

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

The Minutes of the **West Michigan Annual Conference**
Held in Traverse City, Michigan, May 31 – June 3, 2018
Bishop David Alan Bard, Presiding
Date When Organized 1968 – Fiftieth Session

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Secretary? **Joy Barrett**
Mailing Address: 128 Park St., Chelsea, MI 48118
Telephone: 734-475-8119 ext. 18
Email: secretary@michiganumc.org

Statistician? **Ron Iris**
Mailing Address: 2774 W. Victory Dr., Ludington, MI 49431
Telephone: 517-347-4030
Email: statistician@michiganumc.org

Treasurer? **David Dobbs**
Mailing Address: 1161 East Clark Rd Suite 212; DeWitt, MI 48820
Telephone: 517-347-4030
Email: ddobbs@michiganumc.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)?

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

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§§617, 2511)? (See report, page 509 of Journal.)

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 & Administration (§611)	Brad Bartelmay	57 W Tenth St Holland, MI 49423	616-396-5205	bradbartelmay@gmail.com
Board of Ordained Ministry (§635)	Laura Speiran	660 Waldon Rd, Clarkston MI 48346	248-625-1611	lauraspeiran@gmail.com
Board of Pensions (§639)	Donald Emmert	1161 E Clark Rd Ste 212 DeWitt MI 48820	517-347-4030	demmert@michiganumc.org
Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (§2512)	Brent Webster	7863 Academy Court E, Waterford MI 48329	248-742-1092	detsats@hotmail.com
Committee on Episcopacy (§637)	Jay Hook	2230 W Nemeskal Rd Maple City MI 49664	231-228-6250	jwhook1@centurytel.net
Administrative Review Committee (§636)	John Boley	1011 Northerest Rd Okemos MI 48906	517-347-4003	jboley@michiganumc.org

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	Division on Church and Society	George Covintree	29835 Rock Creek Rd Southfield MI 48076	248-905-3448	georgcovin tree@me.com
General Board of Discipleship	Conference Leadership Council	Amy Mayo-Moyle	30450 Farmington Rd Farmington Hills MI 48334	248-626-3620	amaymoyle@ yahoo.com
General Board of Global Ministries	Board of Global Ministries	Brenda Dupree	8165 Holcomb Clarkston MI 48348	248-202-4746	bkdupree@com cast.net
General Board of Ordained Ministry	Board of Ordained Ministry	Laura Speiran	660 Waldon Rd Clarkston MI 48346	248-625-1611	lauraspeiran@ gmail.com
Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Division of Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Richard Burstall	400 Michigan Ave Grayling MI 49738	989-348-2974	gvnit2god@ yahoo.com
General Commission on Archives and History	Commission on Archives and History	Mary Whitman	9155 Greenway Ct N222 Saginaw MI 48609	989-781-9223	librawhitman@ yahoo.com
General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns	Division on Christian Unity & Interreligious Relationships	Rodney Gasaway	36522 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia MI 48150	743-578-6256	rodney@new burgumc.org
General Commission on Religion and Race	Division on Religion and Race	George Covintree	29835 Rock Creek Rd Southfield MI 48076	248-905-3448	georgcovin tree@me.com
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Division on the Status and Role of Women	George Covintree	29835 Rock Creek Rd Southfield MI 48076	248-905-3448	georgcovin tree@me.com
United Methodist Communications	Director of Communications	Mark Doyal	1011 Northcrest Rd Lansing MI 48906	517.347.4030	mdoyal@ michigan umc.org

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

General Agency	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone No.	Email
Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries §657?	Board of Justice	George Covintree	29835 Rock Creek Rd Southfield MI 48076	248-905-3448	georgcovin tree@me.com
Disability Concerns (§653)?	Division on Disability Concerns	George Covintree	29835 Rock Creek Rd Southfield MI 48076	248-905-3448	georgcovin tree@me.com

Equitable Compensation (§625)?	Commission on Equitable Compensation	Mark Zender	9250 E Monroe Rd Britton MI 49229	517-451-8280	revmarkzender@sbcglobal.net
Laity (§631)?	Board of Laity	Anne Soles	PO Box 467 Pentwater MI 49449	231-869-4059	Annesoles@charter.net
		John Wharton	7409 Steeplechase Ct Saline MI 48176	734-429-5258	jwharton@comcast.net
Native American Ministry (§654)?	Committee on Native American Ministry	Fran Church Pratt	2644 Seymour Drive Shelbyville MI 49344	269-792-4145	fehurchp@gmail.com
Small Membership Church (§645)?	Division on Small Membership Church	Dirk Elliott	1161 East Clark Rd Suite 212 DeWitt MI 48820	517-347-4030	delliott@michiganumc.org

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
		Marchelle Phelps		313-368-4098	marchellephelps@gmail.com
Conference United Methodist Men (§648)	Conference United Methodist Men	—	—	—	—
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (§649)	Youth Ministry Development Coordinator Board of Young People's Ministry, chair	Bridget Nelson	1011 Northcrest Rd Lansing MI 48906	517-347-4030	bnelson@michiganumc.org
		Christina Miller-Black	225 W Court St Flint MI 48502	810-235-4651	pastorchristym.b@gmail.com
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (§650)?	Young Adult Initiatives Coordinator Board of Young People's Ministry, chair	Lisa Batten	1011 Northcrest Rd Lansing MI 48906	517-347-4030	lbatten@michigan.org
		Christina Miller-Black	225 W Court St Flint MI 48502	810-235-4651	pastorchristym.b@gmail.com

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
Conference Leadership Council	Amy Mayo-Moyle	30450 Farmington Rd Farmington Hills 48334	248-626-3620	amayomoyle@yahoo.com
Protection Policy Team	Judy Herriff	5651 Bunker Rd Eaton Rapids MI 48827		jherriff@gmail.com

Michigan Area UM Camping Board	Joel Wortley	2307 W Maple Rapids Rd St Johns MI 48879	517-881-6466	Executedirector@umcamping.org
Conference Disaster Response Team	Dan O'Malley, Coordinator Robert Miller, Chair	9356 Enchantment Dr, Alto MI 49302 1401 Palmer Street Plymouth MI 48170	616-868-6193 810-623-0985	dano.omalley@gmail.com pastorbobmiller@comcast.net
Children's Initiative Coordinator	Kathy Pittenger	1011 Northerest Rd Lansing MI 48906	517-347-4030	kpittenger@michiganumc.org
Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries	Sonya Luna	1011 Northerest Rd Lansing MI 48906	517-347-4030	sluna@michiganumc.org
Committee on Asian-American Ministry	Jung Eun Yum	315 W Larkin St PO Box 466 Midland MI 48640	989-835-6797	jeyum@hotmail.com
Committee on African-American Ministry	Jan Brown Simmie Proctor	1100 E Samaria Rd Erie MI 48133 73486 8th Ave South Haven MI 49090	313-303-1533 269-637-6053	januk99@gmail.com simmiepr@hotmail.com
Comite on Native American Ministry	Fran Church Pratt	2644 Seymour Drive Shelbyville MI 49344	269-792-4145	fehurchp@gmail.com
Board of Congregational Life	Sherry Parker-Lewis, chair	400 E Grand River Ave Brighton MI 48116	810-229-8561	sherry@brightonfumc.org
Congregational Vibrancy, Division	Dirk Elliott	1161 E Clark Rd Ste 212 DeWitt MI 48820	517-347-4030	delliott@michiganumc.org
Committee on Human Resources	Ellen Zienert	517 W Shiawassee Lansing MI 48933	517-515-9500	ekzienert@gmail.com
Annual Conference Session Commission	Nichea Ver Veer Guy	125 Baynton NE Grand Rapids MI 49503	616-456-7168	orangezelt00@aol.com
Rules of Order Committee	Judy Coffey Todd Price	128 Forest Lawn Dr Cadillac MI 49601 9921 Seltzer Livonia MI 48150	231-775-6095 734-834-4030	Jcoffeyumc@yahoo.com pencollector@me.com
Conf Nominating Committee (CNC)	Janet Larner	175 North Dr Shepherd MI 48883	989-828-5866	jmlarner@gmail.com
Committee on Journal	Joy Barrett	128 Park St Chelsea MI 48118	734-475-8819	jbarrett@chelseaumc.org
United Methodist Foundation of MI	Ransom Leppink	PO Box 365 Lakeview MI 48850	989-352-6430	leppinks@hotmail.com

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 535 of Journal.)
7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See report, page 579 of Journal.)
8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See report, page 147 of Journal.)
9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (§§342, 625.3)? (See legislation, page 216 of Journal.)

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)? \$2,102,743
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)? \$3,840,000
- b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year?
- (1) For the World Service Fund? \$1,899,882
 - (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund? \$ 641,692
 - (3) For the Black College Fund? \$ 255,965
 - (4) For the Africa University Fund? \$ 57,284
 - (5) For the Episcopal Fund? \$ 562,632
 - (6) For the General Administration Fund? \$ 225,596
 - (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? \$ 50,185
12. What are the findings of the annual audit of the conference treasuries? (See report, page 509 of Journal)
13. Conference and district lay leaders (§603.9, 660):
- a) Conference co-lay leaders:
- Anne Soles, 217 Old State Rd, PO Bo 467, Pentwater MI 49449 annesoles@charter.net
 John Wharton, 7409 Steeplechase Ct, Saline MI 48176 jwharton@comcast.net
- b) Associate conference lay leaders: NA
- c) District and associate district lay leaders:
- | | | |
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| CENTRAL BAY: | TBD | |
| EAST WINDS | Michael Schlusler | mschlusler@gmail.com |
| Associate: | Bonnie Potter | mpotter60@charter.net |
| GREATER DETROIT: | Ruby Anderson | rbydandrs@aol.com |
| Associate: | Kenneth Dowell | ken@dowell.ws |
| GREATER SOUTHWEST: | Wynne Hurlbut | wynne_hurlbut@frontier.com |
| HERITAGE: | Max Waagner | max.waagner@gmail.com |
| MIDWEST: | Suzanne Hewitt | suzmckhew@att.net |
| MID-MICHIGAN: | Nona Spackman | nspackman12@gmail.com |
| NORTHERN WATERS: | Denny Olin | dennyolin@gmail.com |
| Associate: | Kathy Maynard | K2maynard@frontier.com |
| NORTHERN SKIES: | John Preston | johncarterpreston@gmail.com |

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EDITORIAL NOTE: There are significant and pervasive changes because of the implementation of the new district structure for the new Michigan Conference. Thus, for questions #14-16 please refer to the Appointments section (pages 121–146). Exception: closed churches are listed in #14.f.

