

## V. THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the West Michigan Annual Conference Held in Traverse City, Michigan  
From June 1, through June 4, 2017 Bishop David Alan Bard, Presiding  
Date When Organized 1968; Number of This Session Forth-ninth

### PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§603.7, 619)?

Secretary?	<b>Joy Barrett</b>
Mailing Address:	128 Park St., Chelsea, MI 48118
Telephone:	734-475-8119 ext. 18
Email:	Secretary@miareaumc.org
Statistician?	<b>Ron Iris</b>
Mailing Address:	2774 W. Victory Dr., Ludington, MI 49431
Telephone:	313-928-7484
Email:	statistician@miareaumc.org
Treasurer?	<b>David Dobbs</b>
Mailing Address:	1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., Ste. 1, Flint, MI 48504 1161 E. Clark Road, Suite 212; DeWitt, MI 48820 (effective 12-01-17)
Telephone:	810-233-5500
Email:	ddobbs@detroitconference.org

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§603.1)? Yes
3. Bonding and auditing:  
What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (§618, 2511)?  
Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§617, 2511)? (See report, page\_\_of Journal.)

Name	Position	Amount Bonded
David Dobbs	Conference Treasurer	\$1,000,000.00

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected?  
a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone No.	Email
Council on Finance and Administration (§611)	Susan Cobb	444 Cass St, Unit 307 Traverse City, MI 49684	616-784-4445	scobb@charter.net
Board of Ordained Ministry (§635)	Sherri Swanson	1018 Charlotte Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504	616-453-0693	sherriswanson61@gmail.com
Board of Pensions (§639)	Lou Grettenberger	633 Hillock Ct Grand Haven, MI 49417	616-842-7980	louis.grettenberger@gmail.com
Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (§2512)	William Gehman	4471 Foxtail Circle, Grand Ledge, MI 48837	517-626-6716	w.gehman@earthlink.net
Committee on Episcopacy (§637)	Jay Hook	2230 W Nemeskal Rd Maple City, MI 49664	231-228-6250	jwhook1@centurytel.net
Administrative Review Committee (§636)	William Johnson	4390 Summer Lane NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525	616-361-0024	bjinside@gmail.com

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- b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (§610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone No.	Email
General Board of Church and Society	Board of Church and Society	Ame Paparella	9755 N Division Ave Sparta, MI 49345	517-862-2599	ameeanne@gmail.com
General Board of Discipleship	Associate Director of Discipleship	Naomi Garcia	11 Fuller Ave SE, PO Box 6247, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6247	616-459-4503	naomi@wmcumc.org
General Board of Global Ministries	Board of Global Ministries	Delberta Troutman	108 Austin Dr, Hartford, MI 49057	269-308-3011	dtroutman1@comcast.net
General Board of Ordained Ministry	Board of Ordained Ministry	Sherriswan Swanson	1018 Charlotte Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504	616-453-0693	Sherriswan61@gmail.com
Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Jeff Williams	220 Church Street, Wayland, MI 49348	269-792-2208	jeffwrev@gmail.com
General Commission on Archives and History	Commission on Archives and History	Melanie Young	124 S. Rutledge, Pentwater, MI 49449	231-869-5900	Msyoun14760@gmail.com
General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns	Board of Church and Society	Ame Paparella	9755 N Division Ave Sparta, MI 49345	517-862-2599	Ameeanne@gmail.com
General Commission on Religion and Race	Commission on Religion and Race	Michael Johnson	84 E. Kingman, Battle Creek, MI 49014	269-962-6401	mjohnson3@yahoo.com
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Amy Latimer	305 North Prospect, St. Johns, MI 48879	989-224-2293	latimer.amy@gmail.com
United Methodist Communications	Director of Communications	Mark Doyal	1011 Northcrest Rd., Lansing, MI 48906	517.347.4030	mark@miareaumc.org

c) Indicate the conference agencies and chairpersons which have responsibilities for the following functions:

General	Name of	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone No.	Email
Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)?	Prison Ministries and Restorative Justice Cmte	Victor Asbury	PO Box 80251 Lansing, MI 48908	517-335-7759	asburyv@netscape.net
Disability Concerns (¶653)?	Committee on Disability Concerns	Mark Babb	8544 M46, Lakeview, MI 48850	989-352-6728	lighthouse musician@gmail.com
Equitable Compensation (¶625)?	Commission on Equitable Compensation	Nancy Patera	6232 Sunset Beach Lake Odessa, MI 48849	616-527-1480	nancypatera@mac.com
Laity (¶631)?	Board of Lay Ministries	Anne Soles	PO Box 467, 217 Old State Rd., Pentwater, MI 49449	231-869-4059	Annesoles@charter.net
Native American Ministry (¶654)?	Indian Workers' Conference	Fran Church Pratt	2644 Seymour Drive Shelbyville, MI 49344	269-792-4145	vjmaidens@yahoo.com
Small Membership Church (¶645)?	Town and Country Committee	Linda J. Burton-Collier	2574 127th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010	269-793-7340	lindaburton collier@gmail.com

d) Indicate the president or equivalent for the following organizations.

Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone No.	Email
Conference United Methodist Women (¶647)	Conference United Methodist Women	Linda Darrow	232 N. Cooley St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	989-763-8750	darrowlinda@gmail.com
Conference United Methodist Men (¶648)	Conference United Methodist Men	—	—	—	—
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649)	Youth Ministries	Bridget Nelson	1309 N. Ballenger Hwy Suite 1 Flint, MI 48504	248-632-2504	bnelson@detroitconference.org
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)?	Young Adult Ministry	—	—	—	—

e) Have persons been elected for the following district boards and committees? Answer yes or no.

- (1) District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2518.2)? Yes
- (2) Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)? Yes
- (3) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)? Yes

- f) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone	Email
Leadership Team	Ned Weller	95 Meadow Lane, Ithaca, MI 48847	989-330-8559	Nedweller @yahoo.com
Abuse Prevention Team	David Elmore	PO Box 366 Concord, MI 49237	517-524-6156	Dgelmore @gmail.com
Camping & Retreat Ministries	George Ayoub	2307 W. Maple Rapids Rd St. Johns, MI 48879	616-970-7838	Executivedirector @umcamping.org
Conference Disaster Response Team	Dan O'Malley	9356 Enchantment Dr, Alto MI 49302	616-915-6301	DanO@ cornerstonemi.org
Cooperative Ministry Committee	Jodie Flessner	260 Vine St., Caledonia, 49316	616-891-8669	pastor.jodie@ caledoniaumc.org
Children's Ministries	Glenys Nellist	1507 Lenox Dr SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506	269-903-8549	Daveglenys @msn.com
Older Adult Ministries	David Dekker	3209 Hillgate Circle, Lansing, MI 48912	517.324.4968	youfoundation@ youfoundation.org
MI Area Haiti Task Force	David Hills	1418 Lake Blvd #1 St. Joseph, MI 49085	989-330-3730	dfhills@gmail. com
Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries	Sonya Luna	1309 N. Ballenger Hwy, Suite 1, Flint, MI 48504	313-228-5384	sluna@detroit conference.org
New Church Establishment and Development Committee	Matthew Stoll	110 Tia Trail Lowell, MI 49331	616-897-6141	vergennesspator @gmail.com
Conference Personnel Committee	Ellen Zienert	1006 Hampshire Dr., St. Johns, MI 48879	989-224-6859	Pastorellen @4wbi.net
Racial Ethnic Local Church Committee (RELC)	Mildred Mallard	18525 Division, Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-4689	Abcboutique @aol.com
UMCOR/Hunger Committee	David Morton	4285 E Kirby Rd, Battle Creek MI 49017	269-963-0746	RevMorton62 @yahoo.com
AC Program Committee	Nichea Ver Veer Guy	125 Baynton NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	616-456-7168	orangecelt00 @aol.com
Rules of Order Committee	Judy Coffey	128 Forest Lawn Dr, Cadillac, MI 49601	231-775-6095	Jcoffeyumc @yahoo.com
Conf Nominating Committee (CNC)	Janet Lerner	175 North Dr Shepherd, MI 48883	989-828-5866	jmlerner@gmail. com
Clark Retirement Community Trustees	Cynthia McCurren	245 Madison Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	616-608-4704	mccurrec@gvsu. edu
Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries	Jody Pratt	2984 5th St., Shelbyville, MI 49344	616-292-1220	prattgji@hughes. net
John Wesley Association	Jaqueline Raineri	1956 N M 52 Stockbridge, MI 49285	517-851-8785	pastorjackieumc @gmail.com
Trustees of Lake Louise Christian Community	Phillip Friedrick	1960 Skyview Dr Sparta, MI 49345	616-688-7882	Philfriedrick @me.com

United Methodist Foundation of Michigan	Ransom Leppink	PO Box 365 Lakeview, MI 48850	989-352-6430	leppinks@ hotmail.com
Volunteer in Mission Coordinator				
Committee on Journal	Mandana Nordbrock	431 Timber Ridge Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49006	269-372-7525	mandana@ kalamazoodistrict. org

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance to the prescribed formats? (§606.8)? Yes
6. What is the report of the statistician? (See report, page \_\_\_ of Journal.)
7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See report, page \_\_\_ of Journal.)
8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See report, page \_\_\_ of Journal.)
9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (§342, 625.3)?

**2018 Minimum Salary Schedule**

Year	Full-Time Local Pastor		Associate Member		Provisional Member		Full Member	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>1</b>	34,963	35,662	*	*	39,017	39,797	**	**
<b>2</b>	35,313	36,019	*	*	39,405	40,193	**	**
<b>3</b>	35,663	36,376	*	*	39,795	40,591	41,631	42,464
<b>4</b>	36,012	36,732	*	*	40,186	40,990	42,056	42,897
<b>5</b>	36,363	37,090	38,004	38,764	40,575	41,387	42,477	43,327
<b>6</b>	36,714	37,448	38,380	39,148	40,965	41,784	42,896	43,754
<b>7</b>	37,063	37,804	38,758	39,533	41,354	42,181	43,276	44,142
<b>8</b>	37,413	38,161	39,140	39,923	41,745	42,580	43,738	44,613
<b>9</b>	37,764	38,519	39,526	40,317	42,135	42,978	44,162	45,045
<b>10</b>	38,113	38,875	40,814	41,630	42,525	43,376	44,583	45,475
<b>YOS</b>	572	778	612	833	638	868	669	910
<b>11</b>	38,685	39,653	41,426	42,463	43,163	44,244	45,252	46,385
<b>12</b>	39,257	40,431	42,038	43,296	43,801	45,112	45,921	47,295
<b>13</b>	39,829	41,209	42,650	44,129	44,439	45,980	46,590	48,205
<b>14</b>	40,401	41,987	43,262	44,962	45,077	46,848	47,259	49,115
<b>15</b>	40,973	42,765	43,874	45,795	45,715	47,716	47,928	50,025
<b>16</b>	41,545	43,543	44,486	46,628	46,353	48,584	48,597	50,935
<b>17</b>	42,117	44,321	45,098	47,461	46,991	49,452	49,266	51,845
<b>18</b>	42,689	45,099	45,710	48,294	47,629	50,320	49,935	52,755
<b>19</b>	43,261	45,877	46,322	49,127	48,267	51,188	50,604	53,665
<b>20</b>	43,833	46,655	46,934	49,960	48,905	52,056	51,273	54,575
<b>21</b>	44,405	47,433	47,546	50,793	49,543	52,924	51,942	55,485
<b>22</b>	44,977	48,211	48,158	51,626	50,181	53,792	52,611	56,395
<b>23</b>	45,549	48,989	48,770	52,459	50,819	54,660	53,280	57,305
<b>24</b>	46,121	49,767	49,382	53,292	51,457	55,528	53,949	58,215
<b>25</b>	46,693	50,545	49,994	54,125	52,095	56,396	54,618	59,125
<b>26</b>	47,265	51,323	50,606	54,958	52,733	57,264	55,287	60,035
<b>27</b>	47,837	52,101	51,218	55,791	53,371	58,132	55,956	60,945

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28	48,409	52,879	51,830	56,624	54,009	59,000	56,625	61,855
29	48,981	53,657	52,442	57,457	54,647	59,868	57,294	62,765
30	49,553	54,435	53,054	58,290	55,285	60,736	57,963	63,675
31	50,125	55,213	53,666	59,123	55,923	61,604	58,632	64,585
32	50,697	55,991	54,278	59,956	56,561	62,472	59,301	65,495
33	51,269	56,769	54,890	60,789	57,199	63,340	59,970	66,405
34	51,841	57,547	55,502	61,622	57,837	64,208	60,639	67,315
35	52,413	58,325	56,114	62,455	58,475	65,076	61,308	68,225
36	52,985	59,103	56,726	63,288	59,113	65,944	61,977	69,135
37	53,557	59,881	57,338	64,121	59,751	66,812	62,646	70,045
38	54,129	60,659	57,950	64,954	60,389	67,680	63,315	70,955
39	54,701	61,437	58,562	65,787	61,027	68,548	63,984	71,865
40	55,273	62,215	59,174	66,620	61,665	69,416	64,653	72,775

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10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (§614.1a)? \$1,130,276 (DS Fund 2018)
11. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (§614.1d, 1507)? Direct Billing
- b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year?
- (1) For the World Service Fund? \$ 852,749
  - (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund? \$ 288,019
  - (3) For the Black College Fund? \$ 114,888
  - (4) For the Africa University Fund? \$ 25,712
  - (5) For the Episcopal Fund? \$ 252,534
  - (6) For the General Administration Fund? \$ 101,257
  - (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? \$ 22,525
12. What are the findings of the annual audit of the conference treasuries? (See report, page \_\_\_\_ of Journal)
13. Conference and district lay leaders (§603.9, 660):
- a) Conference lay leader: Name: Anne Soles  
Mailing Address: PO Bo 467, 217 Old State Rd., Pentwater, MI 49449
- b) Associate conference lay leaders: N/A
- c) District and associate district lay leaders:
- |                 |                  |   |
|-----------------|------------------|---|
| ALBION:         | Elaine Eicher    | 11182 Baker Rd., Jerome, MI 49249           |
| HEARTLAND:      | Larry Wyman, Sr. | 480 Witbeck Dr, Clare, MI 48617             |
| GRAND RAPIDS:   | Suzanne Hewitt   | 2250 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505   |
| GRAND TRAVERSE: | Denny Olin       | 14432 Peninsula Dr, Traverse City, MI 49686 |
| KALAMAZOO:      | Wynne Hurlbut    | 36146 Cherry St., Gobles, MI 49055          |
| LANSING:        | Nona Spackman    | 3806 Cornice Falls Dr Apt 6, Holt, MI 48842 |
14. List local churches which have been:
- a) Organized or continued as New Church Starts (§259,1-4, continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, or e)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
	Traverse City: New Church Start	Grand Traverse	1249 Three Mile Rd S Traverse City 49696-8307	231-946-3048	7/1/2017

b) Organized or continued as Mission Congregations (§259.1-4, continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, or e)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
582761	Harrison: The Gathering	Heartland	PO Box 86 Harrison MI 48625-0086	989-539-1445	07/01/2004
597886	Mt Pleasant: Chippewa Indian	Heartland	3490 S Leaton Rd Mt Pleasant 48858-7995		A long time ago

c) Organized or continued Satellite congregations (§247.22, continue to list here until listed in questions 14.a, c, d, or e)

GCFA #	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Date Launched
	Village Church Campus	Millville	Lansing	1932 N M 52 Stockbridge 49285-9625	7/1/2016
	S WYOMING CAMPUS	GRAND RAPIDS: CORNERSTONE	Grand Rapids	1675 84th St SE Caledonia 49316-7939	1/1/2017
	HERITAGE HILL CAMPUS	GRAND RAPIDS: CORNERSTONE	Grand Rapids	1675 84th St SE Caledonia 49316-7939	7/1/2016
	Fountain Campus	Free Soil - Fountain	Grand Traverse	PO Box 173 Free Soil, MI 49411-0173	6/1/2013
	Pottersville Campus	Lansing: Sycamore Creek Main Campus	Lansing	1919 S Pennsylvania Ave Lansing 48910-3251	1/1/2017

d) Organized as Chartered (§259.5-10, continue to list here until listed in questions 14.d or e)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered
0					

e) Merged (§2546, 2547)

(1) United Methodist with United Methodist

District	GCFA #	Name of First Church	GCFA #	Name of Second Church	GCFA #	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged
Grand Rapids	600041	Whitehall	599522	Montague	599522	Montague	7/1/2017
Lansing	596461	Pottersville	583971	Lansing Sycamore Creek	583971	Lansing Sycamore Creek	6/21/2017

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(2) Other mergers (indicate denomination)

District	GCFA #	Name of First Church	GCFA #	Name of Second Church	GCFA #	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged
0							

f) Discontinued or abandoned (§§229, 341.2, 2549) (State which for each church listed.)

