

## VI. Daily Proceedings

**Kentucky Annual Conference**  
**2006 Session, June 5-8**  
**Bowling Green-Warren County Sloan Convention Center**  
**Holiday Inn University Plaza**  
**Bowling Green, Kentucky**  
**Bishop James R. King Jr., Presiding**

*(All motions are seconded unless otherwise noted.)*

**Monday, June 5, 2006**

**CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The session was led by Bishop James R. King, Jr., Dr. Thomas Smith, Director of Ministerial Services, and members of the KAC Board of Ordained Ministry. Conference clergy elected new members to the conference and received reports for informational purposes. (For responses to the disciplinary questions see CHAPTER VIII, BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.)

**LAITY SESSION:** Led by Lt. Colonel Mel Bowdan, (Ret.) Conference Lay Leader, this session oriented the lay members as to their role and responsibilities during the conference. A special orientation was held for first-time delegates.

**Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

### MORNING SESSION

**OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** The Youth Choir of Asbury UMC in Owensboro, KY led the assembled body in the opening hymn "Come, Now is the Time to Worship." The opening prayer was led by David R. Thomas. Bishop King's sermon was entitled "Blessed to Be a Blessing." The sermon text was taken from Genesis 12:1-4.

#### PLENARY

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bishop King called the plenary session to order and informed the delegates of the absence of LTC Mel Bowdan, (Ret.) Conference Lay Leader, who had left the site of conference to be with his wife's family. Jean Bowdan's mother had died on Monday. Bishop King mentioned that Judge John Minton, former Conference Lay Leader, would assist in the absence of Bowdan.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE:** Bishop King recognized Gary Graves, the Conference Secretary, who discussed organizational matters.

**MOTION:** Graves moved for the adoption of the agenda as printed with the understanding that alterations in the agenda will be announced as they are deemed necessary. **The motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Graves moved that Bible Study be set as an Order of the Day on Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. **The motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Graves moved that the Voting Bar of the Conference be all seating in sections B & C and the first 8 rows of sections A & D. **The motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Graves moved to elect Wayne Garvey to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Reports and Elections and Tukea L. Talbert to serve as Assistant Secretary for Motions and Daily Proceedings. **The motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Graves moved for the election of the slate of tellers that was listed on the screen. **The motion carried.** Graves also directed the tellers to meet with Wayne Garvey following the morning plenary session.

**MOTION:** Graves moved that the Conference send greetings to LTC Mel and Jean Bowdan and their family expressing sympathy for the death of Jean's mother. **The motion carried.**

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS:** Bishop King introduced David Grout, Bowling Green District Superintendent, who welcomed the Bishop and members of the conference to Bowling Green. Grout

introduced and acknowledged Susan Minton, chair of the host committee, for her work with the preparation and organization of the conference. Minton introduced Mike Buchanon, Warren County Judge Executive, and Brian “Slim” Nash, Mayor Pro-Tem of Bowling Green. Judge Buchanon and Nash presented a proclamation welcoming the Kentucky Annual Conference for this session.

Minton introduced Vicki Fitch, Director of Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, who with Sam Terry extended a welcome and greetings to the KAC and presented a gift to Bishop and Mrs. King.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** The Bishop received and excused absences from the annual conference for all those who had requested them.

**PETITIONS:** George Strunk, Chair of the Petitions and Resolutions Committee, referred a petition from the Progressive United Methodists of Kentucky who petitioned the KAC to restore funding for certain items in the 2007 budget to at least the level as in the 2006 working budget. Strunk reported that this petition had been referred to the Personnel Committee of the Primary Task Team and the Council on Finance and Administration requesting that they report on this petition at this session of the Annual Conference before the final approval of the 2007 budget.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** David Grout and his wife presented Mrs. Rose King with a corsage at the podium and welcomed her to Bowling Green.

**FIRST READING OF BUDGET:** Jim Murphy, President of CF&A and Michael Watts, Director of Administrative Services, introduced the 2007 budget and shared a 19 minute video. Murphy directed conference members to page 169 of the pre-conference journal for viewing the budget line items. Murphy informed members of conference that representatives would be available at the legislative committee meeting to address questions related to the budget. Bishop King allotted time for questions regarding the budget, but no questions were posed by the body at this time.

Highlights of the video are summarized as follows:

**Bishop King** discussed the KAC has made a bad habit of basing the budget on desired spending rather than on anticipated funding levels/needs. CF&A and the Personnel Team presented the budget based on expected revenues for 2007. The budget went from 9.6 million in 2006 to 8.7 million in 2007. Salary increases included the following: 2% for director level staff and District Superintendents, 3% for remaining staff, and 4.2% increase in healthcare. The Personnel Committee is developing accountability tools along with consistent staff configurations.