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
0					

- 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
0					

- 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
0					

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
0							

(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
582395	MILLVILLE - Village Church Campus	Lansing	Dansville	10/31/2017

(4) Chartered Local Church (§259.5)

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
601114	Traverse City: Christ	Grand Traverse	Traverse City	6/30/2017
596665	Vermontville	Lansing	Vermontville	12/31/2017
583297	West Mendon	Albion	Mendon	7/1/2017

g) Relocated and to what address

GCFA #	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Location	Date Relocated
0					

h) Changed name of church? (Example: "First" to "Trinity")

GCFA #	Former Name	New Name	Address	District
0				

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)
0			

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)
0			

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

[See editorial note preceding question #14.]

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**PART II – PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY
WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
JULY 1, 2018**

(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, Bishop David A. Bard, Rev. William E. Haggard, Dean of the Cabinet, Rev. Dwayne E. Bagley, Rev. Dr. Jerome R. DeVine, Rev. Anita K. Hahn, Rev. Dale M. Miller

- 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)?

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

**Mark R. Erbes, FE – Chair
Eric S. Beck, FE
Deborah “Deb” M. Johnson, RE
William C. Johnson, RE
James P. Mitchum, FE**

**Laurie Dahlman, Laity
Steven “Steve” Lett, Laity**

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

**Mark R. Erbes, FE – Chair
Anthony R. Hood, FE
William C. Johnson, RE
Laura C. Speiran, FD
Sherri L. Swanson, FE
Amy B. Terhune, FE**

**Ruby Anderson, Laity
Laurie Dahlman, Laity
Steven “Steve” Lett, Laity
Carole Wesner, 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>
Kimberly M. Bos (<i>Seminary Grad, GETS</i>)	Grand Rapids	04.18.2016
Joan E. VanDessel (<i>Seminary Grad, GETS</i>)	Grand Rapids	03.20.2017
LuAnne M. Stanley-Hook	Grand Rapids	05.23.2018
Sean M. Griffin (<i>Seminary Student, Boston University</i>)	Heartland	04.14.2016
Raymond Johnson (DSA 12.01.2017)	Heartland	02.08.2018
Angela M. Lovegrove (Seminary Student, Wesley)	Heartland	08.10.2017
Jessica “Jess” M. Davenport (Seminary Grad, Wesley)	Kalamazoo	2013
Lawrence J. French	Kalamazoo	02.27.2018
Ashlei K. Horn	Kalamazoo	04.17.2018
Joshua J. Lee (Seminary Student, GETS)	Kalamazoo	08.15.2017
Scott W. Marsh (<i>Seminary Student, GETS</i>)	Kalamazoo	05.25.2016
Paul C. Reissmann (<i>Seminary Student, GETS</i>)	Kalamazoo	05.25.2016
Douglas A. Tipken (DSA 06.01.2018)	Kalamazoo	04.17.2018
Craig H. VanBeek (DSA 2017)	Kalamazoo	04.17.2018
Jenaba R. Duymovic Waggy (<i>Seminary Student, Vanderbilt</i>)	Kalamazoo	08.09.2016
Cari A. Godbehere (DSA 2018)	Lansing	02.26.2018

- 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 Conf</u>
Nelson L. Hall	Detroit / Marquette	11.16.1999	7.01.2018
Karen A. May	Northern Illinois /Chicago Northwest	12.11.2017	5.26.2018
Clifford Radtke	Detroit/Blue Water	2006	07.01.2018
Jacqueline L. Raineri	Detroit/Detroit Renaissance	2012	07.01.2018

- c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry?

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>	<u>Date Discontinued</u>
Lauren K. Dennis-Bucholz	Lansing	02.24.2014	07.24.2017 (Withdraw)

(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
Everett L. Harpole	Kalamazoo	2015 (6 COS)
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 (Completed COS*)

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>Progress of COS or Seminary</u> * Indicates Completed COS or M.Div. (As of the end of last year)
ALBION (AL)		
Brian R. Bunch	1993	M.Div., Earlham *
Deborah S. Cole	06.01.2015	9 COS
Samuel C. Gordy	03.11.2012	8 COS
Margaret “Mikki” K. Mallory	2017	M.Div., GETS *
Mark E. Mitchell	11.16.1995	M.Div., AMBS *
James Palaszkeski	12.01.2014	3 COS
Patricia A. Pebley	2012	M.Div., United *
Crystal C. Thomas	2013	M.Div., United *
Matthew J. West	2018	Licensed
Beverly J. Williams	11.10.2012	16 COS
Janet S. Wilson	01.01.2018	Licensed
GRAND RAPIDS (GR)		
Carleton R. Black	11.12.2011	12 COS
Jeffrey J. Bowman	1995	Completed COS *
Julie E. Fairchild	09.01.2015	M.Div., MTSO *

Laura Feliciano		
<i>(+Conf Staff, Ext Min)</i>	06.03.2009	M.Div., Vanderbilt *
Alejandro D. Fernandez	01.01.2015	6 COS
Thomas C. Fifer	2018	M.Div., Duke *
Kevin K. Guetschow	2010	Completed COS *
Jan Marie Johnson		
<i>(Chaplain, Ext Min)</i>	11.13.2010	Western Theology Grad
¶316.1, 344.1.d.		
Daniel D. Nguyen	07.01.2012	Seminary Student.,
		GETS
Michael J. Ramsey	2010	17 COS
Anne W. Riegler <i>(3/4 GT + 1/4 GR)</i>	08.15.2009	Completed COS *
Anthony C. Shumaker	12.01.2002	Completed COS *
Edwin D. Snook	12.01.2002	M.Div., United *
Ronald "Todd" Williamson	12.01.2017	Licensed
GRAND TRAVERSE (GT)		
Sean T. Barton	2017	15 COS
Bradley E. Bunn	2017	16 COS
Eric M. Falker	11.10.2014	Seminary Student, United
Susan E. Hitts	2017	Licensed
Richard Hodgeson	2013	5 COS
Bryan K. Kilpatrick	2014	M.Div., GETS *
Scott R. Loomis	11.10.2012	14 COS
Joshua M. Manning	2014	6 COS
John P. Murray	2015	M.Div., Asbury *
Melody Lane Olin	11.15.2006	Completed COS *
Craig A. Pahl	2000	Completed COS *
Todd W. Shafer	11.01.2010	18 COS
Jeremy J. Wicks	11.13.2011	11 COS
Colleen A. Wierman	2011	17 COS
HEARTLAND (HL)		
Daniel L. Barkholz	2016	10 COS
Joseph L. Beavan	01.15.2010	Completed COS *
Terri L. Bentley	2002	Completed COS *
Martin T. Cobb	1999	M.Div., MTSO *
Terri L. Cummins	2010	Completed COS *
Nancy J. Patera	01.01.2007	Completed COS *
Scott B. Smith	2013	M.Div., United *
Donna J. Sperry	11.01.2014	M.Div., MTSO *
KALAMAZOO (KZ)		
Lisa M. Batten,		
<i>(Conf Coord, Ext Min)</i>	11.15.2009	M.A., GETS ¶344.1.d.
Ellen D. Bierlein	2018	Licensed
John M. Brooks	2015	4 COS
Daniel R. Colthorp	2018	15 COS
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 *
Kellas D. Penny III	2013	M.Div., Asbury *
Ralph A. Posnik, Jr.	11.15.2009	Completed COS *
<i>David E. Small</i>	1982	<i>Retired, HL ¶358.2</i>
Robert L. Snodgrass II	11.10.2014	2 COS

LANSING (LN)

Mark D. Aupperlee	01.01.2018	Licensed
Theresa A. Fairbanks	11.15.2016	Licensed
Richard J. Foster	11.10.2012	8 COS
Karen L. Jensen-Kinney	12.01.2015	8 COS
Martin A. Johnston	11.15.2016	1 COS
Peggy A. Katzmark	2007	Completed COS *
Matthew D. Kreh	12.01.2015	8 COS
Kimberly S. Metzger	2017	2 COS
Heather L. Nolen	12.01.2017	Licensed
Steven C. Place	01.01.2011	9 COS
Jon L. Pohl	2006	Completed COS *

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>	Progress of COS or Seminary * Indicates Completed COS or M.Div. <i>(As of the end of last year)</i>
Scott M. Bouldrey	2003	1/4 Time	M.Div., MTSO *
<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	2/4 Time	2 COS
Leslee J. Fritz	2017	3/4 Time	Seminary Student, GETS
Andrea L. Johnson	01.01.2018	2/4 Time	Licensed
<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 *
GRAND RAPIDS (GR)			
<i>Mona J. Dye</i>	<i>12.01.2007</i>	<i>2/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>
<i>William F. Dye</i>	<i>02.01.2003</i>	<i>2/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>
<i>Paul E. Hane</i>	<i>06.01.2003</i>	<i>2/4 Time</i>	<i>Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *</i>
Eric L. Magner	12.01.2017	3/4 Time	Licensed
Banza Mukalay	01.01.2018	1/4 Time	Licensed
<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
Jennifer J. Wheeler AMBS	11.09.2013	1/4 Time	Seminary Student,
Inge E. Whittemore	2016	2/4 Time	Licensed
Ronald L. Worley	2004	1/4 Time	18 COS