(1) New Church Start (§259.2,3)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
0				

(2) Mission Congregation (§259.1a)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
0				

(3) Satellite Congregation

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
0				

(4) Chartered Local Church (§259.5)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
599921	Lowell: Snow	Grand Rapids	Lowell MI	7/1/2017
596073	E Lansing: Korean	Lansing	East Lansing MI	7/1/2016
599098	Grand Rapids: Mosaic	Grand Rapids	Kentwood	7/1/2017

g) Relocated and to what address

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Location	Date Relocated
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h) Changed name of church? (Example: "First" to "Trinity")

GCFA #	Former Name	New Name	Address	District
582998	Howard City: Heritage	Pierson: Heritage	19931 W Kendaville Pierson 49339	Heartland

i) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§§41, 260)?

GCFA #	Name	Membership	Sending Conference
0			

j) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established? (§206)

GCFA #	Parish Name	Charge Name	Church Name	District
0				

k) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches?



15. Are there Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference? (¶207, 208)

a) Federated church (Membership is denomination specific.)

GCFA #	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
0			

b) Union Church (Membership Unified.)

GCFA #	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
596404	Okemos Community Church	Lansing	Congregational
599214	E Lansing: Peoples Church	Lansing	Am. Bapt, UCC, Presb.
599726	Ovid United Church	Heartland	UCC

c) Merged Church (Membership separate, church related only to one denomination.)

GCFA #	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
0			

d) Yoked Parish (Different denomination churches share pastor)

GCFA #	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
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16. What changes have been made in district and charge lines (please list the GCFA # beside church name)?

**Moved from Circuit to single Station:** 602940 Three Rivers: Ninth Street, 599602 Muskegon: Crestwood, 595865 Jackson: Calvary, 596483 Quincy, 599500 Middleville, 597168 Barryton Faith, 595626 Dimondale, 596346 Mulliken, 600462 Charlevoix, 582511 Horton Bay, 597385 Farwell

**Moved to new multiple point Charge:** 595342 Battle Creek: Christ and 595364 Washington Heights, 596244 Litchfield and 595967 Jonesville, 597363 Evert and 597306 Sears, 582954 Grand Center and 582692 Brooks Corners, 598243 Shepherd and 597534 Blanchard – Pine River, 602483 Niles: Wesley and 602404 Morris Chapel and 583617 Niles: Grace, 595433 Gresham and 596621 Sunfield, 595728 Grovenburg and 584097 Jackson: Zion and 596233 Felt Plains and 585228 Williamston: Wheatfield, 580421 Williamsburg and (Fife Lake Boardman Parish) 600564 Fife Lake and 600633 East Boardman and 600655 South Boardman, 583958 Wyoming Park and 598824 Courtland-Oakfield

**Moved to new multiple station Circuit:** 597762 Mears and 598221 Shelby, 583891 Center Park and 602905 Three Rivers: First

**New Cooperative Parishes:** Connection Coop Ministry Parish (580693 Millville, 585206 Webberville, 585230 Williamston: Crossroads.); Maple River Parish (599475 Lowe, 599464 Maple Rapids)



## PART II – PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

(Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (v 2/3) or (v 3/4) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Indicate credential of persons in Part II: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM when requested.)

17. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (§604.4, 605.7)?

**The Board of Ordained Ministry has received the following affirmation from the Bishop and Cabinet:**

**“Yes, attested to by means of this signed statement from the District Superintendents and signed by Bishop David A. Bard, attesting to the conduct of the District Superintendents signed on the document.”**

**We, the bishop and superintendents, take very seriously the call to moral excellence in the lives of clergy. We gladly offer our signatures to answer this question, knowing that only by the grace of God can any of us be blameless in our life and official administration. Obviously, we make no judgment about the moral character of clergy who are involved in supervisory correction or involved in judicial or administrative complaint processes.”**

**Herein signed, Rev. Elbert Dulworth, Dean of the Cabinet, Rev. Dwayne E. Bagley, Rev. Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai, Rev. William E. Haggard, Rev. Anita K. Hahn, Rev. Tamara S. Williams, Bishop David A. Bard**

18. Who constitute:

- a) The Administrative Review Committee (§636)? (v)

**Three Clergy in Full Connection**

**William J. Amundsen, RE**

**Gerald F. Hagans, RE**

**Molly C. Turner, RE**

**Two Alternatives**

**Ellen A. Brubaker, RE**

**Richard R. Erickson, RE**

- b) The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§635.1d)?

**Mark R. Erbes, FE – Chair**

**Eric S. Beck, FE**

**Deborah M. Johnson, RE**

**William C. Johnson, RE**

**James P. Mitchum, FE**

**Laurie Dahlman, Laity**

**Steven Lett, Laity**

**William Russner, Laity**

- c) The Committee on Investigation (§2703)

**Clergy in Full Connection**

**Richard W. Blunt**

**Joseph M. Graybill**

**Cathi M. Huvaere**

**Colleen T. Treman**

**Clergy Alternates**

**Kathryn S. Cadarette**

**Glenn C. Litchfield**

**Julie A. Liske**

**Professing Members**

**Paula Hines**

**Wynne Hurlbut**

**Craig Schroeder**

**Professing Member Alternates**

**Louelle Burke**

**Laura Dix**

**Max Waagner**

19. Who are the certified candidates (§§ 310, 313, 314)  
 (NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.)

a) Who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry?

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>
<b>Andrea L. Johnson</b>	<b>Albion</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>
<b>Jennifer C. Ward</b>	<b>Albion</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>
<b>Matthew J. West</b>	<b>Albion</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>
<b>Janet S. Wilson</b>	<b>Albion</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>
Kimberly M. Bos ( <i>Seminary Grad, GETS</i> )	Grand Rapids	04.18.2016
Tania J. Dozeman ( <i>Seminary Student, GETS</i> )	Grand Rapids	09.22.2015
Thomas C. Fifer ( <i>Seminary Grad, Duke</i> )	Grand Rapids	12.05.2013
<b>Eric L. Magner (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	<b>04.19.2017</b>
Banza Makayla	Grand Rapids	07.24.2015
<b>Jeffrey A. Swainston (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	<b>04.19.2017</b>
<b>Joan E. VanDessel (Seminary Student, GETS)</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	<b>03.20.2017</b>
<b>Ronald Todd Williamson (DSA 01.01.2016)</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	<b>04.19.2017</b>
<b>Randell J. Hitts (PL 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Grand Traverse</b>	<b>04.06.2017</b>
<b>Susan E. Hitts (FL 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Grand Traverse</b>	<b>04.06.2017</b>
Linda J. Stephan ( <i>Seminary Student, Candler</i> )	Grand Traverse	07.16.2015
Sean M. Griffin	Heartland	04.14.2016
<b>Andrew B. Hollander (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Heartland</b>	<b>12.15.2016</b>
<b>Ellen D. Bierlein</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>	<b>04.18.2017</b>
Scott W. Marsh	Kalamazoo	05.25.2016
Paul C. Reissmann	Kalamazoo	05.25.2016
<b>Jenaba R. Duymovic Waggy (Sem. Student, Vanderbilt)</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>	<b>08.09.2016</b>
<b>Mark D. Aupperlee</b>	<b>Lansing</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>
<b>Bradley E. Bunn (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Lansing</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>
<b>Jodi M. Cartwright (PL 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Lansing</b>	<b>10.26.2016</b>
Lauren K. Dennis-Bucholz ( <i>Seminary Grad, MTSO</i> )	Lansing	02.24.2014
<b>Leslee J. Fritz (PL 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Lansing</b>	<b>06.14.2016</b>
<b>Heather Nolen (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>Lansing</b>	<b>05.01.2017</b>

- b) Who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference? (Include name of accepting conference.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Receiving Conference</u>	<u>Date Originally Certified</u>	<u>Date Accepted by District in Other Conference</u>
<b>Karen W. Barnes</b>	<b>Alabama-West Florida</b>	<b>04.14.2015</b>	<b>04.04.2017</b>
<b>Thoreau D. May</b>	<b>N Illinois</b>	<b>03.01.2015</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
<b>Khristian "Ed" McCutchan</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
<b>Marshall Murphy, Jr.</b>	<b>Detroit/Renaissance</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
<b>Daniel J.W. Phillips</b>	<b>Detroit</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
<b>Nathaniel R. Starkey</b>	<b>Detroit</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
<b>Jeremy C. Wieringa</b>	<b>Oregon-Idaho</b>	<b>07.16.2015</b>	<b>07.01.2016</b>

- c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry? **None**

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(Note: Once a candidate is appointed as FL or PL, They are no longer listed as a certified candidate (except the first year they are appointed when they would need to be listed in 19 and in 20 or 21). Students appointed as Local Pastors (par.318.3) are the only people who are allowed to be listed as a candidate in one conference while being listed as an LP in a different conference. Par.318.3 stipulates that students appointed as local pastors can serve in either a full or part-time capacity.)

20. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed? (§315 — Indicate for each person the year the license was approved.): (3/4v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Year Licensed Approved</u>
Jack E. Balgenorth	Kalamazoo	2014 (Seminary)
<b>Everett L. Harpole</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>	<b>2015 (6 COS)</b>
Dale A. Hotelling	Grand Rapids	08.31.2012 (Completed COS*)
Trevor J. McDermont	Kalamazoo	07.01.2016 (13 COS)
Ronald D. Slager	Kalamazoo	05.01.2015 (16 COS)
Herbert J. VanderBilt	Grand Rapids	2016 (Completed COS*)
Kelly M. Wasnich	Lansing	08.10.2014 (GETS)
Local Pastors without an appointment for a short period of time:		
<b>Michael R. Neihardt</b>	<b>Grand Traverse</b>	<b>2013 (Licensed) NL: 09.25.16 - 06.30.17</b>
<b>Jennifer J. Wheeler</b>	<b>Albion</b>	<b>11.09.2013 (Seminary AMBS/MTSO) NL: 01.16.17 - 06.30.17</b>

21. Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded. Indicate what progress each has made in the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those who have completed the five year course of study or the M.Div. (§319.4)? PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v)

- a) Full-time local pastors? (§318.1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>First Year License Awarded</u>	<u>Years Completed with Course of Study (As of the end of last year)</u>
<b>ALBION (AL)</b>		
Brian R. Bunch	1993	M.Div., Earlham *
Deborah S. Cole	06.01.2015	4 COS
Patricia A. Pebley	2012	M.Div., United *
Cynthia L. Veilleux	2011	5 COS
Beverly J. Williams	11.10.2012	12 COS
<b>GRAND RAPIDS (GR)</b>		
Carleton R. Black	11.12.2011	9 COS
Jeffrey J. Bowman	1995	Completed COS *
<b>Julie E. Fairchild</b>	<b>09.01.2015</b>	<b>M.Div., MTSO *</b>
Alejandro D. Fernandez	01.01.2015	2 COS
<b>Kevin K. Guetschow</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
Paul E. Hane	06.01.2003	Completed COS *
Jan Marie Johnson (Chaplain, Ext Min)	11.13.2010	Western Theology Grad §316.1, 344.1.d.

Sean K. Kidd	2014	Seminary Student, MTSO (8 COS)
Daniel D. Nguyen	07.01.2012	Seminary Student, GETS
<b>Michael J. Ramsey</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>14 COS</b>
<b>Anthony C. Shumaker</b>	<b>12.01.2002</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
Edwin D. Snook	12.01.2002	M.Div., United *

**GRAND TRAVERSE (GT)**

<b>Sean T. Barton</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>15 COS</b>
Eric M. Falker	11.10.2014	Seminary Student, United
<b>Susan E. Hitts</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
<b>Richard Hodgeson</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>3 COS</b>
<b>Bryan K. Kilpatrick</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>M.Div., GETS *</b>
Laurie M. Koivula	2014	8 COS
Scott R. Loomis	11.10.2012	12 COS
<b>Joshua M. Manning</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>6 COS</b>
John P. Murray	2015	M.Div., Asbury *
Melody Lane Olin	11.15.2006	Completed COS *
Craig A. Pahl	2000	Completed COS *
<b>Anne W. Riegler (3/4 GT + 1/4 GR)</b>	<b>08.15.2009</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
<b>Todd W. Shafer</b>	<b>11.01.2010</b>	<b>16 COS</b>
<b>Jeremy J. Wicks</b>	<b>11.13.2011</b>	<b>11 COS</b>
<b>Colleen A. Wierman</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>13 COS</b>

**HEARTLAND (HL)**

Clifford L. Allen	11.10.2007	15 COS
<b>Daniel L. Barkholz</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>10 COS</b>
Joseph L. Beavan	01.15.2010	18 COS
Terri L. Bentley	2002	Completed COS *
<b>Martin T. Cobb</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>M.Div., MTSO *</b>
<b>Terri L. Cummins</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
<b>Mona J. Dye</b>	<b>12.01.2007</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
<b>Nancy J. Patera</b>	<b>01.01.2007</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
Scott B. Smith	2013	M.Div., United *
Donna J. Sperry ( 1/2 + 1/2 )	11.01.2014	M.Div., MTSO *

**KALAMAZOO (KZ)**

Lisa M. Batten	11.15.2009	Seminary Student, GETS, ¶316.1, 344.1.a.
John M. Brooks	2015	Licensed
Donald J. Graham	2001	Completed COS *
Julia R. Humenik	2015	M.Div., GETS *
Wayne E. McKenney	11.16.1995	M.Div., AMBS *
John D. Messner	01.01.2008	Completed COS *
Mark E. Mitchell	11.16.1995	M.Div., AMBS *
<b>Kellas D. Penny III</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Seminary Student, Asbury</b>
Ralph A. Posnik, Jr.	11.15.2009	Completed COS *
<i>David E. Small</i>	1982	<i>Retired, HL (¶358.2)</i>
<b>Robert L. Snodgrass II</b>	<b>11.10.2014</b>	<b>1 COS</b>

