

VI. Daily Proceedings

**Kentucky Annual Conference
2009 Session, June 3-6
Northern Kentucky Convention Center-Covington, KY
Bishop Lindsey Davis Presiding**

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

(All motions in the document were seconded unless otherwise noted.)

CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION: The session was led by Bishop Lindsey Davis, who was accompanied by Tom Grieb and other members of the Kentucky Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Tom Grieb moved that members of the Good News Television be present for recording the session.

LAITY SESSION: The session was led by Carol Ackley, Conference Lay Leader, with Kevin Burney, the Covington District Superintendent. This session began with singing from the Morehead State Wesley Foundation. A special offering was taken and given to the Morehead State Wesley Foundation.

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009
AFTERNOON SESSION**

OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: The music for this service was provided by the Chapel Hill UMC Praise Band and the Maysville Scott Choir. The welcome and comments were done by Rev. Esther Jadhav Gohil and the Call to Worship was done by Rev. Ken Easley. The opening hymn was entitled, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Bishop Lindsey Davis' sermon was entitled, "Written on Our Hearts by the Spirit"; the sermon text was taken from 2 Corinthians 3:1-4.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Twenty clergy members and fifteen clergy spouses were memorialized. Each family of those remembered received a white rose, and clergy family members received a medallion also.

CLERGY: Bernard L. Allen, William Leslie Chapman, John L. Coomer, Calvin Coolidge Cornelius, Leroy Davis, James Robert Dunlop, Thomas "T.D." Everett, Jr., Roy C. Hunt, William E. James, Doris Moreland Jones, Wilbur C. Morris, Howard Olds, Herbert Polson, John James Reilly, Paul Royster, Thomas Ben Sexton, Wayne A. Sparks, Paul Stoneking, Harold Tatman, and Wallace E. Thomas.

SPOUSES: Frances Carnes Allen, Margaret Baker, Marjorie Brookshire, Estella M. Cooper, Dorothy Couch, Emma Deacon, Mary Evelyn Cooper Hammonds, Carolyn Hulse, Anita R. Myneer, Mary Jo Phillips, Thelma Reeves, Mary Shirley Rich, Ernest Ward Shannon, Jean Slider and Carol Smith.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE: The service concluded with the celebration of communion.

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Davis called the annual conference session to order.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: Bishop Davis recognized the following: Bishop Michael Coyner (Indiana Conference); Jody Curry (Conference Chancellor); Carol Ackley (Conference Lay Leader); Becki Curry (Assistant to the Bishop); Tom Smith (Director of Ministerial Services); Gary Graves (Associate Conference Secretary); Julie Hager Love (Director of Connectional Ministries & Conference Secretary).

Organization of the Conference: Bishop Davis recognized Julie Hager Love, the conference secretary, who discussed organizational matters.

MOTION: Love moved for the adoption of the agenda as printed in the preconference journal (page 14) with the understanding that alternations in the agenda will be announced as they are deemed necessary. **The motion was carried.**

MOTION: Love moved that the following be set as orders of the day: Thursday, June 4, 2:40 p.m. constitutional amendments and Friday, June 5, 9:50 a.m., the District Ministry Task Force report. **The motion was carried.**

MOTION: Love moved that the voting bar of the conference be all front sections of the room from the stage to the aisle that is parallel to the stage. On Saturday morning, members would be seated by district. **The motion was carried.**

MOTION: Love moved to elect John Hatton to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Reports and Elections; Tukea Talbert as the Assistant Secretary for Daily Proceedings; and Susan Jinnett-Sack as the Assistant Secretary for Motions and Reports. **The motion was carried.**

MOTION: Love moved for the election of the slate of tellers listed on the screen. **The motion was carried.** Love directed the tellers to meet with John Hatton at the stage following the session.

MOTION: Love moved that the registration process serve as the roll of attendance. **The motion carried.**

MOTION: Love moved that we grant excused absences for clergy who have requested this. This was not voted on but provided for information only since the Bishop will be granting these.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS: Bishop Davis introduced Kevin Burney, the Covington District Superintendent, who welcomed the Bishop, Bishop Coyner, and members of the conference to Covington. Burney called Jere McIntyre and Betty Minor, the co-chairs of the Volunteer Committee, to be recognized. Burney called Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Coyner to the podium to be recognized and presented them with red roses.

FIRST READING OF BUDGET: Presented by George Strunk, the President of Council on Finance and Administration and Michael Watts, the Conference Treasurer.

Strunk instructed members to the budget narrative on page 46 of the reports book. Some of the budget highlights include:

- CFA proposed a FY2010 budget at the same level of the 2009 budget due to the uncertain economic environment.
- The proposed 2010 budget was established by accepting 1.1% reduction in General Church apportionments; 1% increase in salaries and related benefits for associate directors and support staff; no increase in salaries for district superintendents and directors; 4% increase in healthcare costs, and increasing funds provided to Lighthouse Mission and the Red Bird Missionary Conference; not recommending any funding cuts for any ministries.
- Personnel. The decisions made about salary raises were difficult. Dr. Strunk declared that CF&A and the Personnel Committee will be working on a formula for pay increases for cabinet and conference staff.
- We have a 75% pay-out on what churches should be giving to Our Mission Covenant.

Budget 2010 Key line items:

- General Church & SEJ Apportionments (page 48, line 1): \$2,622,363.00-reflects a reduction of \$29,382.00 in comparison to budget 2009
- New Church and Congregational Development (NCCD): page 48, line 12: \$943,883.00 positive gain of \$3,234.00 in comparison to budget 2009
- Connectional Ministries (page 48, line 49): \$1,951,175.00-reflects a reduction of \$185,887.00
- Board of Ordained Ministries, (page 50, line 154): \$395,027.00 that reflects a positive gain of \$88,254.00
- Primary Task Team (page 51, line 187): \$1,668,756.00 that reflects a positive gain of \$207,704.00
- Stewardship Team (page 51, line 216): \$1,488,678.00 that reflects a reduction of \$83,923.00
- Annual Conference Session (page 52, line 255): \$162,650.00 that reflects no change
- Conference Contingency (page 52, line 271): no money budgeted
- Total budget (page 52, lines 272-274):
 - CFA projected income \$9,232,531.00
 - 2010 proposed budget \$9,232,531.00