GRAND TRAVERSE (GT)

Lyle J. Ball (2/4 GT+1/4 HL)	11.01.2010	3/4 Time	15 COS
Howard H. Harvey	01.01.2017	2/4 Time	M.Div., MTSO *
Randell J. Hitts	2017	2/4 Time	Licensed
Laurie M. Koivula	2014	2/4 Time	10 COS
Jonathan D. Mays	2015	2/4 Time	Licensed
Michelle K. Merchant	11.15.2016	2/4 Time	1 COS
Michael R. Neihardt	2013	1/4 Time	Licensed
David O. Pratt	1997	1/4 Time	Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *
Richard D. Roberts	12.01.2015	1/4 Time	Licensed
Noreen S. Shafer	2013	2/4 Time	7 COS
Jeffrey A. Swainston	12.01.2017	2/4 Time	Licensed
Terry M. Wildman	12.01.2017	2/4 Time	Licensed

HEARTLAND (HL)

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	8 COS
Andrew B. Hollander	12.01.2017	3/4 Time	Licensed
Kathryn L. Leydorf-Keck	11.10.2007	3/4 Time	17 COS
Cheryl L. Mancier	2007	2/4 Time	13 COS
Darryl L. Miller	12.01.2007	1/4 Time	3 COS
Larry W. Nalett	1993	2/4 Time	Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *

KALAMAZOO (KZ)

Sara L. Carlson	2015	1/4 Time	Seminary Student, AMBS
Jodi M. Cartwright	2017	3/4 Time	Seminary Student, GETS
David L. Haase	2008	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>
Brenda L. Ludwig (IN Conf) 1999		3/4 Time	Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *
Michael A. Pinto	2007	1/4 Time	1 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

LANSING (LN)

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

Heartland: Carson City (01.01.2018 through 06.30.2018)

Larry W. Nalett	1993	2/4 Time	Retired ¶320.5, Completed COS *
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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)?
None

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)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Serving Conference</u>	<u>Enrolled Seminary</u>
Jennifer C. Ward	Susquehanna/Altoona/ Wolfsburg-Trans Run	Wesley

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>
Clifford L. Allen (11.10.2007 – 16 COS)	01.31.2018
Russell D. Morgan (11.10.2014) – 2 COS)	07.01.2018
Irene E. Starr (2016 – Licensed)	05.17.2018
Cynthia L. Veilleux (2011 – 5 COS+2Advanced)	07.01.2018
Kelly M. Wasnich (08.10.2014 – GETS)	10.23.2017 (<i>Withdrawn</i>)

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

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>
Jonathan E. Bratt Carle	OP	Tennessee
Christine M. Beaudoin	OE	Detroit
Sungjoon “Paul” Hahm	OE	Detroit
Melody H. Johnson	OE	Detroit
Janet M. Lerner	OE	Detroit
Steven W. Manskar	OE	Minnesota
Mark D. Miller	OE	Detroit
Donna Jo Minarik	OE	Detroit
Andrew R. Phillips	OE	North Carolina
Eun Sik Poy	OP	Detroit
Kathryn Sue Snedeker	OE	Detroit
Brittney D. Stephan	OP	Indiana
Deborah S. Thomas	OE	Detroit

b) Other Methodist Denominations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Denomination</u>
Joshua A. Henderson	OE	Wesleyan Church
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.) **None**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Denomination</u>
Stephen Spina	OF	Presbyterian USA

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
Margie R. Crawford	Detroit	2018
Jerome R. DeVine	Detroit	2018
William D. Dobbs	Detroit	2013
Dirk Elliott	Detroit	2018
Ronald Lewis Figgins Iris	Detroit	2014
David A. Newhouse	Northern Illinois	2016
Dale M. Miller	Detroit	2017
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) (List alphabetically – see note preceding Question 27):
None

28. Who are elected as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school? (Under §§322.4, 324, and 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>
Tania J. Dozeman	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (GETS)
Sean K. Kidd	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)
Linda J. Stephan	Candler School of Theology

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, § 327 v)?
 a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder? (§326)

Clergy Status

Name	(PD or PE)	Date
Jeffrey O. Cummings	PE	2016
Katherine L. Fahey (<i>Ext. Ministry</i>)	PE	2016
Joel T. Fitzgerald	PE	2016
Cydney M. Idsinga	PE	2015
Stephen F. Lindeman (<i>LOA-03.15.17</i>)	PE	2014
Mary K. Loring	PE	2015
Heather A. McDougall (<i>Ext. Ministry</i>)	PE	2014
Tiffany M. Newsom	PE	2017
Beth A. Reum (<i>Medical Leave</i>)	PE	2011
Brian E. Steele	PE	2017
Mary A. Sweet	PE	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.31a or b, depending on the transfer status. **None**

31. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27):

- a) As provisional members (§347.3c)? (v) **None**
 b) 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):

- a) Deacons

Name

Caleb B. Williams

- b) Elders

Name

Gary L. Simmons

Timothy W. Trommater

Ryan L. Wenburg

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)

- a) After provisional membership (§330)? (v 3/4)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
Caleb B. Williams	Boston University School of Theology

- b) Transfer from elder? (§309) (v 3/4) **None**

34. Who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree?

- a) After provisional membership? (§335) (v 3/4)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
Timothy W. Trommater	Saint Paul School of Theology
Ryan L. Wenburg	Asbury Theological Seminary

- 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>
Donald W. Wolfgang	FE	South Georgia / Northwest District	07.01.2018

39. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§347.2)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential.)
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)?

(List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.) **None**

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

- a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327) **None**
- b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>
Daniel R. Colthorp	PD

- 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) **None**
 - (2) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Originally Granted</u>	<u>Charge Conf Membership</u>	<u>Year of Most Recent Report</u>
C. David Hainer (FE)	1996	Alto UMC, Alto	2018
Clinton McKinven-Copus (FE)	2007	Ludington United, Ludington	2018
Brian F. Rafferty (FE)	2016	Lansing Mt Hope	2018
Timothy T. Tuthill (FE)	2017	Grand Rapids First	2018
Michelle Wisdom-Long (FE)	2011	First UMC, Kalamazoo	2018

- 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</u>
Bruce W. Dempsey (HL)	Wolf Lake – 09.01.2017-07.01.2018	1993
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) Ad Interim Administrative Location (v) **None**
 - (3) Previously?

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

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

- a) This year? (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Year H.L. Originally Granted</u>	<u>Charge Conference Membership</u>
Bruce W. Dempsey	RHL	1993	Muskegon: Wolf Lake
Michael Edward Long	RHL	1998	Traverse City: Traverse Bay
Terry L. MacArthur	RHL	06.15.1985	Portage: Chapel Hill

b) Previously?

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Prior Clergy Status</u>
DeAnn J. Dobbs	04.11.2018	FE

- 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: None



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

Active: None

Retired: None

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

Active: None

Retired:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Dennis G. Buwalda	02.16.1943	12.20.2017
John E. Cermak	01.04.1934	08.08.2017
Lloyd R. Hansen	07.04.1925	08.22.2017
Charles William Martin	06.30.1924	06.03.2017
Jeffrey L. Reese	09.26.1953	03.08.2018
Milton J. TenHave	05.30.1925	11.26.2017
Kenneth R. Vaught	07.09.1931	12.16.2017

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

Active: None

Retired: None

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

Active: None

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>Status</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Seung Ho “Andy” Baek	FE	Detroit/Ann Arbor – Dundee	07.01.2015
Linda J. Burson	FE	Tennessee/Red River – Mallorys	07.01.2017
Eric Burton-Krieger	FE	Indiana/Central – Indianapolis	
		St Luke’s	07.01.2015
Bo Rin Cho	FE	Detroit/Crossroads – Davison	07.01.2017
Catherine M. Christman	FE	Wisconsin/South West – Stoughton	07.01.2016
Melissa J. Claxton	FE	Detroit/Renaissance – Warren First	07.01.2018
Cornelius N. Davis, Jr.	FE	Detroit/Renaissance – Scott Memorial	07.01.2016
Erin L. Fitzgerald	FE	Detroit/Renaissance – Rochester	
		St Paul’s	07.01.2018
Joel T. Fitzgerald	PE	Detroit/Renaissance – Sterling	
		Heights First	07.01.2018
Catherine M. Huvaere	FE	Detroit/Crossroads – Clio Bethany	07.01.2017
Jennifer J. Jue	FE	Detroit/Blue Water – Oxford	07.01.2014
Scott E. Manning	FE	Detroit/Renaissance – Rochester Hills	
		St Luke	07.01.2016
Joy J. Moore	FE	Detroit/Crossroads – Bethel	07.01.2018
James C. Noggle	FE	Detroit/Saginaw Bay – Roscommon	
		Good Shepherd	07.01.2015
Robert D. Nystrom	FE	Detroit/Saginaw Bay – Auburn	07.01.2018
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
Karen J. Sorden	FE	Detroit/Saginaw Bay – St Charles	12.01.2017
Brian E. Steele	PE	Detroit/Blue Water – New Baltimore	07.01.2018
Rebecca L. Wieringa	FE	Oregon-Idaho/Columbia – Milwaukie St. Paul	07.01.2016
Caleb B. Williams	FD	Detroit/Renaissance – Royal Oak First	09.01.2016
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
Timothy B. Wright	FE	Detroit/Marquette – Gladstone Memorial	07.01.2018

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>
David G. Elmore	FE	07.01.2016 2 Years	Coldwater
Donald R. Ferris-McCann	FE	07.01.2016 2 Years	Elsie
Robert M. Hughes (DSA)	FE	07.13.2014 4 Years	Concord
Janice T. Lancaster	FD	03.31.2017 1 Year	Northlawn
Stephen F. Lindeman	PE	03.15.2017 1 Year	Greenville First
Jane R. Lippert	FE	09.01.2015 2 Years	Traverse City Central
Amee A. Paparella	FE	02.28.2018 0 Year	
Colleen T. Treman	FD	07.01.2016 2 Years	Kalamazoo First
Jonathan D. VanDop	FE	07.01.2017 1 Year	Ionia First/Lyons-Muir

(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)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
Joy J. Moore	FE	05.01.2018 – 06.30.2018	

b) Involuntary?

