the Conference Trustees) (See pages 92-95 of the pre-conference booklet.) CORRECTION: page 94, line 36 add clarification of (CT) should read Woodbury (CT) UMC to distinguish from Woodbury (L.I.) UMC.

Judy Darrow, Trustee of the Delaware Hudson District, was recognized for her faithfulness, as she will be coming off the Board.

Conference Chancellor Lawrence H. McGaughey greeted the assembly, noting that this is his eleventh conference as chancellor.

Only one lawsuit remains pending. Hankins v. Lyght. Conference Chancellor gave the Body a word to the wise: “Always remember to report any incidents that could lead to a lawsuit, even if you don’t think they will.”

Ms Hornaday brought the motion that Lawrence H. McGaughey continue for another year as Conference Chancellor. It passed.

Ms Hornaday brought forth a recommendation for use of the proceeds from sale of Newburgh Parsonage: $200,000 of the $321,984 is to be used for Conference Center renovations. It passed.

Regarding the Capital Fund Campaign of the Camps Governing Board, the Trustees recommend a vote clarifying that if the Sessions Darling Fund is depleted all outstanding costs associated with the Capital Campaign will be paid from the funds raised through the campaign. It passed.

Trustee Resolution to Annual Conference  Ms. Diane Hornaday, President of the Conference Board of Trustees

Resolution: Rev. George Engelhardt, District Superintendent, Connecticut District, presented the merger of Trinity UMC of New Britain and the North Canton Community United Methodist Church and that the merged corporation shall be to be called the North Canton Community United Methodist Church. It passed.

Resolution: Rev. Noel N. Chin, District Superintendent, Metropolitan District presented a resolution to change the name of the “New York HanSaRang United Methodist Church” to “Light and Life United Methodist Church” as of July 1, 2007. It passed.

Report of Trustees is accepted.

Bishop Park gave thanks to Diane Hornaday for her leadership. The Conference recognized her with standing applause. Bishop Park: Also recognized Rev. Adrienne Brewington as she ends her term as trustee.

Corporate session was adjourned at 2:21 PM.

REPORT FOR NOMINATIONS: Betsy Ingram, Chair

See written report and Addendum to 2007 report

CORRECTION, page 6 under “Connectional Ministries Vision Table” Chairperson is Ken Mosig, (laity); prior Chair is Rev. Betsy Ott. Correction put forth by Rev. Betsy Ott.

CORRECTION: Page 7 remove Virginia Hoch from Board of Church and Society.
Bishop instructs ushers to hand out sheets of light blue paper to be used by those wishing to be recognized at the microphone.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS    Rev. Ian Straker, Chair

Rev. Straker introduces the report on the Legislative Session and thanked the Section Leaders and to the crew that worked late into the night to prepare the “green sheets.”

Rev. Straker moved that all items on the Consensus Calendar be adopted—with the exception of the Budget, Section 7.

NOTE: 3034 was removed by the maker as redundant.

POINT OF CORRECTION: TYPO, page 19: 6010, SHOULD READ: “In consultation with the General Board of Global Ministries together with the General Commission on Finance and Administration.”

MOTION to remove 2015: 2007-201 “Ensuring Youth Participation at Future Sessions of Annual Conference” from the consent calendar because of possible financial implications and therefore needs approval of CFA. Voted — it is removed.

MOTION to remove 3013: 2007-302 “Mandatory Anti-Racism Training for Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors” from the consent calendar because of possible financial implications. Voted — it is removed.

MOTION to receive Consensus Calendar is accepted.

MOTION to hear person speak on the Immigration Policy is put back on the table. It carried.

MOTION to suspend applicable rules carried

An immigrant of First UMC of Shelton explained the issues caused by the Senate ruling and asks for compassion. The Bishop is asked to pray. Bishop Park prayed with the Conference.
Laity Ballot Number 4: No one was selected.

CORPORATE SESSION
Bishop Park reopened the Corporate Session at 3:55p.m. Trustee Ballots were distributed and collected.

Report of Legislative Section 1: Witness Ministries
No report needed; all items were on the consent calendar.
Prayer for Connectional Ministries and Ministries of Nurture was given by Ms. Renata Smith, Vice Chair, Connectional Ministries Vision Table

Report of Legislative Section 2: Connectional Ministries and Ministries of Nurture
Rev. Chick Straut, Chair, presented an amendment to Petition 2007-201, item 2015 on page 99 in the preliminary booklet. Proposed amendment: substitute lines 40-43 with: “5. Payment: The cost of registration for the youth elected pursuant to the above process shall be paid by that youth’s district for the 2008 Annual Conference and shall thereafter be included in the budget request of Connectional Ministries and shown as a separate line item in the budget prepared by the Conference Council on Finances and Administration to be approved by the Annual Conference.” Amendment accepted. Motion carried.
Prayer for Ministries of Advocacy was given by Ms. Stella Law, member of Chinese UMC, Manhattan.
Bishop Park announced to the body that Mrs. Muriel Beach the mother of Rev. Glyger Beach passed away. A moment of silence was observed.
Prayer for Leadership Ministries was given by Rev. Jim Stinson, Consultant for Older Adult Ministries.