**LANSING (LN)**

Richard J. Foster	11.10.2012	4 COS
Karen L. Jensen-Kinney	12.01.2015	4 COS
<b>Martin A. Johnston</b>	<b>11.15.2016</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
Peggy A. Katzmark	2007	Completed COS *
Matthew D. Kreh	12.01.2015	4 COS
<b>Kimberly S. Metzger</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
<b>Steven C. Place</b>	<b>01.01.2011</b>	<b>9 COS</b>
<b>Jon L. Pohl</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Completed COS *</b>
<b>Jacqueline L. Raineri</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>14 COS/MTSO/GETS</b>

b) Part-time local pastors? (§318.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments)

<u>Name</u>	<u>First Year License Awarded</u>	<u>Fraction of Full Time to be Served</u>	<u>Years Completed with Course of Study (As of the end of last year)</u>
<b>ALBION (AL)</b>			
<b>Scott M. Bouldrey</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1/4 Time</b>	<b>M.Div., MTSO *</b>
<i>Martin H. Culver</i>	<i>08.01.1991</i>	<i>1/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>
Lawrence J. Embury	12.01.2015	1/4 Time	2 COS
<b>Leslee J. Fritz</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>3/4 Time</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
Samuel C. Gordy	03.11.2012	2/4 Time	6 COS
<i>Donald E. Lee</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>1/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired</i>
Timothy R. Puckett	2011	1/4 Time	M.Div., Asbury *
<i>John M. Sterner, Jr.</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>3/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶346.2, Presbyterian</i>
<b>GRAND RAPIDS (GR)</b>			
<i>Gary L. Peterson</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>1/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>
Marcus V. Schmidt	2016	2/4 Time	Licensed
<b>Jennifer J. Wheeler</b>	<b>11.09.2013</b>	<b>1/4 Time</b>	<b>Seminary Student, AMBS/MTSO</b>
Inge E. Whitemore	2016	2/4 Time	Licensed
Ronald L. Worley	2004	1/4 Time	18 COS
<b>GRAND TRAVERSE (GT)</b>			
Lyle J. Ball (+1/4 HL)	11.01.2010	2/4 Time	15 COS
<b>Theresa A. Fairbanks</b>	<b>11.15.2016</b>	<b>1/4 Time</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
<b>Howard H. Harvey</b>	<b>01.01.2017</b>	<b>2/4 Time</b>	<b>Seminary Grad, MTSO</b>
<b>Randel J. Hitts</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2/4 Time</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
Jonathan D. Mays	2015	2/4 Time	Licensed
<b>Michelle K. Merchant</b>	<b>11.15.2016</b>	<b>2/4 Time</b>	<b>1 COS</b>
<b>Michael R. Neihardt</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>1/4 Time</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
Richard D. Roberts	12.01.2015	1/4 Time	Licensed
<b>Noreen S. Shafer</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2/4 Time</b>	<b>7 COS</b>
<b>HEARTLAND (HL)</b>			
Gerald A. Erskine	11.10.2014	1/4 Time	3 COS
Lemuel O. Granada	11.15.2002	1/4 Time	9 COS

Judith A. Hazle	11.10.2012	1/4 Time	6 COS
Kathryn L. Leydorf-Keck	11.10.2007	3/4 Time	17 COS
<b>Cheryl L. Mancier</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2/4 Time</b>	<b>13 COS</b>
Darryl L. Miller	12.01.2007	1/4 Time	3 COS
Russell D. Morgan	11.10.2014	3/4 Time	2 COS
<b>Irene E. Starr</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2/4 Time</b>	<b>Licensed</b>

**KALAMAZOO (KZ)**

Sara L. Carlson	2015	1/4 Time	Seminary Student, AMBS
<b>Jodi M. Cartwright</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>3/4 Time</b>	<b>Seminary Student, GETS</b>
David L. Haase	2008	1/4 Time	Completed COS *
Nelson L. Hall	11.16.1999	1/4 Time	Completed COS *
Jason E. Harpole	2014	1/4 Time	5 COS
Donna Jean Keyte	09.01.2003	2/4 Time	Completed COS *
<i>George W. Lawton</i>	<i>09.01.1999</i>	<i>1/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>
Michael A. Pinto	2007	1/4 Time	1 COS
Clifford L. Radtke	2006	3/4 Time	Completed COS *
<i>O'Ryan Rickard</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>1/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, M.Div., AMBS *</i>
James C. Robertson	2014	1/4 Time	1 COS

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<b>Mary J. Barrett (+2/4 Detroit)</b>		<b>11.15.2016</b>	<b>1/4 Time</b>	<b>Licensed</b>
Jerry J. Bukoski	2014	2/4 Time	4 COS	
Paul A. Damkoehler	01.01.2008	1/4 Time	M.Div., Asbury *	
<i>Kathleen Smith (1/4 + 1/4)</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>	
Irene L. Vittoz	11.15.2005	1/4 Time	Completed COS *	

- c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (¶318.3,4)?

**First Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Awarded</u>	<u>Seminary</u>	<u>Home Conf</u>
<b>Margaret K. Mallory</b> (Albion District @ 1/4 Time)	<b>2017</b>	<b>GETS</b>	<b>Detroit</b>

- d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (¶318.3) **None**

- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (¶¶365.4, 367, 368.3)? (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.) **None**

- 22. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (¶320.1)?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Discontinued</u>
<b>Vincent J. Nader (&amp; DAC)</b>	<b>06.29.2016</b>

- 23. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (¶320.4) (v)? **None**

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24. What ordained ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§§331.8, 346.1)? (List alphabetically; indicate Annual Conference or denomination where membership is held. Indicate credential.)

a) Annual Conferences

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Home Conference</u>
<b>Jonathan E. Bratt Carle</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
<b>Cora Glass</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>Detroit</b>
<b>Sungjoon “Paul” Hahm</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>Detroit</b>
Melody H. Johnson	OE	Detroit
<b>John I. Kabala</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>N Katanga, Democratic Republic of Congo</b>
<b>Janet M. Larner</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>Detroit</b>
<b>Susan D. Martin</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Mark D. Miller	OE	Detroit
Donna Jo Minarik	OE	Detroit
<b>Gertrude M. Mukalay</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>N Katanga, Democratic Republic of Congo</b>
Eun Sik Poy	OP	Detroit
Nohemi Vivas De Ramirez	OE	Rio Texas
Kathryn Sue Snedeker	OE	Detroit
Deborah S. Thomas	OE	Detroit
Donald W. Wolfgang	OE	South Georgia

b) Other Methodist Denominations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Denomination</u>
<b>Joshua A. Henderson</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>Wesleyan Church</b>
David Nellist	OE	British Methodist
Hillary Thurston-Cox	OE	Free Methodist
Vaughn Thurston-Cox	OE	Free Methodist

25. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§§331.8, 346.2)? (v) (Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Denomination</u>
Mack C. Strange ( <i>Full-Time</i> )	OF	Southern Baptist Church

26. Who are affiliate members: (List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.)

- a) With vote (§586.4b [v])? **None**  
 b) Without vote (§§334.5, 344.4)? (v 2/3)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member Conf/Denomination</u>	<u>First Year of Affiliation</u>
David S. Bell	East Ohio	2009
Carol B. Cooley	West Ohio	2000
William D. Dobbs	Detroit	2013
Dirk Elliott	West Ohio	2016



Ronald Lewis Figgins Iris	Detroit	2014
David A. Newhouse	Northern Illinois	2016
<b>Dale M. Miller</b>	<b>Detroit</b>	<b>2017</b>
P. Kay Welsch	Wisconsin	2013

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 40 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 27-39, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

- 27. Who are elected as associate members? ¶322 (3/4v) **None**
- 28. Who are **elected** as **provisional members** and what seminary are they attending, if in school? (under ¶¶322.4, 324, 325)
  - a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of ¶¶ 324.4a, c or ¶324.5(3/4v) **None**
  - b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of ¶¶ 324.4a, b or ¶324.6 (3/4v); ¶ 322.4 (v 3/4)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
Tiffany M. Newsom	Wesley
Brian E. Steele	Asbury

- 29. Who are **continued** as provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (¶326)?
  - a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder? (¶326)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u> <u>(PD or PE)</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daniel R. Colthorp (¶324.5)	PD	2016
Jeffrey O. Cummings	PE	2016
Katherine L. Fahey	PE	2016
Joel T. Fitzgerald	PE	2016
Cydney M. Idsinga	PE	2015
Stephen F. Lindeman (LOA-03.15.17)	PE	2014
Mary K. Loring	PE	2015
Heather A. McDougall (Ext. Ministry)	PE	2014
Beth A. Reum (Medical Leave)	PE	2011
Gary L. Simmons (¶347.3)	PE	2014
Mary A. Sweet	PE	2015
Timothy W. Trommater	PE	2015
Ryan L. Wenburg	PE	2015
Caleb B. Williams	PD	2015

- b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders? (v) **None**
  - c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons? (v)(Indicate year) **None**
  - d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations? (¶347.1) (v) **None**
- 30. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (¶347.6): (v) **A person's orders may be recognized when they are transferring their membership into your annual conference from another Christian denomination. A person who is listed in Q.30 must also be listed in either Q. 31 a or b, depending on the transfer status. None**

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31. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27):
- As provisional members (§347.3c)? (v) **None**
  - As local pastors (§347.3)? (v) **None**
32. Who are **elected** as members in **full connection**? (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27. **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 33-34 or 36, unless the clergy's orders from another denomination were recognized on question 30 in a previous year.**) (v 3/4):
- Deacons  
Name  
**Nancy V. Fancher**  
**Georgia N. Hale**
  - Elders  
Name  
**Chad M. Parmalee**  
**Michael A. Riegler**
33. Who are ordained as **deacons** and what seminary awarded their degree? Or, if their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies?: (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27)
- After provisional membership (§330)? (v 3/4)  

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
<b>Nancy V. Fancher</b>	<b>Asbury</b>
<b>Georgia N. Hale</b>	<b>St Paul</b>
  - Transfer from elder? (§309) (v 3/4) **None**
34. Who are ordained as **elders** and what seminary awarded their degree?
- After provisional membership? (§335) (v 3/4)  

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
<b>Chad M. Parmalee</b>	<b>MTSO</b>
<b>Michael A. Riegler</b>	<b>Duke</b>
  - Transfer from deacon? (§309) (v 3/4) **None**
35. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§364)? (v) **None**
36. Who are readmitted (§§365-367 [v], §368 [v 2/3]): **None**
37. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§357.7): (v) **None**
38. Who have been **received** by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§347.1, 416.5, 635.2n)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.): (v)
- | <u>Name</u>               | <u>Clergy Status</u> | <u>Previous Conference</u>       | <u>Date of Transfer</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Eric Mulanda Nduwa</b> | <b>FE</b>            | <b>Africa/Southern Congo</b>     | <b>02.01.2017</b>       |
|                           |                      | <b>South/West Katanga/Jordan</b> |                         |
39. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§347.2)? **None**

40. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference? (See note preceding Question 27. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.)

- a) Deacons? **None**
- b) Elders? **None**

41. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5)? **None**

42. Who are **discontinued as provisional members** (§327)? (v).

- a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>
<b>Martha S. Beals</b>	<b>PD</b>

- b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v) **None**
- c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v) **None**
- d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§ 327.7) **None**

43. Who are on location?

- a) Who has been granted honorable location (§358.1)?  
(1) This year? (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Charge Conf Membership</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
<b>Timothy T. Tuthill</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>Grand Rapids First</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>

- (2) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Originally Granted</u>	<u>Charge Conference Membership</u>	<u>Year of Most Recent Report</u>
Bruce W. Dempsey (FE)	1993	Wolf Lake UMC, Muskegon, MI	2017
C. David Hainer (FE)	1996	<b>Alto UMC, Alto, MI</b>	2017
Michael Edward Long (FE)	1998	Traverse Bay, Traverse City, MI	2017
Terry L. MacArthur (FE)	06.15.1985	Chapel Hill UMC, Portage, MI	2017
Clinton McKinven-Copus (FE)	2007	Ludington United, Ludington, MI	2017
Brian F. Rafferty (FE)	2016	Lansing Mt Hope	2017
Michelle Wisdom-Long (FE)	2011	First UMC, Kalamazoo, MI	2017

- b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors? (§358.2)  
(Indicate date and appointment.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Year Originally Granted Location</u>
David E. Small (RHL)	Paw Paw – 07.01.2016	1999

- c) Who has been placed on **administrative location** (§359)?

- (1) This year? (v) **None**
- (2) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Originally Placed</u>	<u>Charge Conference Membership</u>	<u>Year of Most Recent Report</u>
Valerie M. Hill	1999	Greenville	

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44. Who have been granted the status of honorable location—retired (§358.3):

- a) This year? (v) **None**  
 b) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Year H.L. Originally Granted</u>	<u>Charge Conference Membership</u>
William D. Carr	RE	1993	Allegan UMC, Allegan, MI
Thomas A. Crossman	RE	1991	St Paul/St Andrew, New York, NY
David L. Draggo	RE	1986	Williamston UMC, Williamston, MI
Laurie J. McKinven-Copus	RE	04.02.05	Ludington United, Ludington, MI
Charles D. McNary	RE	1977	Bangor Simpson UMC, Bangor, MI
Thurlan E. Meredith	RE	1993	Northlawn UMC, Grand Rapids, MI
Allen C. Myers	RE	1980	Trinity UMC, Grand Rapids, MI
Edward F. Otto	RE	10.01.78	First UMC, Chicago, IL
Paul K. Scheibner	RE	1983	Good Shepherd of the North, Roscommon, MI
J. Chris Schroeder	RE	1998	Sunfield UMC, Sunfield, MI
David E. Small	RE	1999	Paw Paw UMC, Paw Paw, MI
Philip P. Steele	RE	1971	Milwood UMC, Kalamazoo, MI
Robert E. Tomlinson	RE	1989	Chapel Hill UMC, Battle Creek, MI
Bertram W. Vermeulen	RE	1984	Fremont UMC, Fremont, MI
Robert W. Wellfare	RE	10.01.74	University Carillion, Oveido, FL

45. Who have had their status as honorably located and their orders terminated (§358.2)? (v) **None**

46. Who have had their conference membership terminated?

- a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§360.1, .4)? (v) **None**  
 b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§360.2, .4)? (v) **None**  
 c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§360.3, .4; 2719.2)? **None**  
 d) By termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§358.2, 359.3)? (v) **None**  
 e) By trial (§2713)? **None**

47. Who have been suspended under the provisions of §362.1d, §2704.2c or §2711.3? (Give effective dates. Indicate credential.) **None**

48. Deceased (List alphabetically)

- a) What **associate members** have died during the year?

Active: **None**

Retired:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Stanley A. Finkbeiner	09.08.1930	09.26.2016
Mary L. Soderholm	03.11.1947	06.10.2017

- b) What **provisional members** have died during the year? (Indicate credential.)

Active: **None**

Retired: **None**

c) What **elders** have died during the year?

**Active:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Raymond R. Sundell	12.29.1956	04.15.2017

**Retired:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Dean I. Bailey	05.21.1935	01.18.2017
Wilbur “Bill” E. Courter	01.24.1933	11.19.2016
David L. Crawford	08.23.1927	04.15.2017
Elmer J. Faust	03.05.1928	07.01.2016
James A. Richie	01.20.1943	06.14.2016
Robert C. Smith	11.24.1919	04.20.2017

d) What **deacons** have died during the year?