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

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (JCD 1355) (v) **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>Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
Mary S. Brown	FE	12.01.2016	Montague
Beth A. Reum	PE	01.15.2016	Berrien Springs
Theresa “Little Eagle” Oyler-Sayles	FE	04.15.2009	
Tamara S.M. Williams	FE	07.01.2017	N Muskegon Community

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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?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Peggy J. Baker	2018
Patricia L. Brook	2018
Diane L. Gordon	2018
William E. Haggard	2018
Harris J. Hoekwater	2018
Bruce R. Kintigh	2018
Cynthia M. Parsons	2018
Gerald L. Selleck	2018
Ellen K. Zienert	2018

- d) Previously?

Craig L. Adams	2010	Dianne M. Bowden	2013
Pegg Ainslie	1997	Kenneth J. Bremer	2017
Jana Lynn Almeida	2016	J. Melvin Bricker	1995
William J. Amundsen	2003	Patricia L. Bromberek	2011
Francis F. Anderson	1991	Lawrence P. Brown	2014
J. Leon Andrews	1992	Ellen A. Brubaker	12.31.2001
Wayne H. Babcock	01.01.2003	Donald L. Buege	2017
Paul F. Bailey	05.01.2001	Ray W. Burgess	2000
Theron E. Bailey	1994	Victor D. Charnley	2013
Melanie J. Baker	2016	David A. Cheyne	2005
James W. Barney	08.31.2005	William V. Clegg, Jr.	2011
Marilyn B. Barney	2008	Bufford "Buff" W. Coe	2017
Wayne C. Barrett	2011	Michael T. Conklin	2012
B. Gordon "Gordie" Barry	2015	Kathryn M. Coombs	2002
Jack M. Bartholomew	1995	Billie R. Dalton	09.01.2013
William M. Beachy	2014	Reva H. Daniel	2005
Gary L. Bekofske	2014	Lynn A. DeMoss	1997
Kenneth W. Bensen	2003	Isabell M. Deppe (<i>Involuntary</i>)	2000
Joseph J. Bistayi	2005	James A. Dibbet	2011
James W. Boehm	09.01.1998	William H. Doublestein	2006
Gilbert R. Boersma	10.31.2011	David L. Dryer	2006
Keith A. Bovee	1994	Paula Jane Duffey	2005

Daniel M. Duncan	2014	Deborah M. Johnson	07.08.2014
Eldon K. Eldred	2003	Jane Ellen Johnson	2016
Joe D. Elenbaas	2010	Mark G. Johnson	2015
John W. Ellinger	2007	William C. Johnson	2012
Richard R. Erickson	2006	David L. Johnston	2009
Thomas J. Evans	2013	Margaret Zee Jones	06.24.2006
Raymond D. Field	05.01.2003	Robert E. Jones	2009
Harold F. Filbrandt	1994	Emmett Kadwell, Jr.	2011
Frederick H. Fischer	1996	Ron L. Keller	1998
John W. Fisher	2013	O. Jay Kendall	09.01.2012
David L. Flagel	2013	Robert L. Kersten	1995
George W. Fleming	2002	David G. Knapp	2009
Barbara J. Flory	2011	Norman C. Kohns	2005
Carolyn Floyd	2008	Richard Kuhn	1998
Valerie A. Fons	02.14.2017	Kathleen S. Kursch	2017
James E. Fox	1995	Sally J. LaFrance	10.01.2004
Thomas P. Fox	2012	D. Keith Laidler	1997
Lillian T. French	09.01.2010	Jung Kee Lee	02.28.2013
Donald R. Fry	2008	Ben B. Lester	2011
Charles W. Fullmer	1997	Eugene A. Lewis	2003
Charles F. Garrod	1995	Kendall A. Lewis	1990
James C. Grant	06.23.1999	Carl Q. Litchfield	2017
Ronald B. Grant	11.01.2012	David L. Litchfield	2006
Joseph M. Graybill	2011	Glenn C. Litchfield	06.30.2016
George R. Grettenberger	1992	Leicester R. Longden	2013
A. Ray Grienke	08.16.1999	John D. Lover	2000
James M. Gysel	2011	Paul E. Lowley	2000
Gerald F. Hagans	09.01.2006	Carole S. Lyman	2010
Susan J. Hagans	2006	Frank W. Lyman Jr.	2010
Gary T. Haller	2017	Gary V. Lyons	1996
Frederick G. Hamlin	1994	Edrye A. Eastman Maurer	12.31.2016
Claudette I. Haney	2005	Robert J. Mayo	06.30.2013
Randall R. Hansen	10.20.2014	Paul D. Mazur	1990
Ronald W. Hansen	2011	Kenneth D. McCaw	2000
Carl L. Hausermann	2001	J. Patrick McCoy	09.01.2014
Geoffrey L. Hayes	2009	Allen D. McCreeedy	2000
Stanley L. Hayes	1999	Sandra B. Hoffman McNary	2007
Leonard B. Haynes	1998	John W. McNaughton	2003
Lyle D. Heaton	2016	Russell F. McReynolds	2007
Constance L. Heffelfinger	2016	David W. Meister	2016
Keith W. Heifner	2006	David H. Minger	2006
William A. Hertel	2001	Daniel J. Minor	2011
Robert L. Hinklin	2001	John L. Moore	1995
Lawrence E. Hodge	2000	Richard D. Moore	2015
Laurence E. Hubley	06.01.2002	Richard A. Morrison	2007
James R. Hulett	1998	John D. Morse	2012
Joseph D. Huston	2009	David L. Morton	2001
James L. Hynes	2000	David B. Nelson	1998
Andrew Jackson	2006	R. Ivan Niswender	1994
Jerry L. Jaquish	2012	Karen K. Orr	2014
Curtis E. Jensen	2010	Wade S. Panse	01.01.2012

Edward L. Passenger	1999	Robert P. Stover	2012
Paul E. Patterson	10.01.1990	Michael P. Streevy	2010
Mark R. Payne	12.31.2016	Verne Carl Summers	1992
William V. Payne	1996	Royal J. Synwolt	1991
Douglas L. Pedersen	2005	Harold M. Taber	1980
A. Edward Perkins	2006	Roy G. Testolin	11.01.2013
Susan M. Petro	2014	J. Todd Thompson	2010
J. "Lynn" Pier-Fitzgerald	2017	John Ross Thompson	12.31.2010
Thomas M. Pier-Fitzgerald	2016	R. John Thompson	2010
Keith I. Pohl	12.31.1993	Ronald J. Thompson	1995
Gerald A. Pohly	1996	William J. Torrey	1993
Blaine B. Rader	2004	Gerald L. Toshalis	2006
Jeanne M. Randels	01.01.2014	Raymond J. Townsend	2009
Wayne G. Reece	2000	Keith R. Treman	2015
Kenneth C. Reeves	2006	Michael J. Tupper	2016
Richard M. Riley	2014	Arthur R. Turner	2006
Beatrice K. Robinson	2007	Molly C. Turner	2012
Marvin R. Rosa	1999	Diane E. Vale	1990
Edward C. Ross	2012	Oscar Ventura	2009
Larry W. Rubingh	2012	Douglas W. Vernon	2010
Donald A. Russell	1996	Glenn M. Wagner	01.01.2017
William P. Sanders	2003	Lynn W. Wagner	09.01.2002
Leonard R. Schoenherr	06.30.2013	Lowell F. Walsworth	2002
Ward N. Scovel	03.01.1998	Maurice E. Walworth, Jr.	2006
David A. Selleck	06.30.2015	Glenn R. Wegner	2004
Richard A. Selleck	1996	Stephan Weinberger	03.01.2016
Jane B. Shapley	1996	Gerald L. Welsh	1994
Larry R. Shrout	1998	Robert L. Wessman	1999
Edward H. Slate	2012	Karen S. Wheat	2015
Dennis E. Slattery	2012	Bobby Dale Whitlock	2009
Stephen C. Small	10.01.2004	Myron K. Williams	1994
Betty A. Smith	2004	Richard K. Williams	2001
Charles W. Smith	2011	Margaret Halls Wilson	11.01.2009
Joseph L. Spackman	2013	Richard D. Wilson	2008
Sandra Lee Spahr	2006	Douglas E. Wingeier	2000
Gordon E. Spalenka	1993	Gregory R. Wolfe	2013
Carolyn S. Spragg	2013	Gregory B. Wood	2015
Robert W. Stark	2008	Richard A. Youells	1995
Ethel Z. Stears	1999	Lee F. Zachman	12.01.2010
Linda D. Stoddard	12.31.2016		

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? **None**
 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	
Patricia A. Harpole	06.30.2017	
Dale F. Jaquette	1992	
Geraldine M. Litchfield	2014	
Clyde E. Miller	1987	
Darlene Kay Pratt	2016	
Bernard R. Randolph	1978	(Current Conference Cane Holder)
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)?