Report of Legislative Section 4:
Chair Rev. Robert D. Sorozan presented items.
Item number 4010, 2007-401 “On Mandatory Retirement of Bishops” is brought to the floor. Committee’s recommendation is overturned. Petition is approved.
Item number 4011, 2007-402 “On Mandatory Retirement of Clergy” is brought to the floor. Committee’s recommendation is supported — Petition is denied.

Laity Ballot 5: 363 ballots. 353 were valid ballots. Natassia Velez received 197 votes, she was elected a delegate. Election of General Conference Laity Delegates is completed.

Trustee Ballot Report: 630 ballots cast. 487 were valid ballots. Jorge Lockward (lay), Virginia Hoch (clergy), Ed Ruppman (lay), John Carrington (clergy) are elected.
Announcements: Clergy ballots are still being counted for General Conference.

Clergy Spouse Presentation:
Clergy Spouses gave a presentation lead Mrs. Samuel, the co-chair of Clergy Spouses. She spoke of the important role of clergy spouses. There will be a spiritual renewal day at Memorial United Methodist Church. They sang “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.” Prayer for Care and Support of our Clergy was given by Ms. Margaret Howe, Member of Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Report of Legislative Section 5:
All items were on the consent calendar.

Friday Evening, June 8, 2007
We were called back to order by Bishop Park by singing "Majesty."

Clergy Ballot 4
Constance Pak elected General Conference Delegate.
Motion: to limit the reporting of votes those with at least 10 votes after Ballot 5 carried. Motion: to use paper ballots instead of electronic ballot. Rule suspended to allow paper ballots; it was carried.

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARS’ PROGRAM
Rev. Sarah Lamar Sterling, Chair of the Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministries, and Rev. Andrew Peck McClain, President of the New York Education Society gave a report regarding campus ministry encouraging support and expressing its importance.

Conference Merit Award  Rev. Andrew Peck-McClain
Anil Singh—top scholarship winner. Alicia Thompson-Gee and Joanne Utley, two other scholarship winners

New York Education Society Award  Rev. Andrew Peck-McClain
Three NYES Fellows: Maria Cristina Laporta, Vincent Burke, and Kristine Welch

Gloster B. Current Scholarship  Rev. John Carrington
Rev. John Carrington gave the history of the Gloster B. Current Scholarship and criteria for receiving.

Report of Legislative Section 3: Ministries of Advocacy
Item Number 3012: 2007-301: “Reassess HIV/AIDS Policies and Assumptions to Seek a Better Outcome for Those Affected”. Petition is brought to the floor. Committee’s recommendation is non-concurrence. Non-concurrence is supported. Petition is denied.
Item Number 3013: 2007-302 “Mandatory Anti-Racism Training for Elders, Deacons and Local Pastors”. AMENDMENT: “Insert starting at line 10: “Be it further resolved that the approximate annual costs of this training are $19,500 and these funds will be paid for the first year through a combination of a one-time grant from the Leadership Development portion of the Bishop’s Partners in Mission Fund up to a maximum of $10,000, plus funds secured from other sources by the New York Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race. Item is carried. Petition is accepted.

Item Number 3015: 2007-304 “Petition to Refrain From Direct Involvement in Political Positions”. Committee’s recommendation is non-concurrence. It is carried. Petition is denied.

Item Number 3016: 2007-305 “Civil Rights Regardless of Sexual Orientation” Committee’s recommendation is concurrence. It is carried. Petition is supported.

Item Number 3026: 2007-318 “On Individual Responsibility for Professing The Faith” Committee’s recommendation is concurrence. It is carried. Petition is accepted.

Item Number 3027: 2007-320 Support for “Same Sex Marriage in New York and Connecticut” Committee’s recommendation is concurrence. It is carried. Petition is accepted.

Clergy Ballot 5 230, 226 valid, needed to elect 114, no election

Legislative Section 3 Continues:

Item Number 3029: 2007-322 “Committed Unions” Committee’s recommendation is concurrence. It is carried. Petition is accepted.