**Active:** None

**Retired:** None

e) What **local pastors** have died during the year?

**Active:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Robert W. Eckert	08.21.1954	10.21.2016

**Retired:** None

49. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (§¶331.8, 346.1)?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Conference Where Appointed</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Seung Ho “Andy” Baek	FE	Detroit/Ann Arbor – Dundee	07.01.2015
<b>Linda J. Burson</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>Tennessee/Red River-Clarksville – Mallory Chapel</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
Eric Burton-Krieger	FE	Indiana/Central – Indianapolis St Luke’s	07.01.2015
<b>Bo Rin Cho</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>Detroit/Crossroads – Davison</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
Catherine M. Christman	FE	Wisconsin/South West – Stoughton	07.01.2016
Cornelius N. Davis, Jr.	FE	Detroit/Renaissance – Scott Memorial	07.01.2016
<b>Catherine M. Huvaere</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>Detroit/Crossroads – Clio Bethany</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
Jennifer J. Jue	FE	Detroit/Blue Water – Oxford	07.01.2014
Scott E. Manning	FE	Detroit/Renaissance – Rochester Hills St Luke	07.01.2016
James C. Noggle	FE	Detroit/Saginaw Bay – Roscommon Good Shepherd	07.01.2015
Cynthia M. Parsons	FE	Detroit/Blue Water – Sebewaing Trinity	07.01.2014
Merlin H. Pratt	AM	Detroit/Ann Arbor/Lincoln Community	07.01.2016
Todd J. Query	FD	Virginia/York River – Ext Min and Wellspring	07.01.2015
Rebecca L. Wieringa	FE	Oregon-Idaho/Columbia – Milwaukie St. Paul	07.01.2016
<b>Caleb B. Williams</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>Detroit/Renaissance – Royal Oak First</b>	<b>09.01.2016</b>
Charles A. Williams	FE	Detroit/Marquette – Houghton Grace	07.01.2013
Christina L. Wright	FD	Detroit/Ann Arbor – U of M Hospital, Chaplain	08.10.2015

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50. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§353)? (Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.)

a) Voluntary?

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§353.2a 3) (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
<b>DeAnn J. Dobbs</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>01.01.2017, 0 Year</b>	<b>Kalamazoo: Sunnyside</b>
David G. Elmore	FE	07.01.2016, 1 Year	Coldwater
Donald R. Ferris-McCann	FE	07.01.2016, 1 Year	Elsie
Robert M. Hughes ( <i>DSA</i> )	FE	07.13.2014, 3 Years	Concord
<b>Janice T. Lancaster</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>03.31.2017, 0 Year</b>	<b>Northlawn</b>
<b>Stephen F. Lindeman</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>03.15.2017, 0 Year</b>	<b>Greenville First</b>
Jane R. Lippert	FE	09.01.2015, 1 Year	Traverse City Central
Colleen T. Treman	FD	07.01.2016, 1 Year	Kalamazoo First
<b>Jonathan D. VanDop</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>07.01.2017, 0 Year</b>	<b>Ionia First / Lyons-Muir</b>

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (§353.2a 3) (v 2/3) **None**

(3) Family, 5 years or less (§353.2b 3) (v) **None**

(4) Family, more than 5 years (§353.2b 3) (v 2/3) **None**

(5) Transitional (§353.2c) **None**

b) Involuntary (§ 354)? (v 2/3) **None**

51. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§351)? (v) **None**

52. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (§356)? (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
<b>Mary S. Brown</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>12.01.2016</b>	<b>Montague</b>
<b>Jeffrey L. Reese</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>01.01.2017</b>	<b>Edwardsburg Hope</b>
Beth A. Reum	PE	01.15.2016	Berrien Springs
Theresa "Little Eagle" Oyler-Sayles	FE	04.15.2009	
<b>Tamara S.M. Williams</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>	<b>North Muskegon Community</b>

53. What members in full connection have been **retired** (§357): (**List** alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (**Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, v; under §357.3, v 2/3**)  
Deacons

a) This year? **None**

b) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Dorothy M. Blakey	1999
Joyce Hanlon	2001
Janet A. Lee	2002
Pamela J. Mathieu	2012
Dorothy D. Mercer	03.01.2003

Elders

c) This year?

**Kenneth J. Bremer** **07.01.2017**

**Donald L. Buege** **07.01.2017**

<b>Bufford “Buff” W. Coe</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>	<b>Edrye A. Eastman Maurer</b>	<b>12.31.2016</b>
<b>Valerie A. Fons</b>	<b>02.14.2017</b>	<b>Mark R. Payne</b>	<b>12.31.2016</b>
<b>Gary T. Haller</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>	<b>J. “Lynn” Pier-Fitzgerald</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>
<b>Kathleen S. Kursch</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>	<b>Linda D. Stoddard</b>	<b>12.31.2016</b>
<b>Carl Q. Litchfield</b>	<b>07.01.2017</b>	<b>Glenn M. Wagner</b>	<b>01.01.2017</b>

## d) Previously?

Craig L. Adams	2010	Eldon K. Eldred	2003
Pegg Ainslie	1997	Joe D. Elenbaas	2010
Jana Lynn Almeida	2016	John W. Ellinger	2007
William J. Amundsen	2003	Richard R. Erickson	2006
Francis F. Anderson	1991	Thomas J. Evans	2013
J. Leon Andrews	1992	Raymond D. Field	05.01.2003
Wayne H. Babcock	01.01.2003	Harold F. Filbrandt	1994
Paul F. Bailey	05.01.2001	Frederick H. Fischer	1996
Theron E. Bailey	1994	John W. Fisher	2013
Melanie J. Baker	2016	David L. Flagel	2013
James W. Barney	08.31.2005	George W. Fleming	2002
Marilyn B. Barney	2008	Barbara J. Flory	2011
Wayne C. Barrett	2011	Carolyn Floyd	2008
B. Gordon “Gordie” Barry	2015	James E. Fox	1995
Jack M. Bartholomew	1995	Thomas P. Fox	2012
William M. Beachy	2014	Lillian T. French	09.01.2010
Gary L. Bekofske	2014	Donald R. Fry	2008
Kenneth W. Bensen	2003	Charles W. Fullmer	1997
Joseph J. Bistayi	2005	Charles F. Garrod	1995
James W. Boehm	09.01.1998	James C. Grant	06.23.1999
Gilbert R. Boersma	10.31.2011	Ronald B. Grant	11.01.2012
Keith A. Bovee	1994	Joseph M. Graybill	2011
Dianne M. Bowden	2013	George R. Grettenberger	1992
J. Melvin Bricker	1995	A. Ray Grienke	08.16.1999
Patricia L. Bromberek	2011	James M. Gysel	2011
Lawrence P. Brown	2014	Gerald F. Hagans	09.01.2006
Ellen A. Brubaker	12.31.2001	Susan J. Hagans	2006
Ray W. Burgess	2000	Frederick G. Hamlin	1994
Dennis G. Buwalda	04.01.2008	Claudette I. Haney	2005
John E. Cermak	1994	Lloyd R. Hansen	1988
Victor D. Charnley	2013	Randall R. Hansen	10.20.2014
David A. Cheyne	2005	Ronald W. Hansen	2011
William V. Clegg, Jr.	2011	Carl L. Hausermann	2001
Michael T. Conklin	2012	Geoffrey L. Hayes	2009
Kathryn M. Coombs	2002	Stanley L. Hayes	1999
Billie R. Dalton	09.01.2013	Leonard B. Haynes	1998
Reva H. Daniel	2005	Lyle D. Heaton	2016
Lynn A. DeMoss	1997	Constance L. Heffelfinger	2016
Isabell M. Deppe ( <i>Involunt</i> )	2000	Keith W. Heifner	2006
James A. Dibbet	2011	William A. Hertel	2001
William H. Doublestein	2006	Robert L. Hinklin	2001
David L. Dryer	2006	Lawrence E. Hodge	2000
Paula Jane Duffey	2005	Laurence E. Hubley	06.01.2002
Daniel M. Duncan	2014	James R. Hulett	1998

Joseph D. Huston	2009	R. Ivan Niswender	1994
James L. Hynes	2000	Karen K. Orr	2014
Andrew Jackson	2006	Wade S. Panse	01.01.2012
Jerry L. Jaquish	2012	Edward L. Passenger	1999
Curtis E. Jensen	2010	Paul E. Patterson	10.01.1990
Deborah M. Johnson	07.08.2014	William V. Payne	1996
Jane Ellen Johnson	2016	Douglas L. Pedersen	2005
Mark G. Johnson	2015	A. Edward Perkins	2006
William C. Johnson	2012	Susan M. Petro	2014
David L. Johnston	2009	Thomas M. Pier-Fitzgerald	2016
Margaret Zee Jones	06.24.2006	Keith I. Pohl	12.31.1993
Robert E. Jones	2009	Gerald A. Pohly	1996
Emmett Kadwell, Jr.	2011	Blaine B. Rader	2004
Ron L. Keller	1998	Jeanne M. Randels	01.01.2014
O. Jay Kendall	09.01.2012	Wayne G. Reece	2000
Robert L. Kersten	1995	Kenneth C. Reeves	2006
David G. Knapp	2009	Richard M. Riley	2014
Norman C. Kohns	2005	Beatrice K. Robinson	2007
Richard Kuhn	1998	Marvin R. Rosa	1999
Sally J. LaFrance	10.01.2004	Edward C. Ross	2012
D. Keith Laidler	1997	Larry W. Rubingh	2012
Jung Kee Lee	02.28.2013	Donald A. Russell	1996
Ben B. Lester	2011	William P. Sanders	2003
Eugene A. Lewis	2003	Leonard R. Schoenherr	06.30.2013
Kendall A. Lewis	1990	Ward N. Scovel	03.01.1998
David L. Litchfield	2006	David A. Selleck	06.30.2015
Glenn C. Litchfield	06.30.2016	Richard A. Selleck	1996
Leicester R. Longden	2013	Jane B. Shapley	1996
John D. Lover	2000	Larry R. Shrout	1998
Paul E. Lowley	2000	Edward H. Slate	2012
Carole S. Lyman	2010	Dennis E. Slattery	2012
Frank W. Lyman Jr.	2010	Stephen C. Small	10.01.2004
Gary V. Lyons	1996	Betty A. Smith	2004
Charles William Martin	1989	Charles W. Smith	2011
Robert J. Mayo	06.30.2013	Joseph L. Spackman	2013
Paul D. Mazur	1990	Sandra Lee Spahr	2006
Kenneth D. McCaw	2000	Gordon E. Spalenka	1993
J. Patrick McCoy	09.01.2014	Carolyn S. Spragg	2013
Allen D. McCreedy	2000	Robert W. Stark	2008
Sandra B. Hoffman McNary	2007	Ethel Z. Stears	1999
John W. McNaughton	2003	Robert P. Stover	2012
Russell F. McReynolds	2007	Michael P. Streevy	2010
David W. Meister	2016	Verne Carl Summers	1992
David H. Minger	2006	Royal J. Synwolt	1991
Daniel J. Minor	2011	Harold M. Taber	1980
John L. Moore	1995	Milton J. TenHave	1990
Richard D. Moore	2015	Roy G. Testolin	11.01.2013
Richard A. Morrison	2007	J. Todd Thompson	2010
John D. Morse	2012	John Ross Thompson	12.31.2010
David L. Morton	2001	R. John Thompson	2010
David B. Nelson	1998	Ronald J. Thompson	1995



William J. Torrey	1993	Stephan Weinberger	03.01.2016
Gerald L. Toshalis	2006	Gerald L. Welsh	1994
Raymond J. Townsend	2009	Robert L. Wessman	1999
Keith R. Treman	2015	Karen S. Wheat	2015
Michael J. Tupper	2016	Bobby Dale Whitlock	2009
Arthur R. Turner	2006	Myron K. Williams	1994
Molly C. Turner	2012	Richard K. Williams	2001
Diane E. Vale	1990	Margaret Halls Wilson	11.01.2009
Kenneth R. Vaught	1994	Richard D. Wilson	2008
Oscar Ventura	2009	Douglas E. Wingeier	2000
Douglas W. Vernon	2010	Gregory R. Wolfe	2013
Lynn W. Wagner	09.01.2002	Gregory B. Wood	2015
Lowell F. Walsworth	2002	Richard A. Youells	1995
Maurice E. Walworth, Jr.	2006	Lee F. Zachman	12.01.2010
Glenn R. Wegner	2004		

54. What **associate members** have been **retired** (§357): (List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, v; under §357.3, v 2/3)

a) This year?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Patricia A. Harpole	06.30.2017

b) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Eugene L. Baughan	2002
Elaine M. Buker	1997
John T. Charter	1999
Jane A. Crabtree	07.16.2003
Jean Arthur Crabtree	03.31.1994
Dale F. Jaquette	1992
Geraldine M. Litchfield	2014
Clyde E. Miller	1987
Darlene Kay Pratt	2016
Bernard R. Randolph	1978 ( <i>Current Conference Cane Holder</i> )
Randall E. Roose	1993
Howard Seaver	2012
Brian K. Sheen	2004
Charles R. VanLente	2010
Nola R. Williams	01.01.2000

55. What **provisional members** have been previously **retired** (§358, 2008 *Book of Discipline*)?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Carol Lynn Bourns	2007

56. Who have been recognized as **retired local pastors** (§320.5):

a) This year?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
William F. Dye	07.01.2017
Sueann K. Hagan	07.01.2017
Sharyn K. Osmond	08.01.2016 ( <i>Medical Leave Since 10.01.2008</i> )
Michael J. Simon	06.30.2017
James W. Stilwell	07.01.2017

b) Previously?		Thomas H. John, Sr.	2012
Sheila F. Baker	02.02.2014	J. Robert Keim	12.31.2011
Rex Bean	1987	Suzanne P. Kornowski	2011
Leo "Bud" Elwood Bennett	1993	Jeanne M. Laimon	2015
Nancy L. Boelens	04.12.2009	George W. Lawton	2007
Peggy Ann Boltz	07.16.2014	Dianne Doten Morrison	01.01.2016
Connie R. Bongard	2015	Larry W. Nalett	08.09.2004
Linda J. Burton-Collier	2014	Lawrence A. Nichols	2016
Roberta W. Cabot	2014	Judith A. Nielsen	2007
David Gunnar Carlson	2010	Gary L. Peterson	2016
Linda J. Carlson	2009	O'Ryan Rickard (¶327.7)	2013
Paulette G. Cheyne	04.01.2008	John F. Ritter	11.01.2001
Esther Cox	1988	Carolyn A. Robinson-Fisher	2011
Martin H. Culver	2011	Jeffrey J. Schrock	2016
Merlin Delo	1997	Connie E. Shatz	2012
Judy K. Downing-Siglin	2001	Kathleen Smith	12.31.2012
Richard J. Duffey	2005	John R. Sternaman	2002
Edna M. Fleming	2011	Diane E. Stone	2010
Richard A. Fritz	2014	Kenneth E. Tabor	2010
Joyce F. Gackler	2012	Sandra K. VandenBrink	2013
Sandra J. Gastian	01.01.2011	Donald R. Wendell	11.01.2009
Sue J. Gay	2007	Donald Woolum	2003
Carl E. Greene	2011	David L. Youngs	2006
Clare Walter Huyck	2015	Gayle Sue (Berntsen) Zaagman	2014

57. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference:

a) By appointment category and conference relationship?