* *Indicates Completed Course of Study*

- a) This year?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
* Mona J. Dye	10.01.2017
* Paul E. Hane	2018
* Herbert J. VanderBilt	12.01.2017
* Irene L. Vittoz	2018

- b) Previously?

* Sheila F. Baker	02.02.2014	* Sandra J. Gastian	01.01.2011
* Rex Bean	1987	* Sue J. Gay	2007
* Leo "Bud" Elwood Bennett	1993	* Carl E. Greene	2011
* Nancy L. Boelens	04.12.2009	* Sueann K. Hagan	2017
* Peggy Ann Boltz	07.16.2014	* Clare Walter Huyck	2015
* Connie R. Bongard	2015	* Thomas H. John, Sr.	2012
* Linda J. Burton-Collier	2014	* J. Robert Keim	12.31.2011
* Roberta W. Cabot	2014	* Suzanne P. Kornowski	2011
David Gunnar Carlson	2010	Jeanne M. Laimon	2015
* Linda J. Carlson	2009	* George W. Lawton	2007
* Paulette G. Cheyne	04.01.2008	* Dianne Doten Morrison	01.01.2016
* Esther Cox	1988	* Larry W. Nalett	08.09.2004
* Martin H. Culver	2011	* Lawrence A. Nichols	2016
* Merlin Delo	1997	Judith A. Nielsen	2007
* Judy K. Downing-Siglin	2001	* Sharyn K. Osmond	08.01.2016
* Richard J. Duffey	2005	* Gary L. Peterson	2016
* William F. Dye	2017	* O'Ryan Rickard (§327.7)	2013
* Edna M. Fleming	2011	* John F. Ritter	11.01.2001
Richard A. Fritz	2014	* Carolyn A. Robinson-Fisher	2011
* Joyce F. Gackler	2012	* Jeffrey J. Schrock	2016

* Connie E. Shatz	2012	* Sandra K. VandenBrink	2013
* Michael J. Simon	06.30.2017	* Donald R. Wendell	11.01.2009
* Kathleen Smith	12.31.2012	* Donald Woolum	2003
John R. Sternaman	2002	* David L. Youngs	2006
* James W. Stilwell	2017	* Gayle Sue (Berntsen) Zaagman	
* Diane E. Stone	2010		2014
* Kenneth E. Tabor	2010		

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) (74)	5	89	0	8	3	65	40
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (§331.1a, b) (77a,b)	7	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) (76a)	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	13	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	1	0	2	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§316.1; 344.1b) (76b)	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	6	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	1	0	0	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§316.1; 344.1d) (76c)	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	4	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	0	0	0	0
Appointments to Attend School (§331.3) (78)	0	0	0	0	0	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)	3	18	0	2	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	3	0	1	0	0	0
On Transitional Leave (50a5)	0	0	0	0	0	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
Retired (53, 54, 55)	5	234	0	1	16	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
Total Number, Clergy Members	22	373	0	15	20	67	40
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	537						

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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>														
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	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Asian	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Black	0	1	6	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	5	16	274	91	0	0	4	8	13	7	42	23	24	15
Multi-Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*	5	17	285	95	0	0	4	8	13	7	44	23	25	15
	22		373		0		15		20		67		40	
	537													

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.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy/ Lay Status</u>	<u>Specialized Ministry</u>	<u>Renewed</u>
Mark R. Babb	FD	Music Ministry	2018
Lisa M. Batten	FL	Spiritual Formation	2018
Daniel R. Colthorp	FL	Youth Ministry	2018
M. Kay DeMoss	FD	Christian Education	2018
I. Naomi Garcia	Laity	Christian Education	2018
Sueann K. Hagan	RL	Spiritual Formation	2018
Jennifer J. Jue	FE	Spiritual Formation	2018
Nancy LeValley	Laity	Spiritual Formation	2018
Colleen T. Treman	FD	Christian Education	2018

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?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy/ Lay Status</u>	
Eric M. Falker	FL	Withdrew
Daphna Lee Flegal	DR	Withdrew

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>District</u>	<u>Certified / Re-Certified</u>
Lois Bush	Albion	2014
Beverly Clark	Albion	2015 / 2017
Lois Fennimore	Albion	2011 / 2017
Alexander Miller (<i>DSA 07.01.2003</i>)	Albion	2014 / 2017
Joseph Keith Caldwell	Grand Rapids	2015 / 2018
Richard Vorel	Grand Rapids	2015 / 2017
Gary Zinger (<i>DSA 07.01.2017</i>)	Grand Rapids	2014 / 2018
Nancy LeValley	Grand Traverse	2011 / 2018
Donna Stone	Grand Traverse	2009 / 2018
Kara Lynne Burns	Heartland	2012 / 2015
Steven P. Beukema	Kalamazoo	2017
Patricia Bird	Kalamazoo	2015 / 2017
Judith Cassem	Kalamazoo	2017

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BumKi Cho	Kalamazoo	2017
Jon Clark	Kalamazoo	2017
Kathie Davies	Kalamazoo	2017
Linda S. Depta	Kalamazoo	2016 / 2017
Wynne L. Hurlbut	Kalamazoo	2017
Kevin Kahmark	Kalamazoo	2016 / 2017
Simmie N. Proctor	Kalamazoo	2017
Douglas A. Tipken (<i>DSA 06.01.2018</i>)	Kalamazoo	2017
Marcia Tucker (<i>DSA 07.01.2014</i>)	Kalamazoo	2016 / 2017
Craig H. VanBeek (<i>DSA 07.01.2017</i>)	Kalamazoo	2017
Donald A. Weaver	Kalamazoo	2017
Mickey Ann Cousino (<i>DSA 09.01.2015</i>)	Lansing	2017
Christine L. Pease (<i>DSA 07.01.2014</i>)	Lansing	2017

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?
- Effective: **None**
 - Retired: **None**
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)

This year?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Daphna Lee Flegal	02.18.2018

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>Appointment</u>	<u>Fraction of Service</u>
Linda J. Burson – FE (TN/Red River/Mallory)	07.01.2017 1 Year	1/4 Time
Charles D. Farnum – FE	01.01.2014 4 ½ Years	1/4 Time
Robert J. Freysinger – FE	07.01.2016 2 Years	1/4 Time
Linda “Lyne” K. Stull-Lipps – FE	07.01.2016 2 Years	3/4 Time
Susan J. Trowbridge – FE	07.01.2014 4 Years	2/4 Time
Melanie S. Young – FE	07.01.2018 0 Year	3/4 Time
Ellen K. Zienert – FE	01.01.2018 0 Year until 06.30.2018	3/4 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>Appointment</u>	<u>Fraction of Service</u>
Mark R. Babb – FD	11.15.2016 1 ½ Years	1/4 Time
Patricia L. Catellier – FD	01.01.2016 1 ½ Years	1/4 Time
Mariel Kay DeMoss – FD	07.01.2015 3 Years	2/4 Time
Georgia N. Hale - FD	07.01.2015 3 Years	1/4 Time
Todd J. Query – FD (Virginia/York River)	07.01.2015 3 Years	2/4 and 1/4 Time
Cara Beth Ann Weiler – FD	07.01.2009 9 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? **None**

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 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>
Nathaniel W. Johnson	FE	10.16.2016	Spectrum Health Delivery System, Manager of Pastoral Care and Bereavement	Grand Rapids: Vergennes
Kenneth J. Nash (§345)	FE	07.01.2016	Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, Hamburg, NY	Grand Rapids: Cornerstone
Barbara L. Smith-Jang	FE	06.06.2003	Pastoral Counselor, Taejon Christian International School, Taejon South Korea	Grand Ledge: First
Alice Fleming Townley (§345)	FE	02.01.2010	Parish Associate, Okemos Presbyterian Church, Okemos, MI	East Lansing: University

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 connexional 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 Discipline**]? (Attach 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.)
- In the 2017 BAC, Question 19, the spelling of last name: Banza ~~Mukalay~~ should be **Mukalay**.
 - In the 2017 BAC, Question 48. c), the name **Charles William Martin** should have been listed. He was born 06.30.1924 and passed away on June 3, 2017.
 - In the 2017 BAC, Question 72.a), the name **Robert J. Freysinger** should have been listed.
 - In the 2015, 2016, and 2017 BAC, Question 72. b), the name **Georgia N. Hale** should have been listed.
 - E. Jeanne Koughn** was married on 12.23.2017; her new last name is **Garza**.
 - Emily K. Slavicek** was married on 09.09.2017; her new last name is **Hansson**.
 - John M. Sterner, Jr.**, Retired Presbyterian served among us from 07.01.2012 – 01.28.2018. He was born on 11.05.1942 and passed away 01.28.2018.
81. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)?
Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, MI, May 30 through June 2, 2019 (pending).