**Tom Eblen** discussed NCCD (New Church and Congregation Development) that is budgeted for 800,000 dollars. Administrative costs are based on 2005 and the budget focuses on 3 areas: first start (includes Korean Church in Louisville), restart (includes Pleasure Ridge Park and Preston Highway churches) and fresh start churches.

**Julie Hager Love** discussed the discipleship component of the budget that has been budgeted for 1,820,882 million dollars. This line item includes higher education and campus ministries, salary increases, and program support which is the same as in the past. Justice and Christian Ministries money has been streamlined. Servant Leadership Academy (SLA) will continue looking for other sources of money. Youth and young adults will have increases for leadership development and camps retreat, and urban ministries will remain the same.

**Tom Grieb** reported on the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) that has budgeted amount of 265,000 dollars. Some of the initiatives with the BOM include assessment tool for clergy and local churches, residency programs, and counseling. Grieb gave a special thanks to Dr. Tom Smith as the staff person connected to the BOM.

**Jim Murphy** reported on Stewardship which has been budgeted for 1,479,719 million dollars. Stewardship includes reduced operating budget from the conference and increased management fees for United Methodist Foundation. The federal government allotted 300,000 dollars for health insurance for retirees and spouses, but the conference budget was reduced by 468,000 dollars. The federal government covers Medicare part D and the cost to retirees is \$250. Our conference askings for general church and jurisdictional ministries is 2,585,655.

Bishop King stated that the conference budget must decrease (should be reflected in the 2007 budget), but giving must continue and this will create the bridge. Murphy presented by video the total budget which is **8,782,842** dollars with expected revenue of **8,568,719**. Murphy thanked Kevin Evers for the video production of the budget.

**STANDING RULES – FIRST READING:** Judge Minton reviewed the standing rules with the following changes: page 4 under rule #10 (a) remove “Correctional” and replace with “Connectional” in first line; page 11 rule #14 (b) omit “to” from line 3; page 12 rule #15 add “and filling vacancies” following attendance in the main heading; page 13 rule #18 (b) remove “pastors” and insert “clergy residing or” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line; page 16 letter (e) add a number 4 to state the following, “two copies to the General Council on Finance and Administration”; and page 17 rule #25 second line capitalize “J” in jurisdictional and under 25(a) line 3 insert “a” and delete the “s” at the end of statement on line 4. Connie Mitchell noticed an additional correction needed on page 4 under rule #10 (a), which is to remove “Correctional” and replace it with “Connectional” in the first line. Judge Minton noted that there are a few substitute changes to standing rules and they will be highlighted during the second reading.

**NOMINATIONS – FIRST READING:** Julie Hager Love presented the first reading of the nominations committee report and directed the body to view the hard copy located in registration packets. Love directed the body to make corrections to names on the nominations report and bring them to room #5 or the secretary’s table.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES:** Love gave direction for legislative committees along with meeting locations.

**GREETINGS:** Graves recognized Ron Coleman, staff member of the General Board of Pensions, who is only present at the conference for one day. Delegates were encouraged to visit him at the display in the lobby.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Members of conference were asked to not leave items in the front rows as they will be reserved for the Service of Remembrance. Love reminded legislative committees to review information on the Good Samaritan Foundation Litigation located in the registration packets. Bishop King introduced Becki Curry, Assistant to the Bishop, and Phil Shepherd, Conference Chancellor.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Michael Gibbons led the conference in prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The session adjourned for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Five clergy members and 14 clergy spouses were memorialized. The presiding pastor was Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Eblen. Family members of the clergy were presented with a memorial medallion. The family members of spouses were presented with white roses. Those remembered were:

#### Clergy

Kenneth C. Halbbrook  
Rual T. Perkins  
Dorothy Shannon  
Ted Shipp  
James Thornbury Wells

#### Spouses

Edith Anderson  
Grace Bentley  
C. Lee Delaney  
Mildred Dye  
Pauline McIntosh Graddy  
Lucretia Helm

Gladys Irene Karrick Norsworthy  
 Virginia Philpot  
 Laverne May Pugh  
 Kathryn Chandler Rose  
 Betty Steinmetz  
 Sada Hart Tarter  
 Cornelia Williams Walker  
 Miller Doris Ramsey Wood

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Delegates dispersed to meet with assigned legislative committees.