FIRST READING OF STANDING RULES: Chief Justice John Minton, Jr., Chairperson of Standing Rules Committee, presented the following proposed changes to the standing rules listed in the pre-conference packets (yellow sheets): change **SR 2 (c) (2) (B)** to reflect inclusion of the chairpersons of Ministry with Young People, Children’s Team and Older Adult Team, when considering equalization of lay and clergy membership to Annual Conference; change **SR 6** by removing term limits, which would accurately represent current practice; change **SR 8(a)** to reflect a reduction in time for debate and in the number of speeches for and against each issue; change **SR 11 (c)** to clarify the quadrennial “term of service”; change **SR 11 (d) (1) (A)** to downsize the membership of the committee which has responsibility for designing, coordinating, and implementing Annual Conference sessions; change **SR 11 (d) (3) (A)** to revise the membership of the Committee on Nominations; change **SR 11(d) (9)** to rename and restructure the Committee on Personnel of the Primary Task; creation of **SR 11 (d) 10 (A) and (B)** designating the composition and purpose of the Primary Task Team and the Primary Task Executive Committee; change **SR 13 (a) (b) (c)** to designate a sixty-day period following the adjournment of Annual Conference to allow newly elected teams, councils, boards, commissions, and committees to meet for organizational purposes; **SR 16 (c)** to clarify the quadrennial “term of service”; change **SR 19** to reflect a revised title for the position of the Administrative Assistant to the Bishop; change **SR 25 (a) (b)** to clarify stipulation on the length of personal profiles submitted for the purpose of consideration for election to General and Jurisdictional Conferences; eliminate **SR 25 (c) (d)** which designates a committee on Lay Profiles.

First Reading of Nominations Report: Love instructed members to refer to their packets received at registration on the stapled white pages, which includes the full report. Love instructed members to write any corrections down on paper and to submit them to the secretary’s table following adjournment of the session. Love reminded membership that the quadrennial elections were held last year and the report reflects changes which have occurred during the past year; and the full list of the teams will be printed in the journal. Love instructed members to remove Mattie Mack and Chrysanthia Carr-Seals from the Ethnic Local Church Committee (ELCC) at their request.

COURTESIES: Becki Curry gave the following information on how members can be recognized for introductions, sending greetings, or points of personal privilege. Curry instructed members that in order to be recognized by the Bishop, they must go through the Committee on Courtesies. Dr. Rhoda Peters will serve as the chair of this committee. Curry informed members Dr. Peters will be seated in the front. Curry instructed members on appropriate situations to recognize such as prayer requests, clergy from other conferences, etc. Curry informed members that forms will be made available through Dr. Peters, the information desk located in the lobby, and in the office located upstairs in Ballroom E.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS: Love instructed members to refer to their registration packets and the screen for information on meeting locations and times for the following day. Love instructed members to go to the information desk if they have questions about which committee they are assigned to. Love informed members that all the meeting locations are in the Northern Kentucky Convention Center unless stated otherwise.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (32) VOTING PROCESS:

Bishop Davis instructed members on the voting process for the constitutional amendments. Some key points included:

- Only full connection deacons, full connection elders, lay members from local churches (alternates only if they are seated for the member), at-large lay members can vote.
- Ballots will be distributed at 2:40 p.m. at the order of the day.
- No ballots distributed after discussion begins.
- Discussions will be grouped .
- Everyone will have an opportunity to hear both sides of the issues (pros & cons).
- Constitutional amendments should be reviewed BEFORE the session and can be found on page 161 of reports book.
- Must use a blue or black pen or pencil to complete ballot.

Announcements: Love instructed members to look at the screen for announcements.

Closing remarks made by Bishop Davis and the session was adjourned.

**Wednesday, June 03, 2009
EVENING SESSION**

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION: Bishop Michael J. Coyner delivered the sermon. The sermon, "Finish the Song," was taken from Matthew 28:19-20. Bishop Davis welcomed Rev. Betty Meadows, General Presbyter, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (USA). Bishop Lindsey Davis was assisted in the services by members of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Commissioned as provisional members on Elder track:

Loletuth Ruth Flener, John David Kalz, Brian Keith Langlands, Rosario Picardo, and Matthew Thomas Seel

Ordained Deacon:

Jacqueline Kaye Bizzell, Sarah Frances Holsinger-Friesen, Kenneth Allen Lewis, Debra Marcum Massengale, Peter Andrew McNeill, and Cinda Lou Swan

Associate Member and Ordained '92 Deacon:

John Byron Losey

Associate Member:

Peggy Lancaster Smith

Ordained Elders:

Philip Ray Bradley, Brian Matthew Ebel, Rebecca Kathleen Heid, John Nathan Hill, Dwight Arthur Hughes, Esther Damodar Jadhav, Wesley Neil Janes, Kenneth Allen Klemme, William Harry Moore, Jr., Sandra Jeannean Murphree, James Todd Nelson, Faron Earl Owen, and Scott Chandler Stith

**Thursday, June 4, 2009
MORNING SESSION**

MORNING WORSHIP: The morning worship was led by Drew McNeill.

BIBLE STUDY: Rick Bard led Bible study. The title was “The Calling of Moses.”

**Thursday, June 4, 2009
AFTERNOON SESSION**

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: The retirees and spouses came forward as they were introduced. The retirees received a certificate of appreciation for their years of service. The following retirees were recognized: J. (James) Harold Coomer, John C. Coomer, Colin Curtis, David E. Latham, Philip Martin, Charles Clos, and Sue Eaton.

PLENARY CALLED TO ORDER: Bishop Davis called the meeting to order.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: Michael and Sherri Tabaka-Morrissey were introduced and acknowledged for their mission work in Thailand and were asked to deliver the opening prayer. The Tabaka-Morrisseys would speak at the Mission dinner on Friday.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE: Janet Carden, chair of the Journal Committee, stated the following motion: “We (the Conference Journal Committee) move for the adoption of the minutes from June 3, 2009 as they were reviewed and are in order.” **Motion passed.**

MONITORING REPORT: (HERO Report) Rachel Marshall presented information about the level of inclusiveness from the participation on the various conference events and activities. This report will be shared daily to reflect the level of inclusiveness and participation. The HERO for the day was the Board of Ordained Ministry for the inclusive Service of Ordination and Commissioning.

TELLER ELECTION: Love presented four additional tellers for election to replace others unable to fulfill the commitment. Margaret Prevette, Jerri Williams, Lynn Beach, Rosario Picardo, and Keith Katterheinrich. **These individuals were elected.**

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT:

D.G. Hollums, Chair of Evangelism Team, discussed ways that members can give back to the community through various means of service (tipping for services in restaurants/hotels; participation in the local mission activities, and sharing the love of Christ).