(NOTES:

(1) Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.

(2) For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:

¶344.1a, c): the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.

¶344.1b): the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

¶344.1d): the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

**Note: Report those in extension ministry in one category only.**

See the Discipline paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.)

**Note: Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.**

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (§§331.1c,339) (76,78c)	3	102	1	10	3	59	39
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (§§331.1a,b) (78a,b)	9	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	0	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§§316.1; 344.1a, c) (77a)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	14	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	0	0	1	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§§316.1; 344.1b) (77b)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	7	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	2	0	0	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§§316.1; 344.1d) (77c)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	3	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	0	0	1	0
Appointments to Attend School (§§31.3) (79)	0	0	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)	2	13	1	0	1	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)	2	6	0	1	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)	0	0	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Sabbatical Leave (51)	0	0	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Medical Leave (52)	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
On Transitional Leave (50a5)	0	0	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Retired (53, 54, 55)	5	231	0	1	16	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Total Number, Clergy Members	21	380	2	15	20	61	39
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	538						

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- b) By gender and racial/ethnic identification?  
(NOTE: See the instruction for item 57 for guidelines to assist in the racial/ethnic identification count.)

<i>Clergy Demographics</i> M=Male F=Female														
Categories	Deacons in Full Connection		Elders in Full Connection		Provisional Deacons		Provisional Elders		Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote		Full-time Local Pastors		Part-time Local Pastors	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Asian	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Black	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
White	4	16	273	93	2	0	7	8	13	7	37	22	24	14
Multi-Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*	4	17	283	97	2	0	7	8	13	7	39	22	25	14
538														

### PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Note: Indicate credential of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.

58. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy/Lay Status</u>	<u>Specialized Ministry</u>
Julie Lawhead	Lay	Spiritual Formation

59. Who is certified in specialized ministry? (List the areas of specialized ministry. Indicate by an asterisk those certified this year.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy/Lay Status</u>	<u>Specialized Ministry</u>
Mark R. Babb	FD	Music Ministry
Lisa M. Batten	FL	Spiritual Formation
Daniel R. Colthorp	PD	Youth Ministry
M. Kay DeMoss	FD	Christian Education
Eric M. Falker	FL	Youth Ministry
Daphna Lee Flegal	DM	Christian Education
I. Naomi Garcia	Laity	Christian Education
Sueann K. Hagan	RL	Spiritual Formation
Jennifer J. Jue	FE	Spiritual Formation
Nancy LeValley	Laity	Spiritual Formation
Colleen T. Treman	FD	Christian Education

60. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry? **None**
61. Who are transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry? **None**
62. Who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry? **None**

**PART IV CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY**  
(¶¶ 268, and 666.10 *The Book of Discipline*)

63. Who are certified as lay ministers (¶ 268, and 666.10)? (List alphabetically, by district)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certified / Re-Certified</u>	<u>District</u>
Lois Bush	2014	Albion
Beverly Clark	2015	Albion
Lois Fennimore	2011 / 2016	Albion
<b>Alexander Miller (DSA 07.01.2003)</b>	<b>2014 / 2017</b>	<b>Albion</b>
<b>Joseph Keith Caldwell</b>	<b>2015 / 2017</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>
<b>Richard Vorel</b>	<b>2015 / 2017</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>
<b>Gary Zinger (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>2014 / 2017</b>	<b>Grand Rapids</b>
Nancy LeValley	2011 / 2016	Grand Traverse
Donna Stone	2009 / 2016	Grand Traverse
Kara Lynne Burns	2012 / 2015	Heartland
<b>Steven P. Beukema</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Ellen D. Bierlein</b>	<b>2016 / 2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Patricia Bird</b>	<b>2015 / 2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Judith Cassem</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>BumKi Cho</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Jon Clark</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Kathie Davies</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Linda S. Depta</b>	<b>2016 / 2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Wynne L. Hurlbut</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Kevin Kahmark</b>	<b>2016 / 2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Simmie N. Proctor</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Doug A. Tipken</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Marcia Tucker (DSA 07.01.2014)</b>	<b>2016 / 2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Craig H. VanBeek (DSA 07.01.2017)</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
<b>Donald A. Weaver</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
Richard Ahti	2014	Lansing
Mickey Ann Cousino (DSA 09.01.2015)	2015	Lansing
Christine L. Pease (DSA 07.01.2014)	2015	Lansing

### PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS

(Paragraph numbers in questions 64-71 refer to *The 1992 Book of Discipline*)

64. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (§312)? **None**
65. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (§312)? **None**
66. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (§313.3)? (**Under §313.3a, no vote; under §313.3b, v 2/3**)  
**None**
67. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?
- a) Effective: **None**
- b) Retired:
- | <u>Name</u>    | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Date of Death</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Helene R. Hill | 03.18.1920           | 03.15.2017           |
68. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under §313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave): (v) **None**
69. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (§313.1e): **None**
70. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (§313.1e)? (v)? **None**
71. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as **diaconal ministers** (§313.2):  
(**Under §313.2b, v 2/3**)
- a) This year? **None**
- b) Previously?
- | <u>Name</u>        | <u>Date Effective</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Jane Case          | 2011                  |
| Margaret L. Foster | 1999                  |

### PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

72. Who are approved for less than full-time service?
- a) What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (§338.2, 342.2, 1506)? (**v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4**):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fraction of Appointment</u>	<u>Full-Time Service</u>
Charles D. Farnum – FE	01.01.2014, 3 Years	1/4 Time
<b>Amee A. Paparella – FE</b>	<b>07.01.2017, 0 Year</b>	<b>3/4 Time</b>
Linda “Lyne” K. Stull-Lipps – FE	07.01.2016, 1 Year	3/4 Time
Susan J. Trowbridge – FE	07.01.2014, 3 Years	2/4 Time

- b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§331.7)?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fraction of Appointment</u>	<u>Full-Time Service</u>
Mark R. Babb – FD	07.01.2016, 1 Year	2/4 and 1/4 Time
Patricia L. Catellier – FD	01.01.2016, 1 Year	1/4 Time
Mariel Kay DeMoss – FD	07.01.2013, 4 Years	2/4 Time
Nancy V. Fancher – FD	07.01.2014, 3 Years	2/4 Time
<b>Gregory W. Lawton – FD</b>	<b>04.01.2017, 0 Year</b>	<b>1/4 Time</b>
Todd J. Query – FD	07.01.2015, 2 Years	2/4 and 1/4 Time
Cara Beth Ann Weiler – FD	07.01.2009, 8 Years	2/4 and 1/4 Time

- 73. Who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of §338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period of time?
- 74. What elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local and supply pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.)
- 75. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session? (Attach a list. Include and identify Appointments Beyond the Local Church (Deacons) and Appointments to Extension Ministries (Elders). Give effective dates of all changes.)
- 76. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.)
  - a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a, c)?
  - b) To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b)?
  - c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of §344.1d? (v 2/3)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Extension Ministry Assignment</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
<b>Nathaniel W. Johnson</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>10.16.2016</b>	<b>Spectrum Health System, Genesis Manager of Pastoral Care and Bereavement</b>	
Kenneth J. Nash (§345)	FE	07.01.2016	Wesleyan Church of Grand Rapids: Hamburg, Hamburg, NY	Cornerstone
Barbara L. Smith-Jang	FE	06.06.2003	Pastoral Counselor, Grand Ledge Taejon Christian International School, Taejon South Korea	
Alice Fleming Townley (§345)	FE	02.01.2010	Parish Associate, East Lansing: Okemos Presbyterian University Church, Okemos MI	

77. Who are appointed as **deacons** (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year? (**Attach a list.**)
- Through non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (§331.1a)?
  - Through United Methodist Church-related agencies or schools within the connec-tional structures of The United Methodist Church (§331.1b)?
78. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6)? (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.) **None**
79. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [**1992 Disci-pline**]? (**Attach a list.**)
80. What other personal notations should be made? (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

Correction to 2015 Business of the Annual Conference – **Scott M. Bouldrey** should have been listed as a Local Pastor Not Now Appointed effective July 1, 2015 under Question 20 and **NOT** under Question 22 as a discontinued local pastor. **Scott M. Bouldrey** was appointed January 18, 2017 as a Part-Time (1/4) Local Pastor.

Correction to 2016 Business of the Annual Conference: Question #19 b) – **Ian J. Boley**, should have been listed. Receiving Conference is Detroit Conference. Date Originally Certified was 08.12.2014. Date Accepted by District in Other Conference was 07.01.2016.

Correction to 2016 Business of the Annual Conference: Question #19 b) – **Corey Simon**, should have been listed. Receiving Conference is Detroit Conference. Date Originally Certified was 08.06.2015. Date Accepted by District in Other Conference was 07.01.2016.

Correction to 2016 Business of the Annual Conference: Question #21 d) – **Julie Fairchild**, should have been listed. Julie served as a Student Local Pastor (2014), 2/4 Time in the East Ohio Conference/Mid-Ohio District while enrolled at MTSO. She became appointed as a Full-Time Local Pastor in the West Michigan Confer-ence on July 1, 2017.

Correction to 2016 Business of the Annual Conference: Question #22) – **Paul W. Thomas**, should have been listed as a discontinued (withdrew) Local Pastor as of 11.02.2015.

81. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)?  
**Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, MI: May 31 – June 3, 2018**



**NOTES 2017:**

- Other Retirement – **Marcia L. Elders**, OF, Reformed Church of America, served among us in the West Michigan Conference from July 1, 2003 until her retirement on July 1, 2017.
- Other Retirement – **Linda J. Farmer-Lewis**, OE, Wisconsin Conf, served among us in the West Michigan Conference from July 1, 2011 until her retirement on July 1, 2017.



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## VI. A. DAILY PROCEEDINGS of the West Michigan Annual Conference

### FIRST DAY - MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 1

**Opening worship at Grand Traverse Resort:** The combined DAC and WMAC Memorial Service opened at 10:00 a.m. Bishop David Bard preached. Worship leaders: Jeanette Harris and Rev. Jeremy Wicks. Clergy, diaconal ministers, clergy spouses, and laity who passed away since the last annual conference session were memorialized by a reading of the names. Naming of the saints was led by Joy Barrett and John Boley (clergy names); Greg Timmons (spouse names); Anne Soles (laity names). Those memorialized were:

- **Clergy:** Dean Bailey, Robert Brown, Robert Burkey, Ron Carter, Wilbur (Bill) Courter, James Craig, David Crawford, Robert Eckert, Elmer Faust, Stanley Finkbeiner, Roy Forsyth, Bruce Garner, Robert Horton, Wilfred Johnson, Levon King, Gergory Martin, Donald Milano, Craig Pillow, Samuel Pooley, Robert Pumfery, Lillian Richards, James Richie, Pricilla Seward, Robert Smith, William (Bill) Stone, Raymond Sundell, Mary Tame, Phillip Voss, Robert Woodring,
- **Diaconal Ministers:** Helene Hill, Joanne Risser
- **Clergy Spouses:** Mary Jane Wilson Allen, Mark Baker, Mary Ernestine Bintz, Elnora Bovee, Beverly Brun, Kathryn Crawford, Gloria Downing, Marcia Duncan, Martha Erickson, Olive Mae Glenn, Geraldine Greer, Jeanne Naoure Hosking, Phyllis Iseminger, Carol Eileen Frye Kersten, Gloira King, Mildred Kirchenbauer, Lorraine Lavengood, William Lee, Vonda Lichtenfelt, Norma Doris Bauman Dancer Mann, Ramelle (Sarah) McDonald, Shirley Mitchinson, Kimberly Momany, Howard (Budd) Newman, Amy Putnam, Norma Redmond, Althea Rozeboom, Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith, Kerry Tatem, Terrance (Terry) Tock, June Tosch, Wynona Van Buren, Elizabeth Waterhouse, Nancy Jo Whitlock, Jane Ellen Wilson, Bertha (Bertie Mae) Wood-Lozier
- **Laity:** Barbara Ann Brechting, Millicent (Billie) Rench

Communion was served by the ordinands and retirees from both conferences. An offering was received that will be shared between the Haiti Hot Lunch Program and the Bishop Craig Children's Village in Liberia.

**The session was recessed** at 11:45 a.m. for lunch by Bishop Bard.

### FIRST DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, June 1

#### *Clergy Session*

**The Clergy Session** was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Michigan Ballroom of the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan by Bishop Bard.

**The Clergy Session Report** was given by Laura Speiran (DAC Board of Ministry Chair), Sherri Swanson (WMAC Board of Ministry Chair), and members of the Boards of Or-

dained Ministry from both conferences. Instructions were explained for how to vote in light of the fact that we are still two conferences. A time of worship began with prayer, and the singing of *And Are We Yet Alive*.

**Enabling Motions:**

**Motion:** Sherri Swanson moved that all Provisional Members, Associate Members, Full-time and Part-time Local Pastors, Affiliate Members, those on Honorable Location, and all other clergy appointed to serve among us be granted voice, but not vote in this clergy session. Motion approved.

**Motion:** Laura Speiran moved that all lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry be allowed in the clergy session with voice, but without vote. Motion approved.

**Motion:** Sherri Swanson moved that Nancy Arnold, Sus'ann Busley, Jennifer Weaver, Deana Nelson, Mark Doyal, and Bishop Gesner Paul from Haiti be given voice, but no vote. Motion approved.

**Episcopal Greeting:** Bishop Bard greeted the clergy and expressed how much he appreciated beginning his leadership as bishop in the Michigan Area.

**Order of Elders, Order of Deacons, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Mem-**

**bers/John Wesley Association:** Mary McInnes and Dean Prentiss (Elders); Gregory Lawton & April McGlothin-Eller (Deacons); Sue Platt (local pastors); Jeremy Wicks & Jackie Raineri (John Wesley Assoc.) reported. They thanked Jeremy Wicks for his leadership; Jackie Raineri was introduced as the next chair of the John Wesley Association. The entire group sang their report to the tune of "Dennis."

**Hymn:** "The Servant Song"

**Clergy Report – West Michigan Annual Conference**

**Motion:** Sherri Swanson, West Michigan Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Chairperson, invited Elbert Dulworth, Cabinet Dean, to respond to question #17. Elbert Dulworth read the statement from the Cabinet.

**Motion:** Sherri Swanson moved the adoption of question #18a. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Sherri Swanson moved the adoption of question #18b & 18c. (*Information only for both questions.*)

**Motion:** Jodie Flessner moved the adoption of question #20. Motion adopted by the required three-quarter vote.

**Motion:** Jodie Flessner moved the adoption of question #21a [giving Cliff Allen additional year to complete his studies], 21b, & 21d. Motion adopted by required three-quarter vote.

**Motion:** Jodie Flessner approved the adoption of question #23. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #25. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #26b. Motion adopted by the required two-third vote.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of questions #28b. A video was shown of those to be elected as provisional members and Elders of The United Methodist Church. Introductions were made and votes taken for each candidate. All motions adopted by the required three-quarter vote

**Motion:** Julie Greyerbiehl moved the adoption of questions #28b. A video was shown of those to be elected as provisional members and Elders of The United

Methodist Church. Introductions were made and votes taken for each candidate. All motions adopted by the required three-quarter vote

**Motion:** Julie Greyerbiehl moved the adoption of question #32a & 33a. The candidates to be elected as members in full connection, and ordained as Deacons, were introduced and a votes taken for each candidate. Motion was adopted by the required two-third vote.