Item Number 3031: 2007-324 “On The Institute on Religion and Democracy” Committee’s recommendation is concurrence. It is carried. Petition is accepted.

Item Number 3032: 2007-325 “Petition Urging Purposeful Resolution of Contentious Issues within the New York Annual Conference” Committee’s recommendation is non-concurrence. It is carried. Petition is denied.

Laity Ballot 6 for Jurisdictional Delegates to Conference

Six delegates were elected by a vote of 213 or better: Marva D. Usher Kerr, Betsy Ingram, Kevin M. Nelson, Jaewon Kim, Robert G. Hunsinger, and Beverly Peck Risi.

Report from Legislative Section 6

All items were on the consent calendar.

Prayer for Our Shared Ministry was given by Mr. Ernest Swigget, Conference Treasurer.
Report from Legislative Section 7

Rev. Gennifer Brooks, Chair presented the conference budget. It was approved by the section. The budget proposed is $8,859,417. Mr. Robert Dutton, out-going chair of Council on Finance and Administration brought us the final word. The anticipated income is first subtracted; that then is the amount to be allocated to the churches. The allocation formula considers the churches' ability to respond; this leads to the apportionment. We need to renew our covenant to strengthen our shared ministry together, to fully support our clergy with pension and Healthflex benefits. Let us dare to cast our nets on the other side of our boat. Mr. Dutton closed with the quote from John Wesley, “Do all the good you can to all the people you can all the time you can.” The budget was accepted with a shout of hallelujah. Bishop Park gave his appreciation to the members of C F & A.

INTRODUCTION OF CONFERENCE STAFF  Mr. Ernest Swiggett

Mr. Ernest L. Swiggett, Conference Treasurer, Administrative Director and Statistician introduced Conference Center staff and associates including: Rev. Ann A., Pearson, Shelley Mitchell, Samuel Rosenfeld, Evelyn Brunson, Pastor Bette Sohm, and the district secretaries. Rev. Gunshik Shim presented a plaque to Emily Hill for her years of dedicated service as secretary of Long Island West.

Reading of 2007-2008 Appointments.

New appointments were read by each District Superintendent for their respective districts. Bishop Park spoke about how much time and energy are put into the appointment process to be lead by the spirit and do the best they can. He asked for our prayers.

Clergy Ballot 6, 227, no invalid ballots; two elections — Timothy Riss and Noel Chin were elected.

DEACONESSES APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Park shared the three new Deaconesses and each appointment: Darlene DiDomineck, St. Paul and St. Andrew, Sherlette Lee, Crawford Memorial UMC; Maria Maine, First UMC of Corona.

Laity Ballot 7 355 ballots cast, no invalid ones: Robert Miller, Inday Day and Maria Maine were elected as reserve lay delegates.

Laity was excused so an executive session could be called at 11:50 PM.

An Executive Session of the Clergy was held. It was adjourned at 12:30 AM.

Saturday Morning, June 9, 2007

Gathering praise and worship was lead by the Conference music team. Bishop Park reconvened the body at 8:30 a.m. We sang “Blessed Be the Name.”
RESOLUTION FROM THE BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Baltimore Washington Conference presented a resolution to have Bermuda become a part of the NE Jurisdiction. Resolution supported.

Kim Jefferson Award  Rev. Louise Stowe-Johns

The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew was given the award for urban ministry. Rev. K. Karpen spoke of the ministry – a food kitchen for 9,000 families who receive one million meals a year, legal and social services, “Meals on Wheels”, a homeless shelter, homework help tutoring program.

Clergy Ballot 8 Report, there were 167 valid ballots. Judith Stevens was elected with 89 votes.

Harry Denman Award  Rev. Sandra Mantz

This evangelism award was given to Zamzam Quraishy (laity) who shared Bibles and hymnals into a prison and who brings the love of Christ to all. The clergy award was given to Rev. Jeff Glassey who works with his church to reach out to the community, led a trip to Biloxi and works tirelessly in the city to bring hope to people. The body sang “Take the Name of Jesus With You.”

Presentation of Certificate of Ministry  Rev. Don Collier

Kristy House, editor of New World Outlook, the official publication of the general Board of Global Ministry and a member of St. Paul and St. Andrew received a certificate in communications.

United Methodist Women Presentation, Beverly Peck Risi, President

Beverly Peck Risi, President, introduced the leadership team. She spoke of the history of the UMW. The aim is women in mission particularly among women, children and youth locally. It is Biblically oriented and mission oriented, and holds an annual School of Mission and an annual gathering of some 3-500 women. She urged the UMW not to be subsumed into the general mission work of local churches. The $16 million annual budget is raised by UMW members and is not funded by local churches. The body sang “How Great Thou Art.”