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Video depicted the call to ministry experience of Rev. Paige Williams.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Four Areas of Focus of The United Methodist Church

- * Developing principles for Christian leaders for church & the world
- * Creating places for new people
- * Eliminating poverty
- * Improve health globally

Primary Task Report- Becki Curry presented information on the Four Foci identified by the Council of Bishops and supporting strategies outlined by the Primary Task Team. Curry highlighted the following:

- Develop principled Christian leaders for the church and the world with the following specific strategies:
 - Equipping Laity for the Work of Ministry
 - Encouraging Clergy and Wellness
 - Growing by Getting Small-Emphasizing Small Groups
 - Staffing Closer to Home
 - Reaching a New Generation of Young Adults
 - *The KAC will learn to identify and recruit persons of exceptional potential who are under 35 years of age to train and serve as local church clergy. By 2012 we will have 50 additional such people in seminary or pastoral appointment. STRATEGIES: a) Identify local churches that want to prepare to receive young adult clergy leaders; b) Recruit young adult clergy leaders through seminary visits, work with colleges, camps, Wesley Foundations and discernment events; c) Teach conference leaders about young adult culture; d) BOM lead collaborative effort.*
- Engage in ministries with the poor
- Tackle the diseases of poverty that limit life, health, and wholeness
- New places for new people and renewing existing congregations
 - Celebrating Multi-Cultural and Ethnic Congregations
 - Birthing New Congregations
 - *The KAC will have planted 12 new vital congregations (some multi-ethnic/cultural) by 2012. STRATEGIES: a) New church planters will be recruited, identified and trained. b) A 4 year plan with strategic locations will be developed c) Clarify definition of “new congregation”*
 - *The KAC will identify and resource local congregations of high potential for vitality and growth. By 2012 we will have 160 (20%) additional vital congregations. STRATEGIES: a) Conference staff and District Superintendents will be empowered to invest time and energy into these identified churches; b) Training will be offered regionally to develop action plans for the local churches; c) Decide which statistics will be a measure of vitality; d) By 2009 target churches will be identified; e) Participate in an assessment process and develop an action plan toward vitality.*

ORDER OF THE DAY: Constitutional Amendments

Bishop Davis reinforced instructions for voting. Love gave instructions on how to complete the ballots, and the ballots were distributed by the tellers.

Chris Harman, Chair, and Debbie Wallace-Padgett, Vice Chair of the General Conference Delegation, assisted members with the voting process and led the discussion that included rationale for and against each amendment. Harman and Wallace-Padgett instructed members on the following:

- The amendments were grouped into two categories (group #1-World-wide nature of the church that included 23 amendments: 3,4, 5, 7, 10-14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23-32) and group #2 (1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 15, 17, 19, 22) which reflected a variety of issues.
- Recommend a no vote on group #1 collectively.
- Group #2 amendments were discussed individually along with recommendations from the conference delegation if the decision to vote yes or no was unanimous.

Procedural Motions:

MOTION: Debbie Wallace-Padgett, “I move that we limit the debate: 1) on individual amendments to a maximum of 3 for and 3 against and 2) on the cluster of amendments around the worldwide church to 5 for and 5 against.” **MOTION passed.**

MOTION: Debbie Wallace-Padgett, “I move that we suspend standing rule 8a for the purpose of limiting each speech to 3 minutes (as opposed to 5); 8b) limiting 1 speech per amendment or cluster of amendments from 2 to 1.” **MOTION to suspend the rules passed. MOTION to adopt the 3 minute time limit and 1 speech per issue passed.**

Following a lengthy discussion, the voting process was completed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Chris Harman acknowledged the delegation members to the General Conference along with the work of her vice-chair, Debbie Wallace-Padgett.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 9: Marie Hicks, the facilitator, presented items on the consent calendar (2) for approval. Consent calendar approved.

Cathy Bruce, Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for Communication, introduced Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane, with United Methodist Communications (UMCOM) who presented the concept of “Rethink Church.”

Rethink Church (3 Concepts): “Yes we can with open hearts, minds & doors”

- 1) Vibrant & active team of believers.
- 2) Redefine church beyond Sunday morning worship and the building.
- 3) Identify the church as one of the original sources of social networking (intertwined in people’s lives).

VIDEO: Rethink Church

- 15 seconds of TV space about UMC in action as part of the “Rethink Church”
- Sloane gave three different websites to view: (10thousand.org; rethinkchurch.org; find-a-church.org).

The entire report was approved.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 7: Wade Arp, the facilitator, presented 7 items on the consent calendar which were approved with no discussion. Wade also presented two motions out of his committee.

MOTION: Legislative Committee 7: “A video presentation on the Green House Project is requested to be placed on the agenda to be shown to all delegates at the 2010 Annual Conference.” **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Legislative Committee 7: “All organizations and/or institutions reporting to the Kentucky Annual Conference Health Ministries Legislative Committee or future annual conference groups assigned healthcare ministries oversight of valuation will include in their annual report an explicit and succinct description of their legal relationship to the United Methodist Church and the Kentucky Annual Conference.” **Motion referred to the Institutional Relations Task Force.**

Amendment: Tommy Borders, “Include in their annual report (delete and add memorandum of understanding) of their legal relationship to the UMC and the KAC.” **Amendment deferred to Institutional Relations Task Force.**

MOTION: Tom Smith, “Motion to refer all before us to the Institutional Relations Task Force.” **Motion passed.**

Following a lengthy discussion, the Smith Motion **PASSED.**

Arp introduced Tim Layton, the Director of Fundraising at the Wesley Village in Wilmore.

Layton recognized the three retirement facilities: Wesley Village, Lewis Memorial Home, and Wesley Manor Retirement Community. Layton also recognized Rockholds UMC (Pastor Wendall Leach) who gave their entire Sunday offering to Wesley Village.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Featured Rockholds UMC/Heart for Seniors

Arp recognized recorder Lynda Adkins and requested approval of the entire report. **The entire report was approved.**

COKESBURY PRESENTATION: Dinah Adamson brought greetings from Cokesbury and shared the following:

- * Shared website: cokesbury.com
- * New resource “Faith in Hard Times” available
- * Resources available to help those in need following disasters: Cokesbury Cares
- * No donation available for the pension fund this year due to global economic crises/instability

Bishop Davis presented the Wesley Study Bible to the youngest youth, Maggie Boyd, from the Covington District.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: This video presented the call to ministry experience of Rev. Dwight Hughes.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 1: Susan Elkow, the facilitator, presented the report listed in the pre-conference journal and the consent calendar which were approved.