**Motion:** Julie Greyerbiehl moved the adoption of question #32b & 34a. Candidates to be elected as members in full connection, and ordained as Elders, were introduced and votes taken for each candidate. Motion was adopted by the required two-third vote.

**Mary McInnes and Dean Prentiss** gave instructions for the service of recognition, commissioning, and ordination.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #38. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #42a. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #43a(1). Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #50a(1). Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #52. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #53c. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #54a. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of question #72a. Motion adopted by the required two-thirds vote.

**Motion:** Mark Erbes moved the adoption of #76c. Motion adopted with the required two-thirds vote.

**Hymn:** “You Are Mine” (v. 1)

**Recognition of Retirees:** Mark Erbes and Doug Paterson presented the names of those retiring this year, the names of which are found in questions #53a, 53c, 54a, & 56a.

**Hymn:** “You Are Mine” (v. 2)

**Naming of the Saints:** Sherri Swanson and Laura Speiran presented the names of the clergy who have died since the previous annual conference, the names of which are found in question #48a, 48c, 48e, & 67b.

**A prayer for the Unbroken Circle** was led by Bishop Bard.

**Hymn:** “You Are Mine” (vv. 3-4)

**Information Items:** Sherri Swanson and Laura Speiran presented questions 19a, 19b, 19c, 22, 24a, 24b, 29, 49, 58, 63, 72b, 80, and 81 for information, with additions and corrections to the written report.

**Motion to adopt the full report:** Sherri Swanson moved the adoption of the full clergy report. Motion adopted.

**A Video** was shown about how our two conferences, which have co-existed since 1968, are coming together a single MICHIGAN Conference with a single focus: making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Closing Hymn:** “Go to the World”

**Adjournment of the clergy session** was called at 3:15 p.m. by the Bishop Bard.

### **Laity Session**

**The Michigan Area Laity Session was called to order** at 2:00 p.m. by John Wharton, Detroit Conference Lay Leader, and Anne Soles, West Michigan. Wharton led the Laity in prayer.

**Bishop Bard** welcomed the Laity and talked about the critical role the Laity have in the life of the Church.

**Board of Ordained Ministry:** Mary Ivanov, West Michigan Conference, and Briony Desotell, Detroit Conference, spoke about developing the call to ministry early. They encouraged the Laity to continue to foster growth in all roles in the church and to keep asking “How is God calling you?”.

### **Introductions:**

**Wharton introduced** the Detroit Conference Board of Laity: Mike Schlusler, John Hart, Ken Kneisel, Ruby Anderson, Ken Dowell, Vicky Prewitt and Ricky Donahue.

**Soles introduced the** West Michigan Board of Laity: Elaine Eicher, Larry Wyman, Suzanne Hewitt, Denny Olin and Wynne Hurlbutt..

**Soles introduced** additional members of the Board of Laity including Lay Servant Ministries, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women.

**Wharton introduced** Diane Brown (Legislative Coordinator), Nancy Arnold (Detroit Conference Program Committee Coordinator), Laura Witkowski (West Michigan Conference Program Committee Coordinator and Facilitator), Sue Buxton (Conference Facilitator) and David Dobbs (Conference Treasurer).

**Sue Buxton** discussed the role of the Conference Facilitator and where her desk is located.

**Wharton welcomed first time Laity to Annual Conference** and explained how to identify individuals who were available to answer questions and provide direction for Conference.

**Wharton and Soles discussed the purpose and programs at Annual Conference.** Wharton talked about the connectionalism of the Church and the resources available to local churches.

**Wharton explained the purpose of the colors of the Badges.** Voting Cards were distributed according to Conference. Lay Member responsibilities were discussed.

**Gregory Timmons,** Flint Water Recovery Coordinator, was introduced and talked about the Flint Water Crisis. Timmons reviewed the origins of the Flint Water Crisis and the challenges the city has faced since then. Timmons talked about the current programs the United Methodist Church has helped fund and the opportunities that were available for United Methodists to continue to serve and do ministry in Flint.

**Anne Soles explained the Legislative Committee process** and where the Legislative Committee assignments could be found. Some petitions are assigned to every committee due to their importance. Brown discussed the Rules of Order that needed to be followed during the Legislative Process.

**Anne Soles conducted a mock Legislative Process** using Item #4 for the Laity to practice. She gave instructions on how to locate Legislative Items in the materials. Diane Brown explained the difference in the written materials available for Conference.

**Anne Soles** talked about the different events taking place on Friday Night.

**Wharton and Soles answered questions** from the Laity.

**The Laity Session was adjourned** at 3:56 p.m. by John Wharton.

**The business session was reconvened at 4:30 p.m.** in the Governor's Room at the Grand Traverse Resort by Nichea VerVeer Guy, Conference Program Committee Chair. VerVeer Guy introduced Sam McClellan to offer Welcoming Remarks to the Conference from the local Native American community. Nichea VerVeer Guy introduced Tom Peters from the Grand Traverse Resort Executive Team. Peters welcomed the Conference to Grand Traverse Resort. Peters sang a song in a Native American language and explained the symbolism of the words and the origin of the song. Peters described the stages of life in the Native American culture. Bishop Bard and VerVeer Guy presented the Native American guests with gifts from the Annual Conferences.

**Rules of Order Committee:** Nichea VerVeer Guy, Program Committee Chairperson, spoke.

**Motion:** Nichea VerVeer Guy moved that the voting bar of the Michigan Area Annual Conference, which includes voting members of the Detroit Annual Conference and the West Michigan Annual Conference be designated as the marked areas inside the outer perimeter of chairs in the Governor's Hall. Areas on the outer edges will be available for visitors. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** Nichea VerVeer Guy moved that members eligible to vote for the Detroit Annual Conference will use a blue voting card. Members eligible to vote for the West Michigan Annual Conference will use an orange voting card. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** Nichea VerVeer Guy moved that members of the Design Team that are not already members of the Detroit or West Michigan Annual Conferences be given a seat and a voice in the plenary sessions and the Legislative Committees in presentations regarding their work. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** Nichea VerVeer Guy moved that the Episcopal office staff, Communications staff, Connectional Ministries staff, who are not already members of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences, special guests and the Bishop's wife, Julie Bard, be given a seat in the bar area. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** Nichea VerVeer Guy moved that the Michigan Area Annual Conference's agenda as found in the Program Book be accepted, with authority given to the Annual Conference Program Executive Committee in consultation with the Bishop to make necessary adjustments. Motion Carried.

**Design Team Report:** Marsha Woolley and Glenn Wagner, chairs of Michigan Area Design Team, reported. A video was shown highlighting the history of the United Methodist Church in Michigan. Woolley and Wagner discussed the work of moving towards a new Conference. They thanked the Directors of Connectional Ministries, Bishops Bard and Kiesey and members of the Conference for their dedication in creating the new Conference. The new vision statement was shared with the Conference and components of the vision statement were explained. The proposed District Design and potential resources were shared.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Dobbs, Conference Treasurer, reported. Dobbs thanked Pros Tumonong, former Treasurer of the West Michigan Conference and the Chairs of the Council on Finance and Administration. Dobbs recognized the Treasurer's office team. Ron Iris, Conference Statistician, has completed the 2016 Statistics Reports and they are available on-line. Dobbs reported on the status of various funds and how they are being utilized worldwide. In 2016, both Conferences gave \$3,117,149 to their General Church Apportionments. Detroit paid 100% of the Episcopal Fund and West Michigan paid 100% of the African University Fund. In 2016, \$55,634 was given to Africa University by both Conferences. In the past 25 years, Africa University has had 7,000 graduates from 32 different countries. Both Conferences gave \$1,591,062 to the World Service Fund in 2016. Dobbs presented the John L. Buxton Award for Creative Leadership to Reverend Faith Timmons and Reverend Paul Perez.

**Nichea VerVeer Guy** instructed Conference members on where to eat dinner.

**Charles Boayue** prayed for Bishop Bard and his family.

**Session was adjourned** at 5:50 p.m. for dinner.

## **FIRST DAY - EVENING SESSION**

**Thursday, June 1**

**The session was reconvened** at 7:37 p.m. by John Wharton and Anne Soles. Wharton spoke about Bishop Bard and his wife Julie. The Bards were presented with a Michigan photograph coffee table book. Bishop Bard thanked the Conference for welcoming him and Julie into Michigan. Bishop Bard recognized the Michigan Area Office Support Staff.

**Time of Teaching.** Nichea Ver Veer Guy introduced Rev. Susan Beaumont to facilitate the teaching, "Leading in a *Liminal Season*." Beaumont described the term liminal and situations that are liminal. Beaumont used Biblical context to describe liminality and transformation. The opportunities and threats of liminality were explored. Beaumont explored traditional leadership and how the roles change in seasons of liminality. Beaumont discussed the difference between Organizational and Spiritual Leadership. The voice of judgement, the voice of cynicism and the voice of fear prevent someone from being open to change and transformation.

**A break was called** by Bishop Bard at 8:50 p.m.

**The session was reconvened** at 9 p.m. by Bishop Bard. Bishop Bard introduced Diane Brown, Legislative Coordinator, to begin discussion on the Legislative Process. Rule

#1 was provided to annual conference members who were missing a portion of the Resolutions.

**Rules of Order Report:** Bishop Bard introduced Todd Price and Judy Coffey, co-chairs of the Rule of Orders Committee, to present the Rules of Order.

**Rule #1:** Rules of Order

**Motion:** Todd Price and Judy Coffey moved that the Rules of Order as they appear on Pages 7-19 in the 2017 Michigan Conference Legislative Book become by-laws of both the West Michigan Annual Conference and the Detroit Annual Conference.

Amendment #1 (General Conference Delegates as Members of Annual Conference for the Quadrennium): John Wharton, Detroit Annual Conference Lay Leader, moved that the Rules of Order, Section 5.2.2.12 be modified as follows: “Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences for the four Annual Conference sessions following their election.” Amendment was approved.

Amendment #2: Andy Wayne moved to amendment Rule #1 to change “by-laws” to “Rules of Order.” Amendment was approved.  
Final motion as amended was adopted.

**Pensions and Benefits Report:** Don Emmert, Conference Pensions and Benefits Officer, reported. He talked about the ongoing increase in healthcare costs for clergy, as they are, generally speaking, older and less healthy. He talked about health services available to clergy, and the Virgin Pulse program.

Resolutions:

**Motion:** Don Emmert moved adoption of Item #17, “Housing/Rental Allowance for Retired or Clergy on Disability.” Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Don Emmert, moved adoption of Item #24, “Ministers’ Reserve Pension Fund (MRPF) -- Pre-82 Past Service Rate.” Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Don Emmert moved adoption of Item #25, “2018 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan.” Motion adopted.

**Nominations Report:** Dave Selleck, WMAC Nominations chairperson, and Janet Lerner, DAC Nominations Chairperson, reported.

**Motion:** Dave Selleck moved that the West Michigan Annual Conference Nominations Report, as was posted on the Conference Website on 5/18, be accepted by the Annual Conference. Motion adopted.

Request: Dave Selleck requested that no nominations be offered from the floor this year to allow for natural attrition before the 2018 annual conference.

**Motion:** moved that Journal Committee be empowered to make final corrections and assignments before publication of the 2017 Journal. Motion adopted

**Historical Reports:** Benton Heisler and Jerry DeVine reported.

**Motion:** Benton Heisler moved that we receive the 2017 Historical reports of the WMAC as posted on the website as part of volume 1. Motion adopted.



**Legislation:** Diane Brown reported on the process for doing legislative work. She reported that Items #19 and #35 have been withdrawn. Jim Noggle spoke to the reasons for their withdrawal.

**Announcements** were given by Joy Barrett.

**The Session was adjourned** at 10:22 p.m. with prayer by Ruby Anderson.

## **SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

**Morning Worship at Grand Traverse Resort:** The combined Detroit and West Michigan Worship Service opened at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Eric Mulanda preached the sermon "What Do You Have?". The worship service was based on scripture John 6: 1-13, Exodus 4:2, Kings 4: 1-3, Acts 3: 5-7 and Matthew 14: 15-21. Worship Leaders were Dave Albery and Jessie Cypret. The Congregation was called to remember their Baptism through reaffirmation stations.

**The session was recessed** at 11:33 a.m. with Reverend Mulanda praying.

## **SECOND DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

**The session was reconvened** at 2:03 p.m. in the Governor's Hall at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan, by Bishop Bard. Bishop Bard asked the house to express their appreciation for Tamara Williams's service as the D.S. of the Albion District. Williams prayed.

**Announcements and instructions** were made by Joy Barrett, Conference Secretary.

**Board of Global Ministries Report:** George Howard, from the General Board of Global Ministries, reported. A video was shown highlighting the work of GBGM. He brought greetings from Munashe Furusa, the Vice Chancellor of Africa University. He lifted up the DAC for their support of the Red Bird Mission as well as the Bishop Craig Children's home. He lifted up the WMAC for their support of UMCOR. He named numerous persons from the Michigan Area who are involved in global UMC missions. Howard presented Bishop Bard with an award for the DAC for the highest number of missionaries supported in the North Central Jurisdiction.

**Michigan-Haiti Task Force Report:** Karl Zeigler reported on ongoing work of the training of local pastors in Haiti. Those Elders from the Michigan Area who taught local pastors in Haiti were recognized and thanked.

**Vibrant Congregations Report:** Dirk Elliott, Director of New Church Development, reported on new churches, beginning with a video highlighting new church starts in the Michigan Area. He showed a video of how some new churches begin using the "adoption" model, where a vital church 'adopts' a struggling church, infusing it with new energy, vision, and resources. He highlighted the next *Reach Summit* conference from

October 20-21, 2017 in Grand Rapids, MI. Olujimi Brown is the keynote speaker. Elliott introduced Jeremy and Toinette Wicks. Jeremy is the pastor of a new church start in Traverse City, slated to open in 2018. Bishop Bard prayed for Jeremy and Toinette.

**The session recessed** at 2:45 p.m. for the Corporate Sessions.

**Detroit Conference Corporate Session:** was convened at 2:46 p.m.

**The DAC Corporate Session was adjourned** at 2:54 p.m.

**West Michigan Conference Corporate Session:** Bill Gehman, chairperson of the WMAC Trustees, called the WMAC Corporate Session to order at 2:58 p.m. See p. 104 for the Corporate Session minutes.

**The WMAC Corporate Session was adjourned** at 3:13 p.m. by Bishop Bard offering prayer.

**Conference Business resumed** at 3:19 p.m.

**Possibilities: Commission on A Way Forward** video was shown. The video featured members of the Commission on a Way Forward sharing their hopes for the work of the group. Bishop Bard called for a moment of silence and prayer to reflect on the stories of possibility heard.

**Legislative Work:** Diane Brown, Legislative Coordinator, reported. She prayed for the conference as we begin this work.

**Item #7 – Combined Policies/Guidelines Motion (re: Items 8-12)**

Marsha Woolley, the presenter, explained the nature of this Item to the conference (it bundles items #8-12 into a single item).