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

FIRST DAY - MORNING SESSION

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Opening worship: The Michigan Area opening Worship and Memorial Service opened at 10:00 a.m. in the Governors' Hall at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan. A video highlighting the history of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences over the last 50 years was shown. Bishop David Bard preached. Worship leaders: Rev. Jinny Song and Judy Coffey. 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 Erin Fitzgerald and Greg Timmons. Those memorialized were:

- **Clergy:** Donald Bates, Terry Butters, Dennis Buwalda, John Cermak, Edward Coley, Otto Flachsmann, Bonnie Frey, John Grenfell Jr., Richard Griffith, Lloyd Hansen, George Luciani, Charles William (Bill) Martin, Myles Lester (Les) McCabe, Gilson Miller, George Morse, William Quick, Jeffrey Reese, Darrel Rice, David Russell, James Simmons, Mary Soderholm, John Sterner, Milton TenHave, Clare Tosch, Robert Townley, Kenneth Vaught, and Donald Wittbrodt.
- **Clergy Spouses:** Mardelle Bates, Carol Beemer, Joyce Bennett, Catheryn Boehm, Carl Bouvier, Patricia Sanford Brown, Brucilla Broyles, Martha Burgess, Lee (Sam) Cabot, Blanche Chapko, Mary Clayton, (Joan) Warda Compton, Charlotte Courter, Joan Doherty, Nida Donar, Fredith Easton, Lois Leineke, Lola Lobb, Mary Miller, Doris Parkin, Frederick Schippert, Mary Secrist, Nancy (Coker) Smith, Helen Staser, Alice Vermeulen, and Mery Wittbrodt.
- **Children of Clergy:** Cory Ehlers, Nicholas Genoff, and Marjorie Haney.
- **Laity:** Karen (Kip) Brunson, Barbara Henry, and Leah Sprague-Fodor.

Communion was served by the ordinands and retirees from both conferences. An offering was received that will be shared between Liberia, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

The session was recessed at 11:47 a.m. for lunch by Bishop Bard.

FIRST DAY - AFTERNOON (CLERGY) SESSION

Thursday, May 31, 2018

The Clergy Session was Called to Order at 1:38 p.m. in the Michigan Ballroom of the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan by Bishop Bard.

The Business of the Annual Conference – Part II Pertaining to Ordained and Licensed Clergy Report was given by Laura Speiran – DAC Board of Ordained Ministry Chair, Sherri Swanson – WMC Board of Ordained Ministry Chair and other members of the Boards of Ordained Ministry from both conferences. Instructions were explained for how to vote in light of the fact that we are still two conferences.

Enabling Motions:

Motion: Speiran moved that all Provisional Members, Associate Members, Full-time and Part-time Local Pastors, Affiliate Members, clergy on Honorable Location, and all other clergy appointed to serve among us be granted voice, but no vote during this Clergy Session. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Swanson moved that all Lay Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry be allowed in the Clergy Session with voice, but no vote. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Speiran moved that Nancy Arnold, Sus'ann Busley, Debbie Stevenson, Jennifer Weaver, and Deana Nelson be allowed voice, but no vote, and allow staff from the Communications Team be present for the purposes of photography. **Motion adopted.**

Laura Speiran prayed.

Hymn: "O Breath of God, Come Fill This Place"

Episcopal Greeting: Bishop Bard greeted the clergy, offering his thanks to certain individuals and to the entire body for their ministry, and their ongoing commitment to serving in their various appointments, especially where the local community context makes doing ministry especially difficult. He acknowledged the specific challenges facing The United Methodist Church in 2018 and encouraged us to remain faithful and hopeful.

Introduction of Clergy Excellence Office Staff: Bishop Bard introduced Jennifer Browne as the new Director of Clergy Excellence, and Debbie Stevenson as the Executive Assistant. Browne spoke, encouraging us to 'remember' and reassess our calls to ministry, to hear that Holy Voice we once heard. Members of 'The Continuing Formation Team' were introduced.

Order of Elders, Order of Deacons, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate

Members / John Wesley Association: Dean Prentiss and Mary McInnes (Elders); April McGlothlin-Eller and Georgia Hale (Deacons); Sue Platt (Local Pastors); Jackie Raineri (John Wesley Association) reported. Clipboards were sent around to be signed and passed along to Arthur L. Spafford and Bernard R. Randolph, who both hold Conference Canes.

Hymn: "The Servant Song"

Ordained and Licensed Clergy Status Action Items – Detroit Annual Conference:

Motion: Laura Speiran, Chair of the Detroit Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, invited William Haggard, Cabinet Dean, to respond to Question #17. Haggard read the statement from the Cabinet.

Motion: Speiran moved the adoption of Question #18a. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Speiran reported on Question #18b and 18c. (*information only for both questions*)

Motion: Billie Lou Gillespie moved the adoption of Question #20. **Motion adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.

Motion: Gillespie moved the adoption of Questions #21a [with corrections], 21b [with corrections], and 21d. **Motion adopted** by required three-quarter vote.

Motion: Doug Paterson moved the adoption of Question #25. **Motion adopted.**

- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of Question #26b. **Motion adopted** by the required two-thirds vote.
- Motion: Tim Ziegler moved the adoption of Question #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 on each candidate. **All motions adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.
- Motion: Ziegler moved the adoption of Question #32a and 33a. The candidates to be elected as members in Full Connection, and ordained as Deacons, were introduced and a vote was taken for each candidate. **Motion adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.
- Motion: Zeigler moved the adoption of Question #32b and 34a. Candidates to be elected as members in Full Connection, and ordained as Elders, were introduced and votes taken for each candidate. **Motions adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.
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- Motion: Doug Paterson moved the adoption of Question #24a. **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Doug Paterson moved the adoption of Question #38. **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of Question #50a(1). **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of Question #50a(2). **Motion adopted** with the required two-thirds vote.
- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of Question #52 [with correction]. **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of Question #53a and 53c [with correction]. **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of Question #72a. **Motion adopted** by the required two-thirds vote; motion regarding Monica William **approved** by the required three-quarter vote.
- Motion: Paterson moved the adoption of #76c. **Motion adopted** with the required two-thirds vote.

Ordained and Licensed Clergy Status Action Items – West Michigan Annual Conference

- Motion: Laura Speiran, Chair of the Detroit Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, invited William Haggard, Cabinet Dean, to respond to Question #17. Haggard read the statement from the Cabinet.
- Motion: Swanson moved the adoption of Question #18a. **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Speiran reported on Question #18b and 18c. (*Information only for both questions.*)
- Motion: Jodie Flessner moved the adoption of Question #20. **Motion adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.
- Motion: Flessner moved the adoption of Question #21a, 21b, and 21d. **Motion adopted** by required three-quarter vote.
- Motion: Mark Erbes moved the adoption of Question #25. **Motion adopted.**
- Motion: Erbes moved the adoption of Question #26b. **Motion adopted** by the required two-third vote.
- Motion: Julie Greyerbiehl moved the adoption of Question #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: Greyerbiehl moved the adoption of Question #32a and 33a. The candidates to be elected as members in Full Connection, and ordained as Deacons, were introduced and votes taken for each candidate. **Motion adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.

Motion: Greyerbiehl moved the adoption of Question #32b and 34a. Candidates to be elected as members in Full Connection, and ordained as Elders, were introduced and votes taken for each candidate. **Motion adopted** by the required three-quarter vote.

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

Motion: Erbes moved the adoption of Question #42b. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Erbes moved the adoption of Question #44a. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Erbes moved the adoption of Question #46b. **Motion adopted.**

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

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

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

Motion: Erbes moved the adoption of Question #71a. **Motion adopted.**

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

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

Lynn Hasley and Annette Erbes gave instructions for the Service of Recognition, Commissioning, and Ordination.

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 #44a, 53a, 53c, 56a, and 71a.

Hymn: “You Are Mine” (v. 2)

Naming of the Saints: Sherri Swanson and Laura Speiran presented the names of the clergy who have passed away since the previous annual conference, the names of are found in Questions #48c, 48e, and 80.

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 18b, 18c, 19a [with WMC correction], 19b, 19c, 22, 24a [with DAC corrections], 24b, 29a, 43a(2), 43b, 43c(3), 49, 50a(5), 58, 59, 62, 63, 78 (DAC) 80 [with WMC corrections], and 81 for information, with additions and corrections to the written report.

Motion: WMC Business of the Annual Conference – Part II Pertaining to Ordained and Licensed Clergy Report: Sherri Swanson moved the adoption of the full written report with corrections. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: DAC Business of the Annual Conference – Part II Pertaining to Ordained and Licensed Clergy Report: Laura Speiran moved the adoption of the full written report with corrections. **Motion adopted.**

Sherry Swanson and Laura Speiran thanked Sus’ann Busley and Nancy Arnold for their work on their respective Boards of Ordained Ministry.

Closing Hymn: “Go to the World”

Adjournment of the Clergy Session was called at 3:45 p.m. by Bishop Bard.

FIRST DAY - AFTERNOON (LAITY) SESSION

Thursday, May 31, 2018

The Michigan Area Laity Session was called to order at 1:30 p.m by John Wharton, Detroit Annual Conference Lay Leader, and Anne Soles, West Michigan Annual Conference Lay Leader.

Board of Ordained Ministry: Mary Ivanov, West Michigan Conference, and Thom Davenport, West Michigan Conference, discussed the different roles of the laity in the church and the discernment process to ministry.

Introductions:

Wharton introduced the DAC Board of Laity: Ken Kneisel, Michael Schlusler, Bonne Potter, Ruby Anderson, Ken Dowell, Vicky Prewitt, and Dee Ann Hellus.

Soles introduced the WMAC Board of Laity: Elaine Graves, Suzanne Hewitt, Denny Olin, Larry Wyman, Wynne Hurlbut, and Nona Spackman.

Wharton and Soles introduced the new lay leaders for the reorganized districts: John Preston (Northern Skies), Dennis Olin (Northern Waters), Suzanne Hewitt (Midwest), Nona Spackman (Mid-Michigan), Bonnie Potter and Mike Schlusler (East Winds), Wynne Hurlbut (Greater Southwest), Max Waagner (Heritage), and Ruby Anderson (Greater Detroit).

Soles introduced additional members of the Board of Laity: Micki Phelps, Linda Darrow, John Walls, Jody Pratt, John Hart, and Robert Sanders.