## EVENING SESSION

### SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION

Bishop William Willimon from the Birmingham Area of the United Methodist Church preached the sermon which was entitled, "Sent," using Luke 10: 1-8, 21, 23 as a biblical text. Bishop King was assisted in the service by members of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

#### Recognized as Associate Member under provisions of the 1992 Book of Discipline:

William Edwin Richards  
 William Ronald Turner

**Commissioned as probationary members of Deacon track:** Sarah Holsinger-Friesen, Debra Kaye Marcum Massengale, Peter Andrew McNeill, Cinda Lou Swan

**Commissioned as probationary members on Elder track:** Jonathan August Davenport, Brian Matthew Ebel, Rebecca Kathleen Heid, John Nathan Hill, Dwight Arthur Hughes, Esther Damodar Jadhav, Wesley Neil Janes, Ken Klemme, Michael Alexander McAlister, Sandra Murphree, James Todd Nelson, Faron Earl Owen, Gregory Harrison Smith, and Scott Chandler Stith

**Ordained Deacons:** Audrey Vargo Myers

**Ordained Elders:** Glenn Bruce Cox, Pearley Mae Buckner Gillespie, Gary Wayne Hardin, Robert Eugene Hoffman, Marvin Leon Lagle, Leonard William Marr, and Scott Edward Wilson

Stoles were presented to the ordained Deacons and Elders and Bibles were given to those who were commissioned by Bishop King, Bishop Willimon, and members of the Board of Ordained Ministry. The service concluded and the session for the evening adjourned.

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

## MORNING WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Jean Hawxhurst led the morning devotion, which was entitled, "Making the Mask Our True Makeup" and was taken from 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17.

### PLENARY

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bishop King called Plenary Session II to order. Bishop King announced that Judge Minton will fill in for Mel Bowdan along with Linda Gayheart, Prestonsburg District Lay Leader.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Chris Harman, Director of Discipleship Formation, and a member of St Paul UMC in Louisville, thanked the KAC for praying for her throughout her recent illness and confirmed the power of prayer.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Legislative Committee (7)

Betty Jo Summerfield, the facilitator, reported for this committee. She acknowledged Donna Jones, who was the recorder and then introduced Linda Young, Chair of Higher Education. Young introduced Luther Felder from the General Board of Higher Ed & Ministry who applauded the Kentucky UM Conference for their presence on college campuses throughout the state of KY and for setting a national example for campus ministries. Linda Young informed the body about the DVD made available to members of the conference that discusses various campus ministries in the UM conference. She also acknowledged several United Methodist campus ministry programs along with their campus ministers. Young introduced Ed DeRossett, Union College President, who spoke on behalf of the UM colleges. Dr. Ann Federlein from KY Wesleyan College was recognized.

Summerfield introduced Milse Furtado, a Mass Communication major, who is a representative from the Black Colleges/Black College Fund and attends Russ College. Furtado greeted the Bishop and the conference and thanked everyone for facilitating her educational experience in the states.

Youth delegates Bobby King and Isaac LaFonda, in place of David Sparks, the Director of Ministry with Young People, presented a video and encouraged people to complete a youth conference application. Bobby King also discussed upcoming activities of youth. LaFonda discussed how the network system will be organized along with the first Young Adult/Youth Summit. The report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar.

### 2. Legislative Committee (9)

Robert Smotherman, the facilitator, and Jan Brown-Thompson, the recorder reported on this committee. Ken Klemme gave a brief report on CF&A and he also recognized Landy Williams, Chair of Board of Trustees and Phil Shepherd, Conference Chancellor.

Shepherd discussed at great length the litigation regarding the Good Samaritan Foundation. The KAC Board of Trustees will not approve any additional or new grant disbursements until concerns are addressed between the BOT and the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Bill Hughes, the Director of the Wesley Foundation in Lexington, voiced concern about the wording of the litigation memorandum regarding the Good Samaritan Foundation and Jim Holsinger, an officer of the Good Samaritan Board. Hughes also made a request to speak with the attorney representing the KAC, but Shepherd believed his request to not be appropriate due to the matter still being under litigation. Shepherd assured Hughes that Holsinger in no way has been prohibited from attending conference to discuss his views on the Good Samaritan Foundation litigation. Shepherd also pointed out that Holsinger discontinued the connection between the KAC and the Good Samaritan Foundation.

The report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar.