Elkow introduced Tom Eblen, the Director of New Church and Congregational Development (NCCD). Eblen introduced the newly appointed Associate Director for African American Ministries, Anthony Everett. Eblen also recognized Karen Stigall, Chair of NCCD.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Path1 Initiative

Elkow concluded the report after acknowledging the recorder, Fran Denham. **The entire report was approved.**

COURTESIES: Presented by Dr. Rhoda Peters

- Recognition of all the delegates to the General Boards, Agencies, and Southeast Agencies for their hard work.
- Father of Wayne Hunter (pastor of Epley UMC in Bowling Green) passed away Tuesday in Alabama.
- Troy Poff, pastor of Ashland Centenary, ill with blood clot.
- Prayers for Dr. Steve O’Malley, professor at Asbury, who was called to be with critically ill mother in Indiana.
- “Beyond the Ashes” gospel group will be in concert on Sunday, June 7th at 7 p.m.
- Dr. Dorsey ill at St Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY.
- Rev Mark Walz on disability leave secondary to cancer.
- Rev Wayne Garvey ill with kidney stones and missed conference.
- Rev. Doug Wilcoxson missed conference secondary to illness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Love directed members to view the screen for additional announcements.

CLOSING PRAYER: Randy Coy, President of the Methodist Children’s Home of KY, gave the closing prayer.

**Friday, June 5, 2009
MORNING SESSION**

MORNING WORSHIP: The morning worship was led by Rev. Andrew Singh.

BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Dr. Debbie Wallace-Padgett led Bible Study. The theme was “The Spirit’s Sending Action,” and the text was taken from Acts 16: 6-7. The music was provided by Cheryl Tolbert.

Friday, June 5, 2009

Plenary Call to Order: Bishop Davis called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Lisa Schmidt, Chaplain at the University of Louisville Hospital, delivered the opening prayer.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE: Janet Carden, Chair of the Journal Committee, stated the following motion, “We (the Conference Journal Committee) move for the adoption of the minutes from June 4, 2009 as they were reviewed by the committee, and they are in order.” **The motion passed.**

Constitutional Amendment Voting Results: The Bishop reported that the vote counts for the amendments. #1 – 168 yes, 489 no; #2 – 209 yes, 452 no; #3 – 52 yes, 605 no; #4 – 53 yes, 603 no; #5 – 51 yes, 606 no; #6 – 172 yes, 480 no; #7 – 52 yes, 600 no; #8 – 537 yes, 118 no; #9 – 531 yes, 128 no; #10 – 54 yes, 599 no; #11 – 50 yes, 606 no; #12 – 50 yes, 604 no; #13 – 48 yes, 605 no; #14 – 50 yes, 600 no; #15 – 87 yes, 572 no; #16 – 59 yes, 594 no; #17 – 149 yes, 508 no; #18 – 60 yes, 590 no; #19 – 418 yes, 240 no; #20 – 52 yes, 600 no; #21 – 62 yes, 589 no; #22 – 528 yes, 132 no; #23 – 55 yes, 594 no; #24 – 47 yes, 605 no; #25 – 45 yes, 608 no; #26 – 49 yes, 606 no; #27 – 49 yes, 604 no; #28 – 45 yes, 608 no; #29 – 46 yes, 608 no; #30 – 46 yes, 609 no; #31 – 46 yes, 609 no; #32 – 46 yes, 607 no.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Called by Christ, Sent by the Spirit: Video depicted the call to ministry experience of D.G. Hollums.

ORDER OF THE DAY: District Ministry Task Force Report: Mike Powers and Carol Ackley addressed the members of conference.

Powers thanked all of the members of the Task Force and Bishop Davis for their roles on the task force. Powers reported that the Task Force focused on three specific areas considered to be key to the report: district funding, the role of the district superintendent, and experiences of other annual conferences who had experienced changes in districting.

Four Core Strategies of Task Force:

- 1) We recommend that a more uniform funding formula for district budgets be developed with specific recommendations. **Recommendation was approved.**
- 2) We recommend that the Primary Task Team Executive Committee and the Appointive Cabinet “re-vision” the role of the district superintendent and district ministry to maximize missional purposes. **Recommendation was approved.**
- 3) We recommend that the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet bring a plan of realignment of district lines to the 2010 Kentucky Annual Conference (KAC) based on specific considerations (time zones, workload per district superintendent, projected gain/loss in number of churches, adequate funding, and district leadership/ministry centers near districts). Following a brief discussion regarding time zones raised by Allen Basinger, **the recommendation was approved.**
- 4) At this time, we recommend that the number of districts in the KAC remain at 12 in order to support the primary task of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We further recognize that continued conversation and study of

this issue is vital to the future of the KAC. **Recommendation was approved.**

Ackley concluded the Task Force presentation by thanking Powers for all of his work.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 2: Jerry Jones, the facilitator, lifted all items on the consent calendar for approval and they were approved. Jones introduced Jayne Squires, Lay Leadership Team, who talked about the Lay Academy and Church Excellence (LACE) training. Jones acknowledged the recorder, Sylva Baker-Noren, and the work of Jayne Squires.

The entire report was approved.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Called by Christ and Sent by the Spirit: Two videos shown that depicted the call to ministry experiences of Patti Groot and Susan Rittenhouse.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 8: Eric Bryant, the facilitator, presented the items on the consent calendar for approval and they were approved.

Bryant introduced Paul Frederick who recognized churches who have made their churches more accessible to members with special needs. The following churches received Special Needs Awards: Vine Grove UMC, Summit UMC, and Coke Memorial UMC.

Kay Thomas and the late Dr. Wallace Thomas received the 2009 Special Needs Award for their work with autism.

Bryant introduced Chrysanthia Carr-Seals who recognized Refugee Host Churches:

Wesley UMC, Lexington; Christ Church UM, Louisville; Middletown UMC, Louisville; Louisville Harvest Church UMC; Buechel UMC, Louisville; St. Paul UMC, Louisville; Gateway Community UMC, Louisville; and First UMC, Andover, Lexington.

Bryant concluded the report by thanking Jayne Squires, the recorder.

The entire report was approved.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 6: Don Barnett, the recorder, presented the items on the consent calendar for approval and they were approved.

Howard Reynolds voiced concerns about the Mission Team Report in the pre-conference reports on page 106. Reynolds inquired about the following items not being mentioned: Volunteers in Mission (VIM), East Africa Initiative, Mission Ambassador Churches' qualifications, and the status of relationship with Red Bird Mission.

Julie Broderson, Chair of Mission Team, recommended that the nominations committee have someone nominated in an official capacity as the VIM representative on the Mission Team. Broderson stated that due to the loss of the East Africa staff person, the insight on that initiative was minimal and not reflected in report.