Soles introduced Diane Brown (Reference and Daily Procedures), Nancy Arnold (Program Committee Coordinator), Laura Witkowski (Program Committee Coordinator), Sue Buxton (Conference Facilitator), and David Dobbs (Conference Treasurer).

Wharton discussed the different color badges and voting privileges, the purpose and programs at annual conference, and encouraged the laity to connect with other churches.

Soles discussed the voting process, and voting cards were distributed.

Bishop Bard welcomed the laity to annual conference and thanked them for their service.

Soles introduced Laura Witkowski (Associate Director for Lay Leadership), Lisa Batten (Young Adult Initiatives Coordinator), Brittney Stephan (Associate Director for Multicultural Vibrancy), Kathy Pittenger (Children's Initiatives Coordinator), and Bridget Nelson (Coordinator of Youth Ministry Development).

The laity session adjourned at 2:20 p.m. (due to a scheduled power outage) with prayer by John Wharton.

FIRST DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Darlene Wildman opened the session at 4:29 p.m. with traditional Native American flute music.

The Plenary Session was reconvened at 4:33 p.m. in the Governors' Hall at the Grand Traverse Resort by Nichea Ver Veer Guy, Chair of the Commission on Annual Conference, and Bishop Bard.

A UMC promo video was shown.

Organization of Conference: Nichea Ver Veer Guy, Chair of the Commission on Annual Conference, spoke.

Motion: Ver Veer r Guy moved that the voting bar for this Annual Conference be all the seating area within the Governors' Hall except for the back far left section of seating by the windows: from the back of the Hall to the middle of the seating section and to the left of the aisle. That section will be for visitors and not voting attendees. Those sitting in the voting area are to be those with voting privileges and utilizing the proper voting procedures that are defined in the Program Book are on p. 47. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Ver Veer r Guy moved that seating privileges be given to the Michigan Area staff, office administrative staff, and July Bard, the Bishop's spouse: to be in the voting bar area without voice and without vote. Also, persons who will be presenting as a part of the conference will be given voice but no vote. All will have a designated seating area available in the front sections of the voting bar. **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Ver Veer Guy moved that the agenda prepared by the Commission on Annual Conference and printed for participants online and in the Program Book be the order of the day with authority given to the Bishop to adjust the schedule as necessary in consultation with the Chair of the Commission on Annual Conference. **Motion adopted.**

Benton Heisler recognized Jerry DeVine for his work as the Director of Connectional Ministries. Heisler moved the adoption of the WMAC historical reports at the conclusion of this Annual Conference. **Motion adopted.**

Moment of Personal Privilege: Judy Coffee.

Rules of Order Report: Todd Price, DAC Standing Rules Chair, and Judy Coffey, WMAC Rules of Order Chair, reported.

Motion: Coffey moved that the Rules of Order, as they appear on Pages 78-79 in the 2018 Michigan Conference Legislation Book, and with the provisions of the 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church be the by-laws of both the West Michigan Annual Conference and the Detroit Annual Conference as well as the successor Michigan Annual Conference. On matters of procedure, when these rules and the Discipline are silent, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised version used at the 2016 General Conference shall be effective.

Amendment: David Lundquist moved to amend Rule 5.5 by addition of a new Rule 5.5.9 as follows: "For purposes of organization, each council, board, commission, division or committee required to elect its own officers as provided in the Plan of Organization shall be convened on call by a person named by the Director of Connectional Ministries. The convener shall be someone other than a member of such group and shall conduct the election of the offers to be elected. **Motion adopted.**"

Amendments: Price moved to amend the following Rules:

- #1: Page 79, 5.1.2.3 "Resolutions". Amend line 19 after the date of February 15, "*An extended deadline for 2020 General Conference related petitions is Friday, April 5 at 5 p.m.*" **Motion adopted.**
- #2: Page 79, 5.1.3; Amend line 49, after the date of April 15, "*The date for posting to the website petitions related to the 2020 General Conference is May 15.*" **Motion adopted.**
- #3: Page 88, 5.7.2.8; Amend line 6. "*The West Michigan and Detroit Conferences shall each send three clergy and three laity reserve delegates (total of 12) to the Special 2019 General Conference with expenses covered by the Michigan Conference in accordance with the per diem and travel guidelines of the General Conference.*" **Motion adopted.**

Original motion with amendments carried.

CFA Report: David Dobbs, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, gave the report. His report included some of the financials from the past year, but focused on many of the changes that will be happening over the course of the next year. One important change regards the local church 'apportioned' funds:

- Council of Finance & Administration has decided that it will be termed "Ministry Shares."
- The formula will be based upon expenses on a rolling average.
- District Ministry Shares will be calculated by the District based upon same formula and billed/collected by the districts. Each district will be separately incorporated.
- Each district will have their own Treasurer, working under David Dobbs and Don Emmert.
- By virtue of the new U.S. Tax Code, all conference-paid moving expenses shall be considered taxable income, and will no longer be tax-deductible.

The Statistician's Report is complete and is available online at the Michigan Annual Conference website.

John L. Buxton Award: Dobbs presented the award to Ruby Anderson.

Legislative Committee work: Diane Brown, Legislative Coordinator, explained the legislative process at annual conference, including the use of legislative committees to which legislation will be assigned for discussion and vote. Brown reviewed the different options available to the committees regarding legislation recommendations.

Announcements were given by Bishop Bard.

Bishop Bard presented Rodney Gasaway with a certificate for some training he received through the Council of Bishops. Gasaway offered the grace for dinner.

Session was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. for dinner by Bishop Bard.

SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 1, 2018

Worship at Grand Traverse Resort: The Michigan Annual Conference Worship Service opened at 8:25 a.m. in the Governor's' Hall. Reverend Ben Bower preached the sermon "Who is My Neighbor?" The worship service was based on Luke 10:25-37. Worship Leaders were Reverend Maurice Horne and Reverend Mary Ivanov.

Worship ended at 9:27 a.m. A 30 minute recess was called by the order of the day.

Conference business resumed at 10:03 a.m. with announcements from Bishop Bard.

Design Team Report: Glenn Wagner and Marsha Woolley gave the final Design Team Report. Woolley reported that as of July 1 2018, the West Michigan and Detroit Conferences will begin to function as one Conference. January 1, 2019, the West Michigan and Detroit Conferences will legally be the Michigan Conference. Wagner discussed the moves and transitions taking place in the formation of the new Michigan Conference. New spaces have been acquired and designed to accommodate new positions. Woolley reported the work of the Design Team is complete. Wagner recognized and thanked the individuals on the Design Team for their work over the last few years during the transition to the Michigan Conference.

Bishop Bard recognized and thanked Wagner and Woolley for their leadership and work on the Design Team. He introduced the new Conference staff:

- Deana Nelson (Executive Assistant to the Bishop)
- Jennifer Weaver (Executive Assistant to Clergy Assistant to the Bishop)
- District Executive Assistants: Pam Quayle, Jill Haney, Teri Rice, Liz Bode, Sarah Gillette, Cheryl Rentschler, Mandana Nordbrock, Darlene McGee and Dwanda Ashford.

Office of Connectional Ministries:

- Benton Heisler (Director)
- Sus'ann Busley (Executive Assistant)
- Nancy Arnold (Events Planner)
- Lisa Batten (Young Adult Initiatives Coordinator)
- Aritha Davis (Administrative Assistant)
- Kathy Hippensteel (Nominations and Journal Clerical Assistant)
- Sonya Luna (Missionary for Hispanic/Latino Ministry)
- Paul Perez (Associate Director for Mission and Ministry)
- Kathy Pittenger (Children's Initiatives Coordinator)
- Brittney Stephan (Associate Director for Multicultural Vibrancy)

Office of Communications:

- Mark Doyal (Director)
- Kristen Gillette (Executive Assistant)
- Kay DeMoss (Senior Writer/Content Editor)
- Valerie Mossman-Celestin (MIconnect Editor)
- Paul Reissmann (Social Media Assistant)

Office of Clergy Excellence:

- Jennifer Browne (Director)
- Debbie Stevenson (Executive Assistant)

Office of Congregational Vibrancy:

- Dirk Elliott (Director)
- Cheryl Poole (Executive Assistant)
- Naomi García (Associate Director for Congregational Vibrancy)
- Bridget Nelson (Coordinator of Youth Ministry Development)
- Gary Step (Associate Director for Congregational Vibrancy)
- Laura Witkowski (Associate Director for Lay Leadership Development)

Office of Finance and Administrative Services:

- David Dobbs (Director and Treasurer)
- Becky Emmert (Finance and Benefits Operations Manager)
- Chad Lundy (Accountant)
- Nancy Wyllys (Accounts Payable)
- Rich Pittenger (Accounts Receivable)
- Jennifer Gertz (EZRA Database Specialist/Benefits)
- Michael Mayo-Moyle (IT Specialist)

Office of Benefits and Human Resources:

- Don Emmert (Director)
- John Kosten (Benefits Administrator)

Marsha Woolley “welcomed” Bishop Bard as “the first Bishop of the Michigan Annual Conference!”

TOM (Transformational Outreach and Ministry) Talks: Paul Perez introduced and explained the reason behind our nine TOM Talks.

TT#1: *Engage With Your Community* was presented by Matthew Witkowski.

Local churches are encouraged to utilize the “Community Engagement Model” as a way of connecting with the community at large.

TT#2: *Engage with the Poor* was presented by Julie Liske. A video was shown on the causes of poverty, produced by www.tearfund.org. She spoke about the Grand Rapids organization, *Circles*. Information can be found at www.circlesusa.org.

Conference business session adjourned at 11:09 a.m. for Corporate Session.

Detroit Conference Corporate Business Session convened at 11:10 by Brent Webster.