### 3. Legislative Committee (1)

Clyde Tharp, facilitator, presented the report. Tharp acknowledged Wanda Latham, Ric Holladay, and others for their work with the committee. Tom Grieb, Chair of BOM, introduced Keith Switzer, a member of the Development Team, who discussed the assessment tool for clergy and congregations. Grieb discussed a motion discussed in last session (2005) by Vic Morris that stated, "For the purposes of honesty and equity regarding clergy salaries, I move that the KAC Personnel Team, in collaboration with its Bishop and extended cabinet, study and report to the 2006 session of the KAC the disparity in salaries for full-time Pastors relative to other jurisdictions, including an explanation of their intentions/recommendations for addressing these disparities." Grieb reported the following on behalf of the BOM, "their studies clearly show that we are at the bottom or near the bottom in every statistical category related to clergy compensation. This includes the amount paid to District Superintendents. One reason for the disparity may very well be the inordinate amount of small membership churches in the KAC, many of which stand as station churches. The fact that we have only a few truly large churches also contributes to a lower average salary." Grieb noted that while the conference appoints pastors, it is the responsibility of the church to make strides in regard to their clergy's salary. Grieb concluded that the KAC may be moving toward a trend of

multi-church charges that will make for a fair work load coupled with a more equitable/livable wage. Donna Jones, New Beginnings (Stanton), voiced a question about the average salary statistics on the slides and who was included in the average. Michael Watts addressed her question by stating that it only included full time pastors.

Tom Smith & Mark Gibbons recognized years of Service among clergy:

**25 Years of Service**

Ted J. Burke  
 Sarah G. Ewing  
 Stephen R. Flener  
 Paul A. Fryman  
 Mark B. Girard  
 David A. Green  
 Alan W. Jackson  
 Michael J. Marx, Sr.  
 George Quisenberry  
 Elgan B. Reynolds  
 Rolf P. Ruegg  
 Garnett Slone  
 Mark D. Walz

**50 Years of Service**

Walter L. Arnold  
 Clancy L. Barnes  
 William W. Bowling  
 Timothy S. Chamberlain  
 Herbert L. Kittinger, Jr.  
 R. Kenneth Lile  
 Julian W. Simpson  
 John D. Spawlding

The report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar.

**BREAK**

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Allen Basinger stated that he and his wife were celebrating their wedding anniversary today and they have been attending the KAC for a total of 18 years.

**JOURNAL:** Art Leach, chair of the Journal Committee, presented the daily proceedings from Tuesday's session and they were **approved**.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Blanchard Amstutz stated that he and his spouse celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary yesterday and he has served 64 years in 2 denominations. Mattie Mack (Clair Memorial UMC) acknowledged the ministry of 3 clergy in the Elizabethtown district.

**4. Legislative Committee (3)**

Tyrone Nelson (Facilitator) reported and acknowledged several others: Don Barnett, recorder, Jay Smith, District Superintendent, Judge John Minton, Dr. Phillip Shepherd, Dr. Tamara Brown, John & Karen Bunn, and Becki Curry.

Tom Grieb and Jim Murphy brought the response from CF&A and the Personnel Committee of the Primary Task Team to the petition which had been referred by the committee on petitions and resolutions.

Grieb reported for the Personnel Committee in the absence of Mel Bowdan. Grieb discussed the personnel manual and the standardized assessment of personnel and salary increase (3% increase of annual conference employees with salaries below 50,000 and a 2% increase for employees of KAC above 50,000 dollars). Salary increases are recommended to begin on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

Jim Murphy, President of CF&A discussed some major concerns at great length. Murphy reported the recommendation from the two committees that the petition from the Progressive United Methodists of KY not be approved. The petition vote **failed**.

Nelson introduced Larry Stoess, Executive Director of Portland Promise Center, Cyndi Downing, Executive Director of Hillcrest-Bruce, Annie Allen, Director of Ida Spence Mission and Martina Ockerman, Executive Director of Nathaniel Mission. Stoess and others led a game of facts in which questions were addressed to the Bishop on facts related to Methodist Urban ministries entitled, "Who Wants to Be A Missionary?"

Larry Stoess presented a T-shirt to the Bishop.

**MOTION:** Ric Holladay made the following motion: "The Personnel Committee of the Primary Task Team review the Uniting Vision and Foundation documents and study the current staffing of our annual conference. The Personnel Committee will report back to the KAC session in 2007. If the Personnel Committee sees changes that need to be made, those changes would take effect at the 2008 annual conference session." The motion **passed**.