Barnett introduced Larry Busch, Chair of Disaster Response, to share a media presentation on our response to recent disasters. Busch presented the Bishop with an honorary flood bucket.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Disaster Relief Efforts

Love stated that there would be a Disaster Response/Volunteers in Mission Academy training at Christ Church in Louisville in August.

The Bishop thanked members of the conference and our local response teams for their work for our local disasters experienced this year.

Mission Ambassador Churches (Presented by Broderson)

6 categories of giving (churches met at least 5 out of 6 categories)

- Whites Chapel
- Brandenburg
- Berea
- Christ Church (Louisville)
- Fourth Avenue
- Onton
- Trinity
- Vaughn's Grove
- Chapel Hill
- Settle Memorial
- Hardinsburg

The Hope for Africa Children's Choir will be touring Kentucky from September 4th through the 18th. Broderson instructed members to contact her if they are interested in the choir performing at their church.

Barnett introduced Mark Girard who discussed the mission offering for the Central Conference Pension Initiative. Girard presented the background to the Initiative as preparation of membership for the Mission Night Offering and outlined our conference's response to this church-wide effort:

- Two of the Annual Conference Mission night offerings per quadrennium be for this Initiative.
- Give every clergy person a chance to participate individually throughout the year.
- Continue to designate the monies received from the Publishing House to the Initiative.

Barnett moved for the adoption of the entire report. **The entire report was approved.**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 3: Kevin Brown, the facilitator, presented the items on the consent calendar for approval. Items were approved on the consent calendar with two changes.

1) Page 59, line 17 needs to be 4,053 instead of 4,503

2) George Strunk, President of CFA outlined the changes:

- Page 36 of pre-conference report book-goal #1) 50% of the agencies that receive financial support from the conference respond to audits; #2) a sample of the churches will be surveyed to better determine the level of participation among churches in the KAC towards their apportionments
- Page 37 of pre-conference report book (#4): CFA will withhold funds from any agency that has not completed their audits or detailed accounting of their funds (for information-does not reflect a change)

Presentation of Acknowledgement: Michael Watts read a complimentary letter from the General Conference for being one of 17 churches to pay 100% of our apportionments (3 of which were in the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ)).

Bishop Davis thanked members of conference with special acknowledgement to finance chairs, treasurers, and financial secretaries in local churches.

Brown introduced Ron Coleman, KY Conference Liaison for the General Board of Pensions. Coleman presented two key points: plans are sufficiently funded to pay benefits and \$13.7 billion present and funds cannot be diverted for any other purposes but for benefits

Brown introduced Ken Peters, Chair of Board of Pensions, who introduced Verna McKinney. Peters shared that McKinney will be retiring in 2009 but she will continue to function in a consultative role.

Brown thanked participants on the committee, the reporter, Courtney Spears, and presenters and requested that the entire report be accepted.

MOTION: Harold Gardner moved, “I move that this Conference request the Council on Finance & Administration give thoughtful consideration to developing and implementing conference wide Financial Stewardship Enlistment Program (every member can use) to be promoted and carried out in all local churches in the conference.” **The motion was passed.**

The entire report was approved.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Called by Christ, Sent by the Spirit: The video depicted the call to ministry experience of Eliseo Mejia.

COURTESIES: Rhoda Peters presented the following:

- Conference send special greetings and prayers to William Charles Clos, whose sudden illness forced him into retirement and unable to attend conference.
- Michael McAllister hospitalized and prevented his ordination.
- Prayer request for Rev. David Green, who is the chaplain at Hospice of Lake Cumberland. Green’s brother was critically injured secondary to a car accident and he went to North Carolina to support his brother.
- Celebrate the ministry of Mrs. LaVerne Nelson, who has served as the treasurer for Melbourne UMC for 50 years.
- Prayer request for Paul Dixen for the death of his mother-in-law.
- Prayer request for Verniece McGriffin of Smith Chapel after suffering from a stroke.
- Prayers for Mrs. Louise Short who is 103 years old.
- Prayers for Kent Lewis who was sent to the hospital this morning.
- Welcomed Rev. Glenn Brunstetter, retired member from East Ohio, and the father of Paul Brunstetter, Dr. Betty Gamble, and Dr. Wendy Edwards.
- David Lile, chaplain, who is being sent to Afghanistan.

Peters introduced all those individuals who are serving on General and Boards, Agencies, or Commissions:

General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM)/Women’s division-Jeanette Westerfield
 General Board of Church & Society-Tamara Brown
 General Board of Church & Society-Clarenda Phillips
 General Board of Higher Education & Ministry-Russell Behanan
 SEJ Discipleship- Christine Harman
 GBGM-Michael Grout
 General COSROW-Debbie Wallace-Padgett
 General Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns-Jean Hawxhurst

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Jack Larwa, pastor in Eddyville, expressed gratitude to conference and response teams for the help during the ice storm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Love gave the dates for the Disaster Response Training as August 20th-22nd at Christ Church (Louisville).

CLOSING PRAYER: Jean Hawxhurst delivered the closing prayer.

June 5, 2009
AFTERNOON SESSION

MONITORING REPORT: Rachel Marshall presented information about the level of inclusiveness from the participation on the various conference events and activities. This report will be shared daily to reflect the level of inclusiveness and participation. Marshall acknowledged Christine Harman and Debbie Wallace-Padgett for their historic appointments to Chair and Vice Chair of the General Conference Delegation respectively.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 11: Dr. Clarenda Phillips presented items on the consent calendar for approval. They were approved.

Phillips introduced Kevin Kosh, Jr. from Rust College in Hollingspring, Mississippi, who brought greetings from the Black College Fund. Kosh thanked the conference for their 100% apportionment record.

Phillips introduced Dr. Cheryl King, the President of Kentucky Wesleyan College, who recognized Dr. William Luckey, President of Lindsey Wilson, and Edward de Rossett, the President of Union College. King thanked the conference for their on-going support of the UM colleges.

Bishop Davis recognized all three UM college presidents for their service and requested prayer for all three.

Phillips introduced Deanna Brandon as the Ministry with Young People delegate. Brandon talked about strategies that keep youth involved in the church that focus on youth ministries: Winter Blitz, New Song, summer camps.

Brandon also shared a video and other youth present performed a brief presentation in conjunction with the video.

Phillips acknowledged David Combs, David Henson, John Shepherd, John Boyd, Kevin Sparks, Drew McNeil and moved for entire report to be accepted. **The entire report was approved.**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 10: Linda King presented the items on the consent calendar for approval, and it was approved.