Ghana VIM

Bishop Joseph Ghunney, Bishop of a Diocese of the Ghana Methodist Church was welcomed by Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie, Mission Coordinator. Our VIM team built a church and classrooms. The Bishop said that but for the VIM mission work the youth might not have been able to continue beyond third grade education. There has been transformation among the people who are changing from growing sugar cane for alcohol and now for medicinal purposes. Bishop Ghunney presented Bishop Park and Rev. Ewoodzie with stoles from Ghana.
Report of Clergy Ballot 9 123 ballots were cast. No election.

Mission Celebration and Bishop’s Partners in Mission “Together We Make a Difference”

Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie, Mission Coordinator, recognized the Missions work of the Conference, including “Nothing but Nets” to prevent malaria in Africa; Youth Ambassadors and other VIM trips to Biloxi, Haiti, Mozambique, Costa Rica, Ghana and Bolivia, as well as local and national missions, including rebuilding work in Walton, New York. Youth and adults are committed to work which includes a women’s sewing cooperative, clinic and school building, education, Christian education, church building. He showed a video that showed people from our Conference making a difference through the grace of God with the words, “I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was shivering and you gave me clothes. I was lonely and you came to visit. I was in prison and you came to me.” Lively videos were shown of all the missions, and members of the various teams and all those who support the Bishop’s Partners in Missions and other fund raising were recognized. Churches receiving the Mission Gold Award were recognized. The late Rev. Gene Smith of the Monticello UMC was recognized for his leadership in mission.

Rev. Ewoodzie recognized that when there is disaster there is a need for physical AND spiritual help. Spiritual Care Volunteers have already taken classes in pastoral crisis intervention and peer support. Additional workshops will be held for those who would like to be Spiritual Care Volunteers.

VIM teams were commissioned.

Bishop Park invited everyone present to be a Bishop’s Partner in Mission with a $100 individual offering annually. This allows the giving of significant checks to many of our missions. A $10,000 matching gift from the Bishop’s Partners in Mission was given to the youth who raised money for “Nothing but Nets” anti-malaria program. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match funds. One church alone raised $6,000 for “Nothing but Nets”. A check for $4,000 was also presented to the Women’s Advocate Ministry.

Clergy Ballot 10 No election.

Youth Celebration “Fan the Flame”

Bishop Park welcomed the hundreds and hundreds of youth who filled the entire floor area of the arena, stating that it is important that we relate to youth and strengthen their relationship with Christ as they are our present and future. There was lively singing of songs of praise. The upcoming Costa Rica Youth Ambassador trip was announced. Representatives of the Youth Ambassador trips to Ghana spoke.

“Nothing but Nets” presentation — A young woman who arrived in the USA with malaria spoke. A film was shown about this important program to provide mosquito nets in Africa. Bishop Park accepted many checks from youth groups and churches toward “Nothing but Nets” with great joy in the arena as all sang “Halleluiah.” Our young people raised $29,000 toward the program. In addition the Bishop’s Partner’s in Mission gives a $10,000 matching gift. This, plus a matching
grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, makes for a gift of $80,000 to support health and healing through the gospel of Jesus Christ. In celebration a lively teen group catapulted t-shirts into the entire gathering. The Metropolitan Youth Choir of United Methodists sang. The Westchester Steel Drum youth steel drum band played hymns: “Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name and” Siyahamba.” A huge conga line of youth and adults singing “Siyahamba” filled the arena.

Rebekah Forni, the President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries made a presentation on what they do, various youth activities, writing legislation, missions, fall retreat at Camp Epworth, etc. Their Website is ccym@nyac.net. A youth dance team danced as one youth fanned a giant flame on stage. “Fan the Flame!”

Rev. Emmit Young of Washington, DC preached on 2 Timothy 1: 5-9. He said it is time to step up — in speaking up about the war in Iraq, about drugs and violence in our streets, racism, capitalism, sexism, etc. How can we step up in an effort to do God’s will? Remember the generations of sincere faith that lives within you. Stir up that faith that is in you. Step up with the faith inside us to go on the positive purpose that is within us so that we can live in harmony with one another, all created by God. Remember God saves you and empowers you. Receive God’s gift and power inside you. There is a need for self-discipline in drugs, sex, etc. We need to operate in the power of God. Don’t receive the power of fear but of love and self-discipline. He asked what blocks us from receiving God. Remember you have God’s power. An altar called followed. The youth adjourned to lunch outside in a giant tent.