**Motion:** Catherine Huvaere moved that item 11 from Item #7 to allow for further discussion. Motion was adopted.

(Item #7 was tabled on account of the order of the day)

**A 15 minute Break** was called by Bishop Bard.

**Conference Business resumed** at 4:00 p.m.

**Time of Teaching:** Susan Beaumont continued her teaching about liminality. This session's focus was 'Tending the Soul of the Institution.' As part of the teaching, she called us into groups of three to share a 'story' (personal or institutional) with which we are familiar, a story that helps preserve an *institutional memory*. The ultimate purpose of "telling the story" is to identify whether or not they're based in reality, as a church's story is often used to affirm a core value (whether positive or negative).

**Announcements** were made by Joy Barrett and Nichea VerVeer Guy. Jean Meadows, Director of Communications at The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, was introduced. The opening worship offering totaled \$56,901.74. The breakdown is as follows:

Haiti Hot Lunch:	\$25,701.07
Bp Craig Village:	23,449.73

Haiti Task Force:	4,130.28
Liberia Task Force:	2,345.17
MEF:	275.50
Other:	1,000.00

**Elbert Dulworth** offered grace for the evening meal.

**The session recessed** at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and the evening's activities.

### **THIRD DAY - MORNING SESSION**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

**Morning Worship** at Grand Traverse Resort: The combined Detroit and West Michigan Worship Service opened at 8:30 a.m. Reverend Zack Dunlap preached a sermon themed on abundance. The sermon was based on The Story (Feeding of the 5000) from all four Gospels. Kathy Pittinger shared a teachable moment about creating Grace Space and Pray Grounds for children in worship. Worship Leaders were Reverend Anna Moon and Amanda Camburn. Stories of abundance from the Michigan Area Conference were shared.

**Worship ended** at called at 9:34 a.m.

**Conference business resumed** at 10:15 a.m.

**Joy Barrett**, Conference Secretary, gave announcements.

**General Conference Legislation Work**: Diane Brown reported and provided instructions for doing our Constitution amendments. Nichea VerVeer Guy and Charles Boayue, chairpersons of each annual conference's delegation to General Conference, explained how the following votes will be handled. Bishop Bard explained who in the conference body is eligible to vote: all duly-elected lay delegates and current full member Elders and Deacons, including those who were voted in at yesterday's Clergy Session. These proposed amendments are not debatable but the body can speak for or against.

#### **GC-1 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment - I**

Charles Boayue spoke to rationale of Amendment I.

**Motion**: On May 16, 2016, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Portland, Oregon, the following Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 746 Yes, 56 No (Calendar Item 121 , DCA p.2106). It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote. In the *2012 Book of Discipline*, Division One, add a new paragraph between current paragraph 6 and 9:

As the Holy Scripture reveals, both men and women are made in the image of God and, therefore, men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God. The United Methodist Church recognizes it is contrary to Scripture and to logic to say that God is male or female, as maleness and femaleness are characteristics of human bodies and cultures, not char-

acteristics of the divine. The United Methodist Church acknowledges the long history of discrimination against men and girls. The United Methodist Church shall confront and seek to eliminate discrimination against women and girls, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large. The United Methodist Church shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of women's and girl's equality and well-being.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, this would become the new ¶6, and the current ¶¶6-61 would be renumbered as ¶¶7-62.

**GC-2 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment - II**

Nichea VerVeer Guy spoke to the rationale of Amendment II.

Motion: On May 20, 2016, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Portland, Oregon, the following Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 509 Yes, 242 No (Calendar Item 429, DCA p. 2212). It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the *2012 Book of Discipline*, Division One, ¶4, Article IV, amend by deletion and addition as follows: After "all persons" delete "without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition".

After "because of race, color, national origin," delete "status," and add "ability". At the end of the paragraph, add "nor shall any member be denied access to an equal place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church because of race, color, gender, national origin, ability, age, marital status, or economic condition."

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶4 would read:

The United Methodist Church is part of the church universal, which is one Body in Christ. The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth. All persons shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection. In The United Methodist Church, no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, ability, or economic condition, nor shall any member be denied access to an equal place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church because of race, color, gender, national origin, ability, age, marital status, or economic condition.

**GC-3 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment - III**

Charles Boayue spoke to the rationale of Amendment III.

Motion: On May 16, 2016, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Portland, Oregon, the following Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 767 Yes, 22 No

(Calendar Item 111, DCA pp.2105). It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the *2012 Book of Discipline*, Division Two, Section VI, ¶34, Article III, (*2016 Book of Discipline*, Division Two, Section VI, ¶34, Article III) amend by addition as follows:

After the first sentence, add, “Such elections shall include open nominations from the floor by the annual conference, and delegates shall be elected by a minimum of a simple majority of the ballots cast.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶34 would read:

The annual conference shall elect clergy and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its jurisdictional or central conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V. Such elections shall include open nominations from the floor by the annual conference, and delegates shall be elected by a minimum of a simple majority of the ballots cast. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the jurisdictional or central conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the jurisdictional or central conference. The additional delegates to the jurisdictional or central conference shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The annual conference shall also elect reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional or central conference as it may deem desirable. These reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional or central conferences may act as reserve delegates to the General Conference when it is evident that not enough reserve delegates are in attendance at the General Conference.

#### **GC-4 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment - IV**

Nichea VerVeer Guy spoke to the rationale of Amendment IV.

**Motion:** On May 20, 2016, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Portland, Oregon, the following Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 621 Yes, 15 No (Calendar Item 468, DCA p. 2217). It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the *2012 Book of Discipline*, Division Three, ¶ 46, Article I, amend by addition, as follows:

To the end of the paragraph, add “provided that episcopal elections in central conferences shall be held at a regular, not an extra, session of the central conference, except in the case where an unexpected vacancy must be filled.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 46 would read:

The bishops shall be elected by the respective jurisdictional and central conferences and consecrated in the historic manner at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference for those elected by the jurisdictions and by each central conference for those elected by such central conference, provided that episcopal elections in central conferences shall be held at a regular, not an extra, session of the central conference, except in the case where an unexpected vacancy must be filled.

**GC-5 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment - V**

Charles Boayue spoke to the rationale of Amendment V.

**Motion:** On May 17, 2016, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Portland, Oregon, the following Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 715 Yes, 79 No (Calendar Item 446, DCA p. 2214). It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the *2012 Book of Discipline*, Division Three, ¶50, Article VI, amend by addition, as follows:

After the last paragraph, add “These provisions shall not preclude that adoption by the General Conference of provisions for the Council of Bishops to hold its individual members accountable for their work, both as general superintendents and as presidents and residents in episcopal areas.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶50 would read:

The bishops, both active and retired, of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of The Methodist Church at the time union is consummated shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church.

The bishops of The Methodist Church elected by the jurisdictions, the active bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church at the time of union, and bishops elected by the jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church shall have life tenure. Each bishop elected by a central conference of The Methodist Church shall have such tenure as the central conference electing him shall have determined.<sup>94</sup>

The jurisdictional conference shall elect a standing committee on episcopacy to consist of one clergy and one lay delegate from each annual conference, on nomination of the annual conference delegation. The committee shall review the work of the bishops, pass on their character and official administration, and report to the jurisdictional conference its findings for such action as the conference may deem appropriate within its constitutional warrant of power. The committee shall recommend the assignments of the bishops to their respective residences for final action by the jurisdictional conference.

These provisions shall not preclude that adoption by the General Conference of provisions for the Council of Bishops to hold its individual

members accountable for their work, both as general superintendents and as presidents and residents in episcopal areas.

**VerVeer Guy and Boayue** shared some of the thinking regarding the Amendments from General Conference.

**John Boley** prayed prior to the vote.

**A single written ballot was taken for Amendments I-V.** Results of this vote will be announced by the Council of Bishops at a date after the close of the 2017 Annual Conference of the DAC and WMAC.

**Legislative Work:** Diane Brown reported.

**Item #7** (tabled at Friday afternoon business session) - **Combined Policies/Guidelines Motion (re: Items 8-10, 12)**

Marsha Woolley, the presenter, spoke to Item #7.

*Motion was adopted.*

**Item #11 - Covenant of Clergy Sexual Ethics & Guidelines for Our Life Together**

**Amendment:** Debra Litchfield moved to add “clergy members’ family” as point #5 on line 117.

**Amendment:** Charles Boayue moved to insert following line #16 to a new line #17 as follows: “5. when the other person is the clergy member’s family.”

**Motion:** Kennetha Bigham-Tsai moved to refer the amendment and the amendment-to-the-amendment (of Item #11) to the Michigan Area Health Boundaries Task Force today for further consideration regarding legalities and report back to this Annual Conference. *Motion was adopted.*

**Joy Barrett gave announcements** and said that the minutes of the previous day have been approved and posted.

**Bishop Bard introduced** Bishop Gesner Paul from Haiti, who will be participating in the Ordination Service on Sunday. Bishop Paul prayed.

**The business session** was recessed at 12:02 p.m. for lunch.

### **DAY THREE - AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Saturday, June 3**

**Celebrating the Journey of Ministry** began at 2:00 p.m. in the Governor’s Hall at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI, by Sherri Swanson.

**Report from the Board of Ordained Ministry:** Sherri Swanson and Laura Sperian, chairs of the Boards of Ordained Ministry, welcomed all to this time of celebration and spoke to the important work of the Boards of Ordained Ministry. Persons were recognized for their many years of work on both boards.

**School for Pastoral Ministry:** A video was shown about the 2017 School for Pastoral Ministry. Theme: “Rooted Worship in Shifting Sands.” The leaders will be Mary Scifres and Paul Chilcote. Date: August 22-23, 2017.

**Those in extension ministries and appointments beyond the local church** were represented on stage by persons from various extension ministry positions.

**Recognition of Local Pastors:**

- Those who have completed licensing school: Mary Joan Barrett, Theresa Fairbanks, Leslee Fritz, Susan Hitts, Randel Hitts, Martin Johnston, Kimberly Metzger and Michelle Merchant
- Those who are in their first appointment: Jodi Cartwright, Julie Fairchild, Jacki Raineri
- Those who have completed Course of Study School: Terri Cummins, Mona Dye, Kevin Guetschow, Anne Reigler

**Holders of the Conference Canes:** Dean Prentiss presented this year’s conference cane to Bernie Randolph (in absentia)

**Recognition of those serving among us from another annual conference:** Sherri Swanson introduced the Jonathan Bratt Carle, Cora Glass, John Kabala, Janet Lerner, Gertrude Mukalay and Susan Martin

**Recognition of those serving among us from other Methodist denominations:** Sherri Swanson introduced Joshua Henderson

**Recognition of Transfers:** Sherri Swanson introduced Eric Mulanda Nduwa

**Recognition of Chaplains:** Laura Sperian invited all who serve as chaplains in their various forms to stand and be recognized.

**Introduction of Those Commissioned for Ministry:** Julie Greyerbiehl introduced the following persons

Deacons: None

Elders: Tiffany Newsom and Brian Steele

**Introduction of Those Ordained for Ministry** Julie Greyerbiehl introduced the following persons:

Deacons: Nancy Fancher and Georgia Hale

Elders: Chad Parmalee and Michael Riegler

**Recognition of 2017 Retirees:** Eric Beck introduced the following persons and their spouses.

Deacon: None

Local Pastors: William Dye, Sueann Hagan, Sharyn Osmond, Michael Simon and James Stillwell

Honorable Location: None

Elders: Kenneth Bremer, Donald Buege, Bufford “Buff” Coe, Marcia Elders, Valerie Fons, Gary Haller, Kathleen Kursch, Carl Litchfield, Edrye Eastman-Maurer, Mark Payne, J. “Lynn” Pier-Fitzgerald, Linda Stoddard and Glenn Wagner



Associate: Patricia Harpole

Other Denomination: Marcia Elders from Reformed Church of America (served in West Michigan Conference from July 1, 2003 to her retirement on July 1, 2017)

**A 15 minute break was called** by Bishop Bard at 3:15 p.m.

**The Business session** was reconvened at 3:32 p.m. by Bishop Bard.

**Legislative Work:** Diane Brown reported.

**The Consent Calendar** was presented by Diane Brown.

Motion: Brown moved the acceptance of the Consent Calendar.

- #5 - CFA Policies & Procedures for the Michigan Conference of the UMC
- #13 - Area Extension Trust Fund and Detroit Extension Fund Restructure
- #14 - WMC Board of Global Ministries Loan and Church Extension Fund
- #15 - Area Nominations Committee Enabling Motion
- #16 - Delegates for Special Session of the General Conference
- #18 - Wesley Park UMC Parsonage Sale Proceeds Exception
- #21 - Minimum Salary Support for 2018
- #22 - Guidelines for Equitable Compensation Support
- #23 - Annual Policy Recommendations for 2018
- #32 - Reaffirmation of Detroit Annual Conference Support for Liberian Pastors' Salaries
- #34 - Delegates for Special Session of the General Conference
- #36 - 2018 Minimum Base Compensation Schedule

Motion adopted.

**Item #2 - Plan of Organization** was presented by Marsha Woolley on behalf of the Design Team

Editorial note: The first 2.2.4.2 section (“The Executive Committee of the board...”) has been struck from Item #2.

Amendment: April McGlothlin-Eller moved that the following be added to section 2.1.2.1.1: “and at least one of whom shall be a deacon in full connection.” Alex Plum (from the Design Team) spoke to the concern. Standing count taken. Yes- 326 No- 528. Amendment failed.

Amendment: David Lundquist moved that the following Plan of Organization Section 1.2 on pages 21 and 22 be as follows:

1.2.2 Duties

- 1.2.2.1 As determined by **the Commission in consultation with** the Conference Director of Communications.
- 1.2.2.2 Fulfill all other responsibilities enumerated in paragraph ~~646 650~~ of *The Book of Discipline* - 2016.

1.2.3 Membership

- 1.2.3.1 ~~Eight Four~~ persons who shall be clergy members or local pastors of the annual conference (if clergy) or professing members of a local church within the annual conference (if laity). **These members “shall include persons with skills in communications.” (paragraph 646)**

1.2.4 Organization. The Commission shall elect from its voting membership the following:

- 1.2.4.1 Chairperson
- 1.2.4.2 Vice Chairperson
- 1.2.4.3 Secretary

~~The Conference Director of Communications (see *The Book of Discipline of the UMC—2016*, paragraph 609) shall chair the commission.~~

Alex Plum, the presenter, spoke to Item #2, answering some questions raised during discussion..

*Amendment failed.*

**Motion:** Scott Manning moved to suspend the rules to allow for question to be called after 1 speech for and 1 speech against, limiting speeches to 2 minutes.

**Amendment:** Karl Ziegler moved to allow for 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against.

*Motion and amendment were tabled by Bishop Bard.*

**Joy Barrett**, Conference Secretary, made announcements.

**Business was recessed** at 5:05 p.m. for dinner with prayer by Kennetha Bigham-Tsai.

### THIRD DAY - EVENING SESSION

**Saturday, June 3**

**Business Session** was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. by Bishop Bard

**Moment of Privilege:** Andrew Hahn asked for a moment of personal privilege to sing “Happy Birthday” to Keeton Bigham Tsai.

**Bishop Bard prayed** after the announcement that during our dinner hour, citizens of England experienced another possible terrorist attack.