King introduced Chris Howlett, Chair of the Camp & Retreat Team. Howlett presented a video on behalf of all four camps: Aldersgate, Kavanaugh, Loucon and Ruggles.

Howlett introduced Brad Smart, Board Chairperson at Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center, who shared his upbringing in the Methodist Church along with his call to ministry.

King introduced Randy Coy, President/CEO of the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. Coy shared positive news of increased rates have been implemented for residential care to children and how the KY Home serves children in 72 different counties. Coy thanked the Bishop and the conference for their generosity to the KY Children's Home.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Coy presented a video to honor Sharon Evans for her 43 years of service at the Kentucky Children's Home.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Clancy Barnes acknowledged his role with facilitating Sharon Evans' response to her call to ministry.

Coy introduced Susan Skaggs, chair of Children's Ministry Team, and she shared the three objectives of children's ministry: quality, intentional, and ongoing. Skaggs reported the following activities with Children's Ministry:

- * FOCUS 2009: Quadrennial Conference sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship in July;
- * Children's Ministry Leadership Academy (Children's Ministry 101) (KAC website),

June 26-27 at Lindsey Wilson College and in August at Kavanaugh;

* Children & Poverty Grants (Golf Scramble)—grant application at website.

King thanked the recorder, Freddie Patterson, and others who participated on the committee and asked for approval of the entire report. **The entire report was approved.**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Kevin Burney recognized over 300 volunteers. Burney offered the Bishop the last T-shirt worn by the volunteers for \$100.00 and the Bishop purchased it. The proceeds will go to the Ida Spence Mission. The Bishop also recognized the outstanding work of the volunteers.

The Bishop called the college chaplains and Wesley Foundation Ministers forward to be acknowledged.

Prayer of Service: Mark Girard prayed for the campus ministers and their ministries.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 4: Gene Pillow presented the items on the consent calendar for approval and they were approved by the body.

Pillow introduced Tom Grieb, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Grieb spoke about renewal leaves, recruitment of pastors, and the Isaiah Project.

Pillow introduced Chris Morgan who presented the following Service Awards:

Silver (25 years of service)

- Colin Elmer Curtis
- Phillip Cary Hogg
- Michael Edward Lehman
- Gregory Lynn Wingo
- George Neel

Gold (50 years of service)

- Walter F. Mitchell
- Carline E. Brown
- Marshall Eugene Powell

Pillow thanked the recorder, Stella Marshall, and requested the approval of the entire report.

Bruce Lee commented on the congregational assessment tool and inquired about training in the conference to aide with use of the tool. Grieb addressed Lee's concerns and informed him of adopting the tool to meet the needs at the local church level, training opportunities, and changes with the tool for scoring.

The entire report was approved.

The Bishop auctioned off a bobble head replica of Mark Girard for \$450.00 for the benefit of the Central Conference Pension Initiative to the Louisville District, who had the highest bid.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 5: Gene Strange, facilitator, presented the items on the consent calendar and they were approved. Two items had received a negative vote (page 81 and 87), but they were approved on the floor.

Strange introduced Mark Dickinson, who discussed the Isaiah Project. Dickinson presented the participants (interns) in the Isaiah Project:

- Christi Mercer
- Loletath Flener Kalz
- John Kalz

- Scott Woodburn
- Brittany Burton
- Rodney Kaluya
- Zach Richards

Dickinson thanked the conference for \$3,600.00 dollars offering for the Isaiah Project.

Strange introduced Dr. Wendy Edwards, President of the United Theological Seminary (UTS) in Dayton, OH, who spoke about the purpose of UTS. Edwards outlined recent initiative at the seminary and accepted the conference challenge to recruit fewer than 35 year olds into ministry. The UTS has agreed to match any funding provided by the conference seminary for tuition.

Strange thanked the recorder, Tim Hamilton, and requested approval of the entire report. **The entire report was approved.**

MOTION: Karen Lovett moved, "I move that the Kentucky Annual Conference shall encourage and support all the churches of said conferences to actively participate in National Organ Donor Sabbath. Donor Sabbath is in April each year and materials such as free bulletin inserts are readily available from the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates 106 East Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202-502-581-9511." **The motion was approved.**

SECOND READING OF THE STANDING RULES presented by Gary Graves: They were **approved.**

Annie Haigler spoke about the status of the Committee on Religion and Race. Haigler requested prayer and the support of the district superintendents as she shares information throughout the districts

SECOND READING OF THE NOMINATIONS REPORT

This report was presented by Julie Hager Love with the following changes: removal of Alan Alvarez from Aldersgate Camp; add Mike Mullins to the class of 2012 for the Good Samaritan Foundation; add Linda Holian to the Commission on the Status and Role of Women; and correct the spelling of John Hatton's name under the BOM.

The report was approved.

COURTESIES: Dr. Rhoda Peters

- Prayer for John Jefferson, pastor at Nepton UMC is hospitalized in Lexington
- Prayer for Eunice Russell, the wife of George Russell who recently suffered a stroke
- Praise Party Report: Brayden Joseph Wiles has been released from intensive care to a regular room at Kosair Children's Hospital following a major surgery (grandson of Fred Wiles)
- Prayer for Douglas Wilcoxsen due to failing health
- D.G. Hollums having a cookout for persons under 35 interested in ministry
- Prayer for Chuck Kuhlman (lay delegate) who will require heart stent
- Prayer for Conan Miller (volunteer) who recently underwent heart surgery

ANNOUNCEMENTS were given by Love.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Clancy Barnes spoke about his ministry and bringing persons to Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Gibbons prayed for the conference.

June 5, 2009

EVENING SESSION

CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MINISTRY: The sermon was delivered by Bishop Coyner and it was entitled, “Open Doors Swing Both Ways.” Music was provided by the Lexington United Methodist Korean Choir. Several awards were given.