Musical Groups who presented during this youth session are —Westchester Steel Pan Band, Bronx, Earl Shaw, Director; G.U..N.I.T. Doves Step Team, First UMC, Newburgh, Kawana Jones, Choreographer; Metropolitan District Youth Choir, John Del Cueto, Director; Westchester Liturgical Dancers, Tiffany Fairweather, Choreographer

Thanks to the creators of this special youth presentation: youth leaders from around the Conference, Emily Peck-McClain, Neal Bowes, Donna Jolly, Christie House and Ann Pearson.

Clergy Ballot 11 results. No election.

Clergy Ballot 12: 162 ballots. 82 required. Evelyn McDonald was elected with 86 votes.

Ordination Service Saturday Afternoon, June 9, 2007

The theme for this year’s ordination service was “In Mission for the Transformation of the World.” It began with prelude music by Lee Stowe, organist and processional hymns, “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, “Lift High the Cross”, “He is Exalted”, and “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.” Liturgical dancers representing churches of our conference performed to, “The Presence of the Lord is Here”. Bishop Jeremiah Park offered greetings and led the opening prayer.
Presenting the ordinands were Conference Lay Leader Robert Hunsinger, Chair of the Order of Elders Rev. Constance Pak, and Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry Rev. Dr. Judith Stevens. Billy Lee Crowder, Registrar for Elders of the Board presented the candidates for elder’s orders and full membership. They were:

- Kristina Diane Hansen
- John Joon Woo Lee
- Lucile Chambers Hill
- Heather Alcada McClendon Sinclair
- Cedric Ronald Johnson
- Steven William Pfeiffer
- Churl Sik Kim
- Rhonda Renee Taylor

Elder from another denomination whose orders were recognized and was granted full membership in the conference was

- Jennifer Kate Morrow

Rev. Jeanette Bassinger-Ishii, Rev. Ferdinand B. Sierra in Tagalog, Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie in Akan, and Rev. Noel Chin gave Scripture readings. Following congregational singing of, “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”, Bishop Park reminded all that “You are Witnesses of These Things” in his moving message to the gathering. Rev. Allen Pinckney, Jr. led the congregation in The Apostle’s Creed. Bishop Park asked the historic questions of general examination of the candidates. Laying on hands and prayers were extended for each of the named candidates. As the new elders in full connection were greeted the congregation sang, “The Summons”, and “We are Marching/Siyahamba/Caminando”. An offering was taken for the Bishop’s Partners in Mission. During the offering the Conference Choir under the direction of Danton Bankay sang, “God so Loved the World” and “The Solid Rock”. In celebration the whole body sang “The Hallelujah Chorus”. Bishop Park and Rev. Rhonda Renee Taylor offered the dismissal with blessing. As the new elders and clergy were recessing the congregation sang, “Go Make of All Disciples”, “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”, “A Charge to Keep I Have”, and “Evniado Soy de Dios”.

**Final Business of the Annual Conference**

Following the Ordination Service the clergy gathered again to take a final ballot for Jurisdictional and Reserve candidates. It was moved that the rules be suspended to permit election of these candidates based on plurality of votes rather than a majority. It passed. One ballot was taken; there were 197 ballots and all were valid. Elected in order of votes obtained for Jurisdictional Conference were: Steve Bauman, Gunshik Shim, R. Randy Day, Takayuki Ishii, Arturo Maine, and Ed Horne. Reserve delegates elected in order were: Adrienne Brewington, Kun Sam Cho, Elizabeth Braddon, and Dennis Winkleblack (tied). It was the wish of the body that we suspend the rules and accept four reserve clergy delegates.

A slide was shown to the body listing all of the delegates, lay and clergy who were elected in this conference session as follows –
Lay & Clergy General/Jurisdictional/Reserve Voting Results
June 6-9, 2007, NYAC Annual Conference

Lay Delegates:
General Conference
1. Frederick K. Brewington
2. Ernest L. Swiggett
3. Chan K. P. Gillham
4. Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt
5. Jorge Lockward
6. Natassia Velez

Jurisdictional Conference
1. Marva D. Usher-Kerr
2. Betsy Ingram
3. Kevin M. Nelson
4. Jaewon Kim
5. Robert G. Hunsinger
6. Beverly Peck Risi

Reserve Delegates
1. Robert G. Miller
2. Inday Day
3. Maria Maine

Clergy Delegates:
General Conference
1. Allen Pinckney, Jr.
2. Constance Pak
3. Timothy Riss
4. Noel Chin
5. Judith Stevens
6. Evelyn McDonald

Jurisdictional Conference
1. Stephen Bauman
2. Gunshik Shim
3. R. Randy Day
4. Takayuki Ishii
5. Arturo Maine
6. Edward Horne

Reserve Delegates
1. Adrienne Brewington
2. Kun Sam Cho
3. Elizabeth Braddon
4. Dennis Winkleblack

Fixing of dates for Annual Conference 2009
Rev. Allen Pinckney gave the dates for next year’s Annual Conference:
209th Annual Conference of The New York Annual Conference will be June 11-14, 2008 at Hofstra University.