The report of the Legislative Committee (3) was **adopted**.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE:** Louise Short, who had celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in January of this year, addressed the conference. Mrs. Short acknowledged the greatness and leadership of the KAC. She gave special acknowledgement to the Bishop, District Superintendents, and laity for their performance and work for Jesus Christ.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study was led by David Bell who used Matthew 13:45-46 as a biblical text.

### LUNCH BREAK

## AFTERNOON SESSION

### RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

The retirees and spouses came forward as they were introduced. They were presented with pins and certificates once their names were called. The following retirees were recognized:

Jim G. Byrd (FE)  
 Larry Cochran (FE)  
 Paul J. Dickens (FL)  
 James Roger Dill (FE)  
 George Edwards (PL)  
 Kemp Edwards (FE)  
 Elizabeth S. Gamble (FE)  
 Donald W. Hatton (FE)  
 Alan W. Jackson (FE)  
 Richard E. Lowe (FE)  
 Harold Mattox (PL)  
 Bob Nelson (FE)

### PLENARY

Session opened with a song led by David Grout---Crown Him!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Graves requested that all members of the conference be mindful of their cell phones and to turn them off so as to avoid disturbing others.

Bishop King introduced Dinah Adamson, representative from the United Methodist Publishing House, who discussed reading materials available for purchase and study. Adamson also presented the Bishop with a check for \$18,677.98 from the United Methodist Publishing House for pensions.

**MOTION:** Michael Watts made the following motion, “ I move that the Annual Conference direct the conference treasurer to remit the funds given by the Publishing House to the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits for the Central Conference Pension Initiative.” The motion **passed**.

#### 5. Legislative Committee (6)

Dwight Hughes, the facilitator, presented the report and thanked the following: Patricia Keys, the recorder, and Dr. Kenneth Cummings, District Superintendent, for their leadership with the meeting. Hughes introduced Julie Hager Love who introduced the video about Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

Love introduced the new Director of the Methodist Home, Alexander C. Carmichel who gave a brief presentation. Carmichel presented Bishop King with a pen from the accrediting body for the Methodist Home. The report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE:** Pastor Troy Long acknowledged the work of the conference for relief work and noted that it specifically benefited family members of both he and his wife in Mississippi.

#### 6. Legislative Committee (4)

Ted Burke reported on this committee. Burke also acknowledged Gary Graves and Julie Hager Love for their support and leadership of the legislative committee process. This committee’s report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar.

#### 7. Legislative Committee (5)

Yvonne Taylor reported for this committee and she discussed two items not listed on the consent calendar: Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Concerns –verbal report in legislative committee (45 for; 16 against, & 5 abstentions) and the KY Council on Churches---pages 189-90 of pre-conference journal (47 for, 10 against, & 3 abstentions).

The verbal report for Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Concerns was voted on and **passed**.

Michael Watts, Conference Treasurer voiced a question regarding the report on page 189-90 and if it would alter the budget. Graves, conference secretary, stated that the report was simply a report that reflects what is being requested by the Council of Churches and not what is actually budgeted and therefore would not impact the budget.

The report on the KY Council of Churches (pg 189-90) **passed**. The report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar in addition to the items listed above.

#### 8. Legislative Committee (2)

Howard Moran, the facilitator of this committee thanked Tom Eblen, Michael Gibbons, and Pat Sayre, the recorder, for their direction and guidance with the work of the committee. The report was **adopted** as listed on the consent calendar.

**STANDING RULES - SECOND READING:** Judge Minton presented the second reading of the standing rules. Minton stated that the purpose of the standing rules is to help provide guidance where the *Book of Discipline* does not. Minton also stated that the goal is to make changes to the standing rules in order to align them with the *Book of Discipline*.

Connie Mitchell asked if the Conference Secretary has a limited term, then what should be done with a Conference Secretary who is a conference employee, as is being proposed by the Committee on Nominations? Bishop King responded that this would be addressed at a future time, if necessary.

Marsha Woodyard (St. Paul, Frankfort) suggested that all members be rotated among the various legislative committees to allow conference members an opportunity to hear the various reports of all the committees. This suggestion will be passed along to the Director of Connectional Ministries.

**MOTION:** Ric Holladay made the following motion: “ I move that Bishop King select and chair a Task Force to review the Uniting Vision and Foundation documents and study the current district lines of our Annual Conference. The Task Force will report back to the Annual Conference session in 2007. If the Task Force sees changes that need to be made, those changes would take effect at the 2008 Annual Conference session.” The motion **passed**.

Ron Thornton voiced a question regarding page 15 and rule 22. Thornton offered to suggest an amendment to alter the wording of rule 22b (first line). Following a great deal of discussion, Dean Weber presented a motion.