Denman Awards: Reverend Alan David Profitt and Denise Wallace

Ecumenism Award: Jim Burress

Most Professions of Faith:

For the KAC – Centenary, Lexington with 74

Districts:

Ashland – Kilgore

Bowling Green – Broadway

Columbia – Cumberland City

Corbin – Grace on the Hill

Covington – Immanuel

Elizabethtown – Lebanon

Frankfort – Centenary, Danville

Louisville – Christ Church

Madisonville – Corona de Vida

Owensboro – Asbury

Prestonsburg – First, Pikeville

Best Ratio of Membership to Professions of Faith:

For the KAC – Corona de Vida, Madisonville with 1.2 to 1

Districts:

Ashland – Goebel Memorial

Bowling Green – First, Munfordville

Columbia – Liberty (Cumberland County)

Corbin – Middlesburg

Covington – Concord (Bracken County)

Elizabethtown – Ridge Spring

Frankfort – Mt. Hope

Lexington – Hope Springs

Louisville – Breath of Life

Owensboro – Fordsville

Prestonsburg – Emma

Francis Asbury Award: Troy Elmore, Chaplain at Lindsey Wilson College
Higher Education Scholarship: Jeanne Davis, Beverly UMC

Saturday, June 6, 2009
Morning Worship

MORNING WORSHIP: The morning worship was led by Nelson Figueroa.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study was led by Rev. Dr. Tamara L. Brown, and it was entitled, "Leading like a Shepherd."

MORNING SESSION

Bishop Davis called the session to order.

Opening prayer was given by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Cummings, the new Dean of the Cabinet.

Ruth Wiertzema, the Director of Connectional Ministries at Red Bird Missionary Conference, brought greetings from Red Bird and recognized everyone for their hospitality.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE: Janet Carden, chair of the Journal Committee, stated that the minutes from June 5th were reviewed and in order. Carden requested the KAC to approve the continued review of today's proceedings. **This action was approved.**

MONITORING REPORT: Rachel Marshall provided the HERO (Helpful, Empathetic, Respectful, & Open-minded) Report. Marshall recognized Bishop Davis as the Hero of the Day and acknowledged him for his leadership and passion with his first leadership of the KAC.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF: Bishop Davis recognized the conference staff and thanked them for all of their assistance throughout the conference.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Michael Watts recognized Esther Jadhav's father, who serves as the treasurer of the India Conference.

MISSION OFFERING: Michael Watts reported the on the amount of money collected from Mission Night and the crude oil refund (\$735.72) for a grand total of \$47,542.42.

MOTION: Michael Watts moved, "I move that the KY Annual Conference donate the crude oil refund of \$735.72 to the Central Conference Pension Initiative." **The motion passed.**

SECOND READING OF BUDGET: Michael Watts and George Strunk reinforced the following highlights regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2010 budget:

- The 2010 budget total to remain the same as the 2009 budget total.
- Reminded that CFA & Primary Task were able to accomplish the FY 2010 budget by accepting a 1.1% reduction in the General Church apportionments.
- Recognition and thanks was given to directors of conference and district superintendents for not accepting raises this year; local churches for their financial support & commitment; CFA Team, and Michael Watts.
- A power point presentation of the FY 2010 budget was shown.

Budget was approved.

Volunteer Recognition: Kevin Burney recognized Betty Minor and Jere McIntyre, the volunteer leaders along with over 300 other volunteers. As the lead volunteers were recognized on the platform, Burney stated that the

volunteers came from several districts and some traveled for more than one hour daily to help with the conference.

CHURCH CLOSINGS/MERGERS/MISSION/LINE CHANGES: Michael Gibbons presented the following:

Question (14): What local churches have been?

a.) Organized or chartered?

- New church start- Embrace UMC in the Lexington District
- Mission Congregation- The Rock/La Roca in the Lexington District

b.) Merged?

- United Methodist with United Methodist-Mannsville UMC and Mt. Zion UMC to form the new Mannsville UMC in the Columbia District
- Aldersgate UMC and St. Luke UMC merged to form the St Luke UMC, Lexington District

c.) Discontinued or abandoned?

- Chartered Local Churches—New Salem UMC in Hopkins County in the Madisonville District (This resolution can be found in Chapter 7 of the 2009 Journal.)

Resolution was approved.

Bishop Davis prayed for the members of the former Salem UMC.

Question (15): Are there Ecumenical shared ministries in the conference?

a.) Union Church- Hardyville Union Church in the Bowling Green District; Union is with the Southern Baptist.

Question (16): What changes have been made in the district and charge lines?

ASHLAND DISTRICT

- Add Hillsboro to the Poplar Plains/Ringos Mill Charge to form the Hillsboro Circuit.

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT

- Receive Merry Oaks from the Columbia District and add Merry Oaks to Park City to create the Park City/Merry Oaks charge.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

- Move Merry Oaks to the Bowling Green District.
- Move Levelwoods to the E-town District.
- Combine Oak Grove and Bon Ayr to create the Bon Ary/Oak Grove charge.
- Remove Foundation Church from the Sulphur Well Circuit; the remaining churches create the Sulphur Well/Liletown charge.
- Remove the Goodson Church from the Beaumont Circuit and add it to Bethel to create the Bethel/Goodson charge.
- Add Foundation church to the Beaumont Circuit which will now be composed of Beaumont/Winfrey/Foundation.
- Dissolve the Bearwallow/Barnett's Creek Charge; each church will be a station church.
- Add Grider to Union Chapel to create the Union Chapel/Grider Charge.
- Add Five Springs to Cedar Hill to create the Cedar Hill/Five Springs Charge.
- Remove Sugar Grove from the Sugar Gove/Leslie Charge; Sugar Grove becomes a station church.
- Add Jones to Leslie to create the Jones/Leslie Charge.
- Add Popular Grove to Taylor's Chapel and create the Taylor's Chapel/Popular Grove Charge.

CORBIN DISTRICT

- Separate the Bruce/Jennies Chapel Charge to make the Bruce Chapel Charge and the Jennies Chapel Charge.

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT

- Receive Levelwoods from the Columbia District and add Levelwoods to Wesley Meadows to form the Wesley Meadows/Levelwoods Charge.

MADISONVILLE DISTRICT

- Add Smithland to Ledbetter to form the Ledbetter/Smithland Charge.
- Remove Dyers Chapel from the Dyers Chapel/Siloam/Rockcastle Charge to form the Dyers Chapel Charge and the Siloam/Rockcastle Charge.

OWENSBORO DISTRICT

- It was discovered after the session of the 2008 Annual Conference that while the Corydon/Belleview Churches on the Corydon/Belleview Charge have been functioning as two separate charges since 2002, this was never reported in the Business of the Annual Conference (BAC). Therefore, remove Corydon from the Corydon/Belleview Charge to make the Corydon Charge and the Belleview Charge.
- Remove Jernigan's Chapel from Beachcreek to make the Jernigan Charge and the Beachcreek Charge.

PRESTONSBURG DISTRICT

- Take Warfield from the Buchanan Chapel/Warfield Charge to form the Buchanan Chapel Charge and the Warfield Charge.