Bishop Park declared the 208th Annual Conference closed at 5:45 p.m. on June 9, 2007.
C. NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes are a complete and accurate rendering of the proceedings of the 208th session of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (the thirty-ninth session of the United Methodist Church and the forty-second since reunion with the New York East Conference after 118 years of separate existence), held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, June 6-9, 2007, and, as such, the printed records with related data incorporated by reference have been adopted by the Annual Conference as its official record.

[Signatures]
President

[Signatures]
Secretary
CERTIFICATE OF CONSECRATION

This is to certify that at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York on Thursday, June 7, 2007, pursuant to the election of the New York Annual Conference, I commissioned as follows:

COMMISSIONED AS PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Gabriel Oluleke Akinbode    Amanda Iahn
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June 7, 2007
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This is to certify that at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York on Saturday, June 9, 2007, pursuant to the election of the New York Annual Conference, I ordained, as follows:

DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION

None

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SECTION 1: MINISTRIES OF WITNESS
Asian Council, Communications, Cooperative School of Christian Mission, Hispanic American Council, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and other ministries of witness.

SECTION 2: CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES AND MINISTRIES OF NURTURE
Camping and Retreat Ministry, Connectional Ministries Reports I and II, District Council on Ministries Reports, Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Missions and Outreach Ministries, Mozambique/New York Sister Conferences, Council on Youth Ministries, and other ministries of nurture.

SECTION 3: MINISTRIES OF ADVOCACY
Board of Church and Society, Commission on Religion and Race, Unity Task Force and other ministries of advocacy. **Note:** Submissions from agencies which have no reporting responsibility to the Conference are posted on the Conference web site.

SECTION 4: COMMISSIONING
Order of Associate Members and Local Pastors, Bishop's Convocation, Bishop's Partners in Mission for Leadership Development, Order of Elders, Committee on Episcopacy, Board of Lay, Conference Lay Leader, Lay Speaking and Witness, Board Of Ordained Ministry, Parish Consultant Network, Sexual Ethics Response Team, V-Team.

SECTION 5: PASTORAL COMPENSATION
Commission on Equitable Compensation and Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION
Archives and History, Conference Archivist, United Methodist City Society, N.Y. Methodist Federal Credit Union, Committee on Nominations, Parish Development-Missional Priority Commission, Park Avenue UMC Trust Fund, Rules Committee, Conference Secretary and other ministries of administration.

SECTION 7: CONFERENCE BUDGET
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CORPORATE SESSION:
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Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 18
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
154 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 2003
Item Description: Connectional Ministries — Part 2
Legislative Section: Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 20
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
154 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

CHANGES: TYPOS: P. 22, line 22, change “with” to “without” so that the line reads “Connectional Ministries could not function without my Administrative Assistant. . .”

Item Number: 2004
Item Description: Catskill Hudson District Council On Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 23
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
154 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 2005
Item Description: Connecticut District Council On Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 23
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
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Item Number: 2006
Item Description: Long Island East District Council On Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 24
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
154 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 2007
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Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 25
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
154 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Description: New York/Connecticut District Council On Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 25
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?
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Item Number: 2009
Item Description: Commission On Higher Education And Campus Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 26
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?
154 0 0 100.00 Yes Yes

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Item Description: National Plan for the Hispanic Latino Ministries of the New York Annual Conference
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 28
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?
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Item Description: Lay Speaking Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 29
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?
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Item Description: Mission And Outreach Ministries
Legislative Section: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 30
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?
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CHANGES:

AMENDMENT: p. 105, line 30, delete “For Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors” so that the title reads “Resolution for Mandatory Anti-Racism Training”

AMENDMENT: p. 106, line 11, add “associate members” after “deacons” so that the line reads “BE IT RESOLVED, that all active ordained, elders, deacons, associate members and local pastors . . .”
AMENDMENT: p. 106, line 18, change “this” to “a”, so that the line reads: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York Annual Conference shall submit a resolution for consideration . . .”