**MOTION:** Weber made the following motion: “A church is expected to pay the expenses for its clergy and lay members(s) to attend Annual Conference. The District Superintendent must inform each charge of this requirement.” The motion **failed**.

**MOTION:** Sandy Douglass made the following motion, “Recognizing peculiar circumstances do exist, in those circumstances that members of our committees may be reimbursed at the prevailing IRS mileage rate when traveling to conference committee meetings.” This motion is in regard to persons who must make special travel arrangements due to physical or other difficulties. It was **referred to CF&A** per standing rule (14c).

**MOTION:** Ric Holladay made the following motion: “I move the Uniting Vision and Foundation documents and graphics be added to the Annual Conference Journal each year. These documents should be placed at the beginning of the ministry reports.” The motion **passed**. John Minton then amended proposed Standing Rule 23 (a) making the rule read: “. . . contains information in the format required by the *Discipline* ¶606.3, the Uniting Vision, Foundation document, and graphics, and. . . .”

**MOTION:** Steve Drury made the following motion, “To suspend the standing rules so that the Douglas motion can be addressed by the CF&A through a special meeting.” This motion **failed**.

Jim Murphy, President of CF&A, questioned how CF&A could help with the Douglass Motion. Graves stated that any motion with financial implications must go through CF&A, but it does not have to be decided for this session. Therefore, CF&A can study and bring an appropriate recommendation.

Carmen King posed a question that people without computers have other means to access a copy of the Journal. Julie Hager Love stated that conference members can have the copy of choice for the journal (CD and or printed copy).

Jeff Madison questioned the word “anyone” as stated in the proposed rule number 23 (d) in the first line. Gary Graves offered a friendly amendment, which stated, “A CD or print version of the Journal shall be mailed to any of the individuals listed in 23-c (page 16). . . .” After a brief discussion, Graves’ friendly **amendment was accepted**.

Gregg Tate questioned if any copy of the journal will need to be purchased and Julie Hager Love explained that all copies of either form of the journal will need to be purchased.

Judge Minton stated that the standing rules would require a 2/3 vote in order to be adopted. The proposed standing rules were **adopted**.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE:** A delegate raised a question regarding a delay in the timeline for response to a grant application which had been submitted. Love assured the delegate that the matter would be examined. In following discussion, the ministry of Love was affirmed and the delegates expressed appreciation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Charles Pinkston suggested that our pastors invite people from the United Methodist Home to our local churches to broaden our local ministries to include the Methodist homes.

Michael Watts announced that the CF&A will meet after the evening program along with the petitions committee.

Gary Graves announced the death of Karen Stigall’s mother and asked Paige Williams to remember Karen, her father, and their family in the closing prayer. Stigall is pastor at St. Matthews UMC

Paige Williams gave the closing prayer to end the session.

Thursday, June 8, 2006

## MORNING SESSION

Morning Worship was led by Kathy Goodwin. Her Biblical text came from Numbers 27: 1-11 and her subject was "Give Them What They Want."

### PLENARY

Bishop King thanked Jean Hawxhurst and Kathy Goodwin for leading the Morning Worship this week. Bishop King acknowledged the conference band as well. He then discussed the presence of God throughout the conference and the need to continue to be in prayer in times of contention and disagreement.

The Bishop opened the floor of the conference for sharing and prayer. Following a series of prayers, thanksgiving, and testimonies, Bishop King concluded the time of prayer and sharing by leading the Lord's Prayer.

**MISSIONS:** A brief missions video was shown. Michael Watts, Conference Treasurer, reported a mission offering of \$64,488.23 in comparison to last year's total, which was \$43,807.23. (Minutes recorded accurately, however due to a counting area this number was incorrect and should have been \$46,494.31).

**MOTION:** Janet Carden moved "The conference journal committee moves that the journal proceedings for Wednesday, June 7, 2006, be approved as the Journal Committee has met this morning to review and correct the minutes from yesterday." The motion **passed**.

**MOTION:** Carden moved "The Journal Committee requests permission to approve today's proceedings in the future on behalf of the conference." The motion **passed**.

### 9. Legislative Committee (8):

Bruce Hiner, the recorder, delivered the report and noted that the facilitator, Sandy Cavanaugh was not present at conference at this time. Hiner requested permission for approval of the 3 reports on the consent calendar and they were **approved**. Hiner also requested approval of a 4th report not listed on the consent calendar regarding equitable compensation from the Board of Pensions and it was **approved**.