Annie Haigler questioned the status of the Restart Funds for West Broadway Church, and Gibbons reported that the decision regarding the funds was not yet final but a work in progress.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

Kevin Burney invited the conference to the Covington District for the 2010 KAC. **The invitation was accepted**, and the Bishop set the dates for the KAC 2010 for June 9-12.

Julie Hager Love noted that the Convention Bureau and Hotels were wonderful to work with for the KAC.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

Julie Hager Love requested prayers and acknowledgement of the following:

- Hugh Michael Taylor
- Kent Lewis –released from the hospital
- Jerry Keys who developed the wreath and decorations for KAC
- Thanks to Good News TV
- Julian Hammonds thanked KAC for prayers and support while undergoing surgery and for the loss of his wife

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love gave the announcements.

Annual Conference concluded with the setting of the appointments, the reading of new appointments, and sending forth by the Bishop.

MINISTRY OF MONITORING FOR INCLUSIVENESS

The Ministry of Monitoring is administered under the guidance of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Commission on Religion and Race, in cooperation with the Mission and Justice Ministry Teams.

GOAL OF MONITORING

The goal of this ministry is to build and strengthen inclusive participation during our Annual Conference session. This presentation is designed to educate and build awareness and sensitivity to the status of everyone in our conference regardless of race, gender, special needs, or age.

DATA GATHERING AND REPORTING

The information was gathered by a team of volunteer observers. Monitoring is in many ways an inexact science, as observers are asked to assess age and ethnicity, as well as gender and clergy/laity status. Observers were present in all plenary sessions, worship sessions, and in most legislative sessions.

HERO REPORT

Each day of the conference, a HERO Report was presented along with a statistical report. HERO is an acronym for Honest, Empathetic, Respectful, and Open-minded. The HERO Report is intended to highlight some aspect of the conference in which attention to inclusivity is especially noted.

The HERO Report the first day recognized the Board of Ministry. As the Board provided leadership for the Clergy Session and for the Ordination Service, diversity was in evidence. The makeup of the leadership and the participants was an excellent reflection of the diversity of our family of United Methodists across the conference.

The second day's HERO Report recognized a unique situation which is a historic first for the Kentucky Annual Conference. The conference was led through the voting on the constitutional amendments by Christine Harman and Debbie Wallace-Padgett. Chris, the first-elected lay delegate to the 2008 General Conference, chaired the delegation, and Debbie, the first-elected clergy delegate to General Conference, was vice-chair of the delegation. Never before in the history of the conference or the predecessor conferences have two women headed the delegation to General Conference.

On the last day of the conference, the HERO Report honored Bishop Lindsey Davis, in our first Annual Conference with him at the helm. Bishop Davis, in his presiding, treated everyone who approached the microphone with respect and dignity. Examples were given of his sensitivity in all aspects of diversity as he led the conference with strength and yet with gentleness, along with a quick-witted sense of humor.

CONCLUSIONS

As the team reviewed the statistical data, it seems evident that the conference reflects a commitment to diversity. However, there are a couple of areas where it appears there is need for attention. One is in the lack of participation in the conference by young adults and youth. Another, which is a difficult area to assess, is whether persons with disabilities are able and encouraged to be full participants in the conference.

STATISTICAL DATA

(Abbreviations used: m=male; f=female; c=clergy; l=lay; rep=racial ethnic person; o=older adult; y=young adult or youth; pwd=person with disability)

PLENARY AND BUSINESS SESSIONS

	Male	Female	Clergy	Lay	Racial Ethnic Rep	Older Adult O	Young Adult or Youth Y	Person with Disability Pwd
	M	F	C	L				
Wednesday, June 3 10:00 a.m. Clergy Session Presiding: Participants:	m, 19	8	c all		3			
Wednesday, June 3 10:00 a.m. Laity Session Presiding: Participants:	11	f 8		l all	2	1	1 y	
Wednesday, June 3 4:00 p.m. Organizational Session Presiding: Participants:	m 14	8	c 11	4 l	1p			
Thursday, June 4 2:15 p.m. Plenary Presiding: Participants:	m 18	15	c 20	8 l	1	1		
Thursday, June 4 4:00 p.m. Presiding: Participants:	m 12	9	c 7	7 l		1	1	
Friday, June 5 9:30 a.m. Presiding: Participants:	m 26	19	c 33	10	l	3	3	4

BIBLE STUDIES

	Male	Female	Clergy	Lay	Racial Ethnic Rep	Older Adult O	Young Adult or Youth Y	Person with Disability Pwd
	M	F	C	L				
Thursday, June 4 Bible Study								
Leader:	m		c					
Friday, June 5 Bible Study								
Leader:		f	c					
Saturday, June 6 Bible Study								
Leader:		f	c	rep				

WORSHIP TIMES AND SPECIAL SERVICES

	Male	Female	Clergy	Lay	Racial Ethnic Rep	Older Adult O	Young Adult or Youth Y	Person with Disability Pwd
	M	F	C	L				
Wednesday, June 3 2:00 p.m. Opening Worship Memorial Service								
Preacher:	m		c					
Participants:	6 m	2	5	3	3	3	2	
Wednesday, June 3 2009 Ordination Service								
Preaching:	m		c					
Participants:	4	2	4	2	1			
Thursday, June 4 Retirement Celebration								
Participants: 1	1	7	14	3	3	2		
Friday, June 5 Mission Night								
Preaching:	m		c					
Participants:	7	4	9	2	5		3	

(In addition to these participants, there were African American Children Dancers and a Young Adult Korean Choir.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES:

	Male	Female	Clergy	Lay	Racial Ethnic Rep	Older Adult O	Young Adult or Youth Y	Person with Disability Pwd
	M	F	C	L				
# 1: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:		f, f	c; c	l				
	7	8	6	4	8			
#2: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:	m, m	f	c c			0		
	5	3	1	5		2	5	
# 3: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:	m	f, f	c c					pwd
	13	3	10	4		6		
#4: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:	m	f	c	l	rep			
		data not available						
#5: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:	m, m		c	l				
	11	8	11	8		2	4	
#6: Facilitator: Recorder: (uncertain) Participants and presenters:	m		l					
	25	15	25	19	4	7		
#7: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:	m	f	c	l				
		data not available						
#8: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:	m, m	f	c	l				
	7	14	11	9	5	7		
#9: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:		f		l				
	m		c					
	10	10	9	11	4		1	
# 10: Facilitator: Recorder: Participants and presenters:		f		l				
	m				rep			
	data not available							
# 11: Facilitator: uncertain; Recorder: Participants and presenters:			c					
	m							
	data not available							



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