Item Number: 3014
Item Description: 2007-303 The Church’s Role in Partisan Political Activity
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 106
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
279 24 11 92.08 Concurrence? Yes
CHANGES: REFERRED TO CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Item Number: 3015
Item Description: 2007-304 Petition to Refrain From Direct Involvement in Political Positions
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 107
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? No
42 254 17 85.81 Concurrence? No
CHANGES: CORRECTION: P. 107, line 22, change “mankind” to “humankind” and change “fellowmen” to “fellows” so that it reads “issues for the benefit of all humankind where we bear witness to injustices to our fellows . . .”

Item Number: 3016
Item Description: 2007-305 Civil Rights Regardless of Sexual Orientation
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 107
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? No
264 43 5 85.99 Concurrence? Yes
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Item Number: 3017
Item Description: 2007-306 On Being A Connectional Church and Transferring Members
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 108
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
258 27 8 90.53 Concurrence? Yes
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Item Number: 3018
Item Description: 2007-307 End The Death Penalty
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 109
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
283 4 10 98.61 Concurrence? Yes
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Item Number: 3019
Item Description: 2007-308 Petition to End the War in Iraq
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 110
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
254 20 17 92.70 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 3020
Item Description: 2007-309 Support The Establishment of a Department of Peace
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 111
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
261 10 7 96.31 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 3021
Item Description: 2007-310 Global Warming
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 111
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
267 8 3 97.09 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 3022
Item Description: 2007-311 Global Warming and New York Annual Conference Loans and Grants
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 112
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280 0 4 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

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Item Number: 3023
Item Description: 2007-312 Immigrant Ministries in the New York Annual Conference
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 113
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
260 11 10 95.94 Concurrence? Yes

CHANGES: AMENDMENT: P. 114, replace lines 18-20 with the following: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Councils on Ministries of the New York Annual Conference will survey congregations in their districts to determine how many programs serve immigrants within our boundaries and report these findings to the Conference Board of Church and Society.”
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Item Description: 2 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 123
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
211 12 4 94.62 Concurrence? Yes
CHANGES: AMENDMENT: P. 123, lines 20-21, after “Holy Spirit,” delete to end of line 21. Replace with “in the presentation of their positions” so that the line reads “body by being sensitive to, and by yielding to, the workings of the Holy Spirit and by showing restraint in the presentation of their positions.”

Item Number: 3031  
Item Description: 2007-324 On The Institute on Religion and Democracy
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Loose Sheets
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? No
175 27 4 86.63 Concurrence? Yes
CHANGES:

Item Number: 3032  
Item Description: 2007-325 Petition Urging Purposeful Resolution of Contentious Issues within the New York Annual Conference
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Loose Sheets
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? No
19 156 21 89.14 Concurrence? No
CHANGES:

Item Number: 3033  
Item Description: 2007-326 Petition to General Conference in Support of Open Membership
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Loose Sheets
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
251 27 7 90.29 Concurrence? Yes
CHANGES:

Item Number: 3034  
Item Description: 2007-327 A Petition to End the War in Iraq
Legislative Section: 3 Place Published: Loose Sheets
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? No Data
0 0 0 0.00 Concurrence? No Data
CHANGES: WITHDRAWN BY THE SPONSOR DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF ITEM #3019, PETITION #2007-308
Item Number: 3035  
Item Description: 2007-328 Resolution on the Peaceful Reconciliation of Korea  
Legislative Section: 3  Place Published: Loose Sheets  
FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN  PERCENTAGE  Consensus?  Yes  
175  2  3  98.87  Concurrence?  Yes  

CHANGES: AMENDMENTS: Before each of the first four paragraphs, add “Whereas,” so that they read “Whereas since its division . . .”, “Whereas during these years of conflict . . .”, “Whereas beginning in the 1990s . . .”, and “Whereas in 2003. . . .”  

AMENDMENT: At the end of paragraph 2, add “and we reaffirm the United Methodist position against all nuclear weapons.”  

AMENDMENT: Before paragraph 5 add “Therefore be it resolved” so that it reads “Therefore be it resolved as efforts are made . . .”  