The entire report was **adopted**.

**BUDGET - SECOND READING:** The budget proposal was brought by Michael Watts and Jim Murphy.

Item	Proposed Budget
General Church & SEF Apportionments (line 1)	\$2,585,655
New Church & Congregational Development (line 12)	\$800,868
Discipleship Team (line 46)	\$1,820,882
Primary Task/Personnel Team (line 183)	\$1,883,118
Stewardship Team (line 248)	\$1,479,719
Annual Conference Session and Adm. (line 281)	\$152,600
Contingency (line 297)	\$60,000
Total (line 298)	\$8,782,842

Murphy discussed some of the future actions of CF&A and he noted that churches in the KAC would be surveyed regarding their askings and how to meet apportionments.

**AMENDMENT:** Howard Reynolds moved, "That in the proposed 2007 budget the amount on page 170 for the Ky Council of Churches be changed from \$14,939 to \$35,000."

**MOTION:** Farley Stuart, Secretary of CF&A, stated point of order and wanted to make a motion to refer Reynolds Amendment to CF&A. Graves, conference secretary, stated that this is a time to perfect the budget during the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, therefore a suspension is not necessary. Stuart's motion, "I move we suspend the standing rule making all motions with budget implications be referred to CF&A making all matters immediately before the body of the conference." The Stuart motion **passed**.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a call for the question to conclude debate over the Reynolds motion. The vote **passed** for the call for the question and the Reynolds motion **failed** with a vote of **277 for** and **290 against**.

Chris Patterson noted that everyone who may be voting may not be within the bar of the conference. Graves, conference secretary, restated the bar of the conference which included sections B & C and the first 8 rows of sections A & D.

**MOTION:** David Mullins made a motion regarding an alternate budget amount for the Council of Churches.

**POINT OF ORDER:** Tom Smith stated that the Mullin's motion would need to come from a member of the KAC as opposed to Mullins who is not a member of the KAC.

**MOTION:** Charles Brockwell offered a motion in place of the Mullins motion, which stated, "I move that we amend item 72 of the 2007 Budget of the KY Council of Churches to \$25,399. The Brockwell motion **passed** with a vote of **301 for** and **272 against**. Murphy gave the new budget total with the Brockwell motion, which is \$8,793,302.

Wayne Bishop called for a vote on the entire budget and the vote to close debate **passed**.

The budget was voted on and **passed**.

**MOTION:** Sheree Douglas made the following motion, "Recognizing the struggle that comes from cutting our conference budget and wishing to see equity in all areas of conference expenses, I move we freeze all 2008 conference salaries at the 2007 level of compensation." This motion was not acted on due to being out of order because one conference can not set parameters for a future conference session or year.

**MOTION:** Jim Wofford made the following motion, "I move that CF&A provide to the 2007 session of KAC (to be printed in the pre-conference journal) a detailed study of the financial implications of possibly redefining the mission covenant between local churches and the KAC based upon 10% of all income to the local church as opposed to 16% of operating funds only as is presently the case. Monies not to be considered in the study would include third party offerings such as advance specials, special day offerings, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offerings for KY United Methodist Home for Children and Youth.

Following discussion, there was a call for the question and the vote **passed**. The Wofford motion **passed**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bishop King talked about the value of appointments in the Methodist system. Bishop King encouraged consulting on appointments and the importance of lay and clergy to be present and value the appointments. Bishop King talked about how the gifts given to clergy and lay commemorate the value of appointments.

#### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study was led by David Bell who discussed qualities of Christian stewardship.

#### LUNCH BREAK

### AFTERNOON SESSION

**MOTION:** Graves, conference secretary, moved to suspend the bar of the conference and allow voting members to sit in all 12 sections of the seating areas in order to allow members to be seated in their districts during the reading of appointments. This motion was **passed**.

**GREETINGS:** Greetings were received from Bishop Al Gwinn of the North Carolina Annual Conference and from the First UMC of New Orleans.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Charles Bates requested that the conference acknowledge those individuals in military service. Bishop King had a moment of silent prayer for all those in the military.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - SECOND READING:** Julie Hager Love presented the report which was accompanied by a power point presentation. The report was **accepted**.

**MOTION:** Jim Murphy made a motion to add this language to the CF&A report under section travel & expenses (page 164 of the pre-conference journal), reimbursement, item 3 to read, "In instances where extraordinary travel expenses are incurred by individuals with special needs, reimbursement shall be at the IRS business rate with the approval of the chair of the board, committee, commission or agency and the conference treasurer." This motion was **passed**.

**PETITIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** George Strunk, Chair of Petitions/Resolutions (P/R) Committee acknowledged members of the committee that included Wayne Garvey, Tukea Talbert, LeaAnn Johnson and Patricia Smith. Strunk reminded conference members to adhere to the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for submission of petitions and resolutions in order to have them copied and made available to the body of the conference and the P/R Committee.

**National Hunger Awareness Day Resolution** (located on page 191 of pre-conference journal): P/R Committee recommends concurrence on this resolution and it was **approved** by the conference.

**Expression of Thankfulness Resolution** (located on page 191 and 192 of pre-conference journal): P/R committee recommends non-concurrence on this resolution and offered a substitute resolution that states, "Be it resolved that each individual district where the church is closing, through its own conferencing, seek and find appropriate and worshipful ways to express their thankfulness to God for the ministry provided by the laity and pastors who served there in that particular church. One such instrument is the "Order for Disbanding a Congregation" found on page 650 of the United Methodist Book of Worship." This substitute resolution was **approved**.

**Progressive United Methodists of KY (PUMOK) Resolution:** (found in pre-conference packet): Strunk reported that the P/R committee recommends non-concurrence on this resolution and offered a substitute that states, "The KY Annual Conference hereby endorses the Pastoral Letter of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church dated November 2, 2005. We further affirm our trust in our Bishop, James King, to represent the United Methodist people of KY as this dialogue continues." After a lengthy discussion, David Grout offered a substitute motion to the motion presented by the P/R committee.

**MOTION:** The Grout motion states, "Be it resolved that the KY Annual Conference affirms our Bishops in their concern that our congregations be places of hospitality, welcoming all to receive the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We urge them to reaffirm the role of the pastor as leader of the congregation, charged with preaching the gospel, teaching our United Methodist doctrine, and preparing persons for professing membership in the local congregation." The motion was **passed** and replaced the substitute proposed by the P/R committee.

Strunk requested that standing rule (14c) be suspended in order to read a newly received petition instead of making printed copies available to conference members. The body **approved** the suspension of rule 14c. The resolution from the Highland UMC Administrative Council had similar language and the Grout motion was used as a substitute for this petition as well.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Love and Graves recognized Susan Minton along with the other team of host committee members; conference support staff (Sue Deibel, Beth Dickson, Amy Klemmer, Linda Thomas, Jane Ryan, and Dan Bracken who produced the Higher Education Video); Good News for technical support (power points & audiovisual aids); and the musicians. Bob Cain wrote the theme song, "Blessed to be a Blessing". Bishop King also recognized Diana Calvert, his new secretary.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Eliseo Mejia requested prayer from the conference regarding the current

immigration reform issues. The Bishop had a moment of silent prayer for the immigration issue.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Mark Walz thanked the KAC members and District Superintendent for their prayers to help him through the last 15 months battling cancer and its treatment.

**MERGERS & CLOSINGS:** This report was presented by Gary Ball, the Dean of the Cabinet. ( See Chapter VIII)

**MERGER**

Greenwood with Broadway, Bowling Green (multi-site merger opportunity)

Grace Community with Immanuel, Covington

**RESTART**

West Broadway, Louisville (working as cooperative parish with Genesis to form West End Ministries)

**DISCONTINUANCE**

Ninth Street, Covington District

Pleasant Run, Corbin District

Louisville Korean, Louisville District

Bowen, Lexington District

Poosey Ridge, Lexington District

Ravenna, Lexington District

Wallace, Lexington District

Ball reviewed each merger individually along with the list of discontinuances. Each of the items was **approved** by conference. Ball's entire report was **accepted**.

**INVITATION:** Mike Gibbons, Bill Moore, and Annie Haigler offered an invitation to hold KAC 2007 in the city of Louisville. The body accepted the invitation to Louisville and Bishop King set the dates as June 4-8, 2007. (Minutes recorded accurately, however the correct dates are June 11-15).

**TASK FORCE:** The Bishop appointed a Task Force to study future sites for Annual Conference. There will be a representative from each district on the Task Force.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** David Thomas instructed the conference on how the process would work for the appointment reading.

**CLOSING WORSHIP  
READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS  
HOLY COMMUNION**

Bishop King led the conference in the closing worship service which included the reading of the appointments and Holy Communion. He then dismissed the congregation with a blessing to go forth in service to the world.

**ADJOURNMENT, *SINE DIE*.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Gary W. Graves  
Secretary of the Kentucky Annual Conference