**Legislation Work:** Bishop Bard invited the house to begin again with debating Item #2 despite the fact that there were two motions on the floor when Item #2 was tabled at the close of the afternoon session. The House gave their verbal agreement.

**Item #2** was taken off the table from the afternoon session

**Motion:** Karl Ziegler moved to suspend the rules to limit all *amendments* to the Plan of Organization for the new Michigan Annual Conference to 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against, limited to two minutes each. Motion adopted.

**Motion:** Ryan Minier moved to refer Item #2 to the Design Team with instructions to increase the amount of youth and young adult representation throughout the structure in particular in section 3.4.4.3 for Division of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Marsha Woolley spoke to the motion on behalf of the Design Team. Motion fails.

**Amendment:** Alexander Lapp moved to add “and men” after “participation of women” in section 1.4.1.3. Motion fails.

**Motion:** Elbert Dulworth moved to suspend the rules in order to move immediately to a vote on Item #2 following a presentation by the Design Team.  
Motion adopted.

Item #2 as presented was adopted.

**Moment of Personal Privilege:** It was announced from the floor that during our session, there were two more terrorist attack upon citizens in England. In response, Bishop Bard led us in song and prayer.

**Item #3 - The Established of Nine (9) Districts in the Michigan Conference**

Marsha Woolley explained the rationale behind the decision to move from 12 to 9 districts, acknowledging both the challenges and opportunities behind the change.

**Motion:** Grant Fry moved to suspend the rules to end debate and call for a vote. Motion adopted

Item #3 as presented was adopted.

**Item #4 - Creation of Legal and Financial Task Force to Form New Districts**

Legislative Committee chairperson, Melanie Carey, reported on the actions of the legislative committee

Amendment #1 - Insert "or resident Bishop" at the end of line 6.

Yes-48 No-42 (amendment passed)

Final action: Yes-103 No-0

Glenn Wagner, presenter of Item #4, spoke to the Item.

Item #4 as amended was adopted.

**Moment of Personal Privilege:** Tara Sutton prayed for Bishop Bard and district superintendents as we face the challenges of moving to 9 districts.

**Item #6 - Recommendations of the Michigan Conference Joint Distributing Committee (JDC)**

Glenn Wagner, from the Design Team, introduced Item #6.

**Amendment:** Charlie Farnum moved to amend Part C (page 80, lines 5-10) by adding the following: To create a more equitable sharing of costs, the premiums assessed to the participants should cover at least 20% of the cost of the program. If participants, as a whole, cover less than 20% of the cost, a rationale making use of Scripture, reason, experience and tradition shall be provided.

**Motion:** Andy Wayne moved to suspend the rules to move the previous question on all that is before us.

End debate on amendment: motion adopted.

Charlie Farnum spoke to the amendment.

*The amendment fails.*

Glen Wagner spoke to Item #6.

Item #6 was adopted.

**Item #11** was taken off the table. Concerning the amendment that was on the table, Melanie Carey, from the Michigan Area Healthy Boundary Task Force, brought the following two recommendations of the Conference:

- Give the task force until the 2018 annual conference to perfect the language around clergy families.

- Approve Item #11 as it is in place now so that they can continue the work on selecting the appropriate language and consult various groups including the Board of Ordained Ministry and Conference Chancellors.

**Motion:** A member of the conference moved to suspend the rules to vote on Item #11 immediately. Motion was adopted.

Item #11 as presented was adopted.

**A ten-minute break was called** by Bishop Bard at 8:55 p.m.

**Business was reconvened** at 9:08 p.m.

**Motion:** David Lundquist moved to reconsider Item #1 to offer amendment to section 5.2.1.2 on Page 9. Motion fails.

**Motion:** Carol Abbott moved to limit all debate to 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against, limited all speeches to 2 minutes. Motion is adopted.

**Item #30 - Make Peace -- Witness for Nuclear Disarmament** (specific to the DAC)  
Legislative Committee recorder, Michelle Walkup, reported on the actions of the legislative committee.

**Amendment #1:** Lines 23-28, page 155- Replace “President Donald Trump” with “the President of the United States” and delete everything after the first sentence (half of line 23 through line 28) (amendment passed)

Final Action: Yes-51 No-6

Eric Stone, presenter, spoke to the Item.

Item #30 was adopted (DAC only vote).

**Item #31 - Supporting the Commission on a Way Forward** (specific to the DAC)

Legislative Committee chairperson, William Chu, reported on the actions of the legislative committee.

Final action: Yes-31 No-22

Kevin Harbin, presenter, spoke to the Item.

**Amendment:** Isaac Verhelst moved to add the following to the end of Item #31 motion: “Equally divisive are acts which demean and degrade the LGBTQ community. We recognize that since the Commission On Way Forward is still meeting and deciding the future of the church, it would be inappropriate to allow individuals to demean those who have innate human value as defined in our Book of Discipline.”

**Motion:** Alex Plum moved to table Item #31 and move to the next Item until the wording of the amendment can be pulled together. Motion was adopted.

*Item #31 with amendment was tabled.*

**Item #20 - Cooperative Ministry Accountability** (specific to WMAC)

Legislative Committee chairperson, Wayne Bank, reported on the actions of the legislative committee.

Final Action: Yes- 1 No- 35

Item #20 fails (WMAC only vote)

**Item #33 - Resolution Regarding the Rev. Michael J. Tupper Just Resolution Agreement** (specific to DAC)

Legislative Committee chairperson, Rick Dake, reported on the actions of the legislative committee.

Final Action: Yes-14 No-52

Steve Rhoades, presenter, spoke to the Item.

Motion: A call for *division* was made from the floor (to have a standing vote on whether or not to address Item #33). Physical Count from Floor: Yes-303 No- 88.

Motion: Elbert Dulworth moved to suspend the rules to end debate and move immediately to a vote. Motion adopted.

Item #33 fails. (DAC only vote)

**Item #31** was removed from the table; the amendment is now being considered.

Motion: Steven McCoy moved to refer Item #31 to the Board of Justice Equity and Action for review and bring a recommendation to the 2018 Annual Conference. .

Kevin Harbin spoke to the referral motion. Motion (to refer) fails.

Amendment fails

Item #31 as presented fails. (DAC only vote)

**A brief standing break** was called by Bishop Bard at 10:13 p.m.

**West Michigan Annual Conference Budget**: David Dobbs, Conference Treasurer, moved the adoption of Item #26, West Michigan Conference Budget Recommendation for 2018. Motion adopted.

**Joy Barrett and Bishop Bard** made announcements and took moments of personal privilege to express gratitude to various persons and groups for their faithful work.

**The session was recessed** at 10:48 p.m. with prayer from John Hice.

## **FOURTH DAY - MORNING SESSION**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

**Worship began** at 9:01 a.m. with the worship band leading congregational singing. The choir from St. Luke's United Methodist Choir in Indianapolis, IN, sang. Members of the Cabinet led the Conference in worship.

**Cabinet/Dean's Report** was given by Elbert Dulworth, the Dean of the Cabinet.

**A 15 minute break** was called at 10:03 a.m.

**Business was reconvened** at 10:26 a.m.

**One Matters Discipleship Awards**: Gary Step, Director of Congregational Excellence, highlighted the Vital Church Initiative (VCI). Step presented awards to the following churches:

- Manistee UMC, Pastors David Selleck and John Scott.
- Flint: Calvary UMC, Pastor Jim Britt

**Lisa Hahn signed the Hillsong song, “This Is Living Now”** from the stage as part of her final project for a class at school! Hahn is a senior at Traverse City West H.S.

**The historical examinations of candidates** into full connectional and ordination as full elder or full deacon. Sherri Swanson, chair of the West Michigan Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and Laura Sperian, chair of the Detroit Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced the historical questions and called the candidates to the stage. Bishop Bard conducted the historic examination of the candidates. John Boley offered prayer for these candidates. Members of the Cabinet sang “You Are the Seed” to the candidates.

**Setting of Appointments for the West Michigan Annual Conference** was led by Bishop Bard with corrections made by John Boley and the district superintendents. Bishop Bard thanked Tamera Williams for her eight years of faithful work the Albion District superintendent as she goes off Cabinet. Dale Miller was introduced as the new superintendent of the Albion District. Bishop Bard prayed for pastors and congregations in transition. Bill Haggard was introduced as the new Dean of the Cabinet, who led the conference in a closing benediction.

**Announcements** were given by Nichea VerVeer Guy, Program Committee Chair. This Conference’s offering has totaled \$66,762.29.

**Board of Ordained Ministry** encouraged the Conference to remember the call to ministry, both clergy and laity, and to continue to support those discerning that call.

**Bishop Bard** acknowledged the concern that some of our various conference and district staff are experiencing as a result of the restructuring changes ahead. He prayed for them and for Dr. Bill Quick (DAC elder), who recently suffered a heart attack and is recuperating at home.

**Nichea VerVeer Guy** thanked the Program Planning Committee for their hard work in organizing this year’s annual conference. Members were invited to stand so that the House could express their appreciation. She thanked members of the Grace Patrol, the entire staff of the Grand Traverse Resort (about 1000 of them!), the American Sign Language Interpreters, and the local Native American community who are the caretakers of this beautiful land.

**Marsha Woolley** thanked members of the Worship Team, who stood so that the House could express their appreciation.

**The session adjourned** *sine die* at 12:07 p.m. (officially adjourned following the Recognition, Commissioning, and Ordination service).

## **FOURTH DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

**Service of Recognition, Commissioning, and Ordination** was held at Grand Traverse Resort and Conference Center at 2:00 p.m., led by Bishop David Bard and members of the WMAC and DAC Cabinets. John Boley introduced the ecumenical guest, Bishop

Paul Gesner from Haiti. The candidates were presented by the Conference Lay Leaders and the Chairs and Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Bishop Bard performed the General Examination with those being recognized, commissioned or ordained. Bishop Bard preached based on the Scripture of Mark 6:7-13; 9; 14-29. An offering was taken with the gifts supporting the Ministerial Education Fund. Bishop Bard concluded the Ordination Service at 3:43 p.m. with a blessing.

**Persons recognized as local pastors who have completed course of study:** Terri L Cummins, Mona J Dye, Kevin K Guetschow, Anne W Riegler

**Persons commissioned as Provisional Elders:** Tiffany M Newsom, Brian E Steele

**Persons ordained Deacons:** Nancy V Fancher, Georgia N Hale

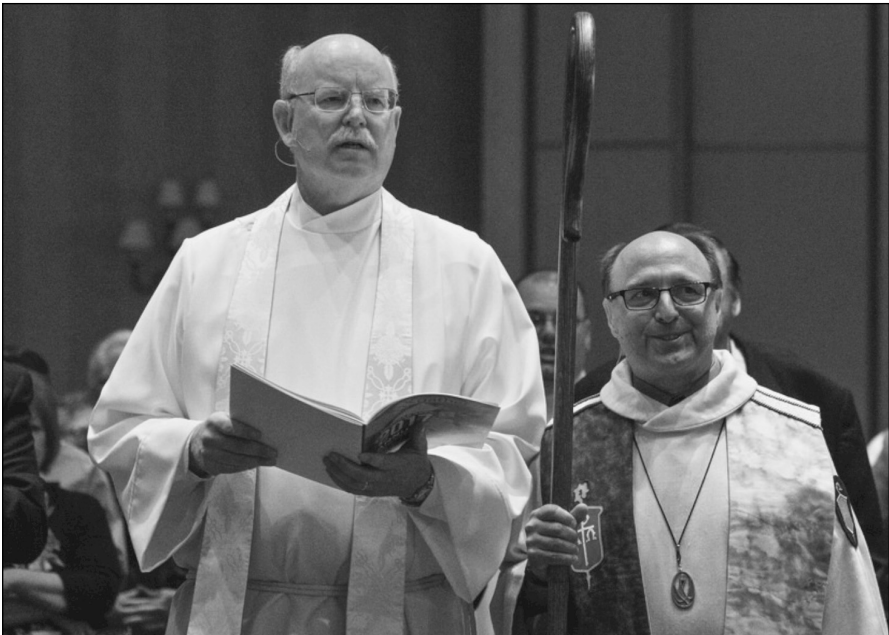
**Persons ordained Elders:** Chad M Parmalee, Michael A Riegler

David A Bard

David A. Bard,  
Presiding Bishop

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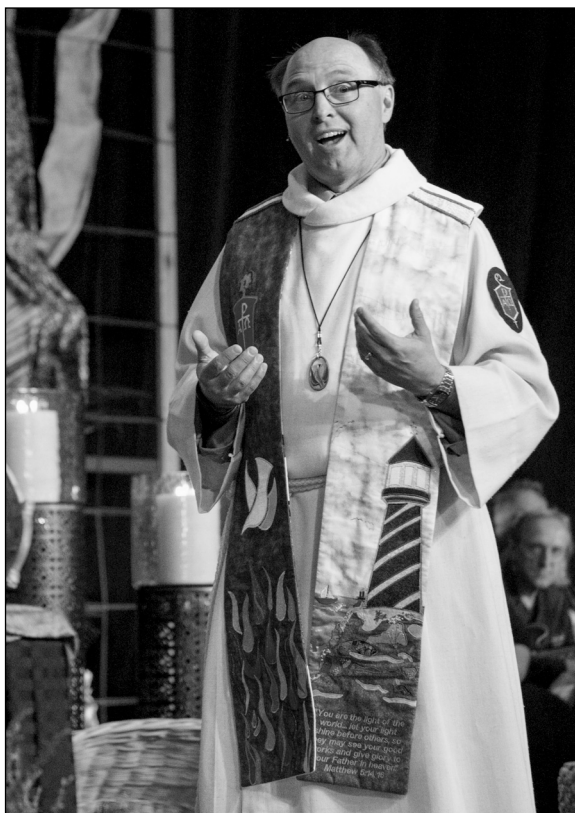
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## VI. B. CORPORATE SESSION MINUTES of the West Michigan Annual Conference

ITEM #CS-1 Closing of Snow United Methodist Church. Bill Haggard reported.

MOTION: Bill Haggard, Grand Rapids District Superintendent, moved on the following: "In accordance with all provisions of ¶2549 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2016, I move that the West Michigan Annual Conference declare Snow United Methodist Church closed as of this June 2017 Corporate Session." Motion Carried.

John Boley reported on the transition of operations with the merger of the two Conferences. Work is currently being done on Clark Crossings to modify the existing structure to meet the needs of the Michigan Area Conference staff. Benton Heisler, West Michigan Director of Connectional Ministries, reported on the current status of the Grand Rapids Conference Office. Currently, the building is up for sale and the profits will be used for new office space for the Michigan Area Conference as well as Conference employees that will continue serving in the Grand Rapids area. Jerry DeVine, Detroit Director of Connectional Ministries, reported on the current status of the Detroit Conference office space. Benefits and Treasury will be the first to transition to Lansing with other teams following later.



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**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING**

*This is to certify that on Sunday, June 4, 2017,  
at the Grand Traverse Conference Center, Acme, Michigan*

*I commissioned as Provisional Elders of The United Methodist Church:*

Tiffany M. Newsom    Brian E. Steele

*I ordained as Deacons of The United Methodist Church:*

Nancy V. Fancher    Georgia N. Hale

*I ordained as Elders of The United Methodist Church:*

Chad M. Parmalee    Michael A. Riegler

*David A. Bard*

David A. Bard, Bishop  
Michigan Area United Methodist Church