Item Number: 4001  
Item Description: Leadership Development Through the Bishop’s Partners In Mission  
Legislative Section: 4  Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 47  
FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN  PERCENTAGE  Consensus?  Yes  
42  0  0  100.00  Concurrence?  Yes  

CHANGES:  

Item Number: 4002  
Item Description: Boundaries and Sexual Ethics Committee  
Legislative Section: 4  Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 48  
FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN  PERCENTAGE  Consensus?  Yes  
45  0  0  100.00  Concurrence?  Yes  

CHANGES:  

Item Number: 4003  
Item Description: Order of Elders  
Legislative Section: 4  Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 48  
FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN  PERCENTAGE  Consensus?  Yes  
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Item Number: 4010  
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Legislative Section: 4 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 116  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?  
12 46 0 79.31 No  

CHANGES:

Item Number: 4011  
Item Description: 2007-402 On Mandatory Retirement of Clergy  
Legislative Section: 4 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 116  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?  
20 36 2 64.29 No  

CHANGES:

Item Number: 4012  
Item Description: 2007-403 Non-Discrimination Against Laity  
Legislative Section: 4 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 117  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?  
54 4 0 93.10 Yes  

CHANGES:

Item Number: 4013  
Item Description: 2007-404 Remove Requirement of Charge Conference Approval for Licensed Local Pastors in Book of Discipline ¶312.1  
Legislative Section: 4 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 120  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?  
58 0 1 100.00 Yes  

CHANGES:

Item Number: 5001  
Item Description: Commission on Equitable Compensation  
Legislative Section: 5 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 61  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Concurrence?  
83 4 1 95.40 Yes  

CHANGES: AMENDMENT: P. 63, ¶121: replace ¶121 with the following:  

“That the Professional Reimbursement Account for a pastor under full-time appointment be a minimum of $5000 for 2008. Persons serving in less than full-time appointments are to receive a minimum of $1,250 for each 1/4 time increment served.”
Item Number: 5002  
Item Description: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits  
Legislative Section: 5  
Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 66  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus?  
88 0 0 100.00  Yes  
Concurrence?  
Yes  
CHANGES:  
TYPO: Pg. 70, ¶ 118, line 2, change “2007” to “2008”.

Item Number: 6001  
Item Description: Commission on Archives and History  
Legislative Section: 6  
Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 73  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus?  
31 0 0 100.00  Yes  
Concurrence?  
Yes  

Item Number: 6002  
Item Description: Conference Archivist  
Legislative Section: 6  
Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 74  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus?  
31 0 0 100.00  Yes  
Concurrence?  
Yes  

Item Number: 6003  
Item Description: United Methodist City Society Annual Report 2006  
Legislative Section: 6  
Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 74  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus?  
30 1 0 96.77  Yes  
Concurrence?  
Yes  

Item Number: 6004  
Item Description: Committee on Nominations  
Legislative Section: 6  
Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 80  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus?  
31 0 0 100.00  Yes  
Concurrence?  
Yes  

Item Number: 6005  
Item Description: Parish Development-Missional Priority (EMLC) Commission  
Legislative Section: 6  
Place Published: Preliminary Bklt.  
P. 81  
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus?  
31 0 0 100.00  Yes  
Concurrence?  
Yes  

CHANGES:
Item Number: 6006
Item Description: Park Avenue United Methodist Church Trust Fund
Legislative Section: 6 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 83
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
31 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

CHANGES:

Item Number: 6007
Item Description: Rules Committee
Legislative Section: 6 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 84
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
31 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

CHANGES: AMENDMENT: Delete ¶103. Replace with new ¶103 as follows:

No member of this Annual Conference submitted proposed changes or additions to the committee chairperson by February 1, 2007. However, in order to conform our Conference Rules to provisions of the Book of Discipline (BOD pp. 34-36), the committee recommends the following amendment to the Rules:

Para. 79 - Insert the word “ordained” before the word “clergy,” so that the sentence reads: “All ordained clergy in full connection shall be eligible for election on any ballot.”

Para. 80 - Insert the word “ordained” before the phrase “clergy members,” so that the sentence reads: “Clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences shall be elected by the ordained clergy members in full connection with the annual conference.”

Item Number: 6008
Item Description: Conference Secretary Office
Legislative Section: 6 Place Published: Preliminary Bklt. P. 84
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
31 0 0 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

CHANGES:

Item Number: 6009
Item Description: United Methodist City Society Annual Report 2006 Part 2
Legislative Section: 6 Place Published: Loose Sheets
FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN PERCENTAGE Consensus? Yes
30 0 1 100.00 Concurrence? Yes

CHANGES: TYPO: ¶ 104 line 4 add the letter “r” to the first word “each” which should be read “reach”
CHANGES: AMENDMENTS: Line 29-31 should read as follows:
Therefore, be it resolved that a study be conducted by the Commission on the General Conference or by a committee under its direction, in consultation with the General Board of Global Ministries together with the General Commission on Finance and Administration to propose the most appropriate efficient, and cost effective means for providing timely translations of General Conference documents (calls, agenda, reports, petitions, etc.) to delegations in the major languages used in the United Methodist Church (including but not limited to English, French, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish).

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