See the DAC journal, p. 92 for DAC Trustees/Corporate Session minutes.

Motion: Bill Haggard, Dean of the Cabinet, on behalf of the Cabinet, moved that, in accordance with paragraph 2549 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, these six DAC churches be closed as of this corporate session. **Motion adopted.**

1. Dearborn Heights Warren Avenue UMC
2. Flint Eastwood UMC
3. Flint Lincoln Park UMC
4. Laurium UMC
5. Melvindale New Hope UMC
6. Ruby UMC

West Michigan Conference Corporate Business Session convened at 11:15 a.m. by Bill Gehman. See p. 116 for WMAC Trustees/Corporate Session minutes.

Motion: Bill Haggard, Dean of the Cabinet, on behalf of the Cabinet, moved that, in accordance with paragraph 2549 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, these three WMAC churches be closed as of this corporate session. **Motion adopted.**

1. Traverse City: Christ UMC
2. Vermontville UMC
3. West Mendon UMC

Bishop Bard offered prayer and recognized our Conference Chancellors.

West Michigan Conference Corporate Business Session adjourned at 11:39 a.m. by Bill Gehman.

Detroit Conference Corporate Business Session adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Brent Webster.

The Conference Business session resumed at 11:40 a.m. for lunch by Bishop Bard.

Pension & Benefits Report: Don Emmert reported about the coming health care and benefits changes when the single annual conference becomes official in January, 2019.

Announcements and prayer were shared by Bishop Bard.

Business adjourned at 12:00 p.m. by Bishop Bard.

SECOND DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, June 1, 2018

The plenary session reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in the Governors’ Hall at the Grand Traverse Bay Resort by Paul Perez, Associate Director for Mission and Ministry.

TOM Talks:

- TT#3: *Engage With Your Neighbors* was presented by Raquel Owens, Site Director at Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON). A video was shown highlighting the work of JFON.
- TT#4: *Engage Con la Gente (With the People)* was presented by Sonya Luna. A video was shown highlighting how the United Methodist Church is reaching out and engaging with the Hispanic and Latino population in three Michigan Conference churches.

Legislation Work:Todd Price, chair of Standing Rules Committee, reported.

Consent Calendar was presented by Price.

Motion: Price moved the acceptance of the Consent Calendar. **Motion adopted.**

- #7 - Michigan Conference Human Resources Policy (#1)
- #9 - Policy on Use of Proceeds of Sale & Accumulated Assets of Local Church Properties
- #10 - Add Statement Concerning Clergy Families to the Covenant of Clergy Sexual Ethics Policy
- #17 - Breastfeeding Facility at Michigan Annual Conference
- #25 - Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice Through Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions
- #26 - Guidelines for Equitable Compensation Support
- #27 - Minimum Salary Support for 2019

Pension and Benefits Resolutions: Don Emmert, Director of Benefits and Human Resources, presented.

Motion: Emmert moved the adoption of R#2, “Authorize CBOPHB to Manage Benefits Claims.” **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Emmert moved the adoption of R#3, “Housing/Rental Allowance for Retired or Clergy on Medical Leave.” **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Emmert moved the adoption of R#4, “2019 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan.” **Motion adopted.**

Motion: Emmert moved the adoption of R#5, “2019 Past Service Rate.” **Motion adopted.**

Item #18 - “Childcare for Conferences”

Legislative Committee Chair, Megan Crumm Walther, reported on the actions of the legislative committee:

Amendment: Line 27, page 14 -- Replace line with “The Annual Conference or district will provide either a stipend for childcare or qualified childcare for all multi-church conferences, district conferences, Annual Conference, and mandatory clergy training” AND Line 28, delete, “will provide the option of quality childcare”



Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 [amendment failed]
 Final action: Yes: 65 No: 15

 Carol Blair-Bouse, the presenter, explained the nature of this item to the conference.

Amendment: George Coventree moved to replace the original motion with “All multi-charge Conferences, District Conferences, Annual Conference and mandatory clergy trainings will provide quality childcare for those whose attendance at said conference is necessary for full inclusion for the life of the church. Childcare to be coordinated and financed by the convener in cooperation with the facility. A fee may be applicable.

Friendly editorial change: change “multi-church” to “multi-charge” (reflected in the above wording).

Amendment to Amendment: Charles Boayue moved to add the following to the end of the Coventree amendment: “*and paid by users as determined by convener.*”

Motion: Andy Wayne moved to table all that’s before us. **Motion adopted.**

Item #18 was tabled

Item #8 - *Michigan Conference Human Resources Policy.*

Legislative Committee Chair, Jeremy Peters, reported on the actions of the legislative committee:

Amendment: Motion to refer to the Conference HR Committee.

Item #8 as amended by committee carried.

Item #20 - *End U.S. Military Support of the Saudi Coalition for the War on Yemen.*

Actions of the legislative committee:

Amendment #1: Lines 7 and 8, page 16, replace “stop the U.S. refueling of Saudi bombers and tactical assistance” with “end U.S. assistance of this military action.”

Vote: Yes: 41 No: 34 (Amendment passed)

Amendment #1a: Insert “non-humanitarian” between “U.S.” and “assistance”

Vote: Yes: 27 No: 46 (Amendment failed)

Final Action: Yes: 63 No: 20

 Ben Bower, author of the Resolution, discussed the nature of the item to the Conference:

Amendment [to original motion]: Ell Pizarek, Commerce UMC move to replace line 5-8 after “to” with “The Michigan Conference urges its members to pray that our Heavenly Father grant clarity to our Nation’s leaders to work in a bipartisan manner that will bring an end to the conflicts in in war torn lands such as Afghanistan, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Yemen. That God will show the path for our leaders to take that will bring peace and protection to the children of the land.” **Amendment failed.**

Motion: Jamie Buchner moved to call the question of all that is before us.

Motion adopted.

Resolution #20 as amended by committee was adopted.

A 30 minute break was called at 4:00 p.m. by Bishop Bard

The session reconvened at 4:30 by Paul Perez, Associate Director for Mission and Ministry.

TOM Talks:

TT#5: *Engage With the World* was presented by Rob Cook, Darryl Totty, and Eric Mulanda Nduwa. A brief video was shown highlighting the ministries of Detroit: Second Grace UMC. Totty spoke about *Access*, a program of Second Grace UMC, as well as other community outreach ministries they employ that other churches could emulate in their own settings. Another video was shown that highlighted the ministry at Lansing: Mount Hope UMC.

Nominations Report: Janet Lerner, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the report to the Conference.

Motion: Lerner moved to approve the Nominations Report with the understanding the Committee on Nominations will continue to fill vacancies throughout the year. **Motion adopted.**

Commission on a Way Forward: Bishop Bard presented the work being done on the Commission on a Way Forward. A video was shown highlighting the “Once Church Model” which the Council of Bishops is recommending.

One Matters Discipleship Award: Hess “Doc” Hall, Director of Older Adult Spiritual Formation at the Upper Room, introduced the One Matters Discipleship Award to the Conference. Gary Step presented Rev. Kevin Smalls of Southfield Hope United Methodist Church with the One Matters Discipleship Award for his work in growing the church’s attendance, professions of faith, and baptisms. Rev. Smalls acknowledged and recognized individuals in his church and the Conference for their support.

Paul Perez shared an announcement regarding the updated Social Principles coming out in 2020. Chris Momany, chaplain at Adrian College, was acknowledged for his role in this update.

Announcements were shared by Joy Barrett, Conference Secretary.

The session was adjourned at 5:40 with prayer by Dale Miller until the morning worship.

THIRD DAY - MORNING SESSION

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Worship at Grand Traverse Resort: The Michigan Annual Conference Worship Service opened at 8:30 a.m. in the Governor’s Hall. Reverend Kennetha Bigham-Tsai preached the sermon “Go and Do Likewise” The worship service was based on Luke 10:25-37. Worship Leaders were Reverend Mark Thompson and Kelsey Burns.

Worship ended at 9:31 a.m. A 30 minute recess was called by the order of the day.

Conference Business resumed at 10:02 a.m. by Paul Perez, Associate Director for Mission and Ministry.

TOM Talks:

TT#6: *Engage With Youth* was presented by Rhonda Goode and Sarah Alexander, Director of Motown Mission. Goode talked about the youth ministry at Indian River UMC. A video was shown, highlighting the program, “G.L.O.W.” (God’s Light in Our World). Alexander talked about and showed a video highlighting the youth-focused portion of Motown Mission.

TT#7: *Engage with Schools* was presented by a panel, moderated by Shawn Lewis-Lakin. Panel members were Kathy Pittenger, Christy Miller-Black, Alejandro Fernandez, and Shawn Lewis-Lakin. Panel members introduced themselves and talked about the ways their own places of ministry serve the local schools.

General Board of Global Ministries Report: Jack Amick reported. A video produced by the General Board of Global Ministries was shown, highlighting the ministry of GBGM, focusing on UMCOR. \$1.6 billion has been shared world-wide through the Advance.

The Advance 2018 Award: presented to the Detroit Annual Conference for the following three areas. Terry Euper and Paul Perez accepted the award on behalf of the DAC.

1. Health Initiatives
2. Missionaries
3. International Disaster Response

A ‘PBS News Hour’ video was shown, “Chasing the Dream,” about The Tiny Home Project in Detroit, a ministry of Cass Community Social Services.

Bishop Bard announced the passing of the Rev. Jim Thomas, retired. Bishop Bard prayed for the Thomas family, and for all who need healing.

Moment of Personal Privilege: Bob Lynch shared that he was recently miraculously healed of his cancer.

Legislation Work: Diane Brown reported.

Resolutions:

Item #11: “*Older Adult Ministries Council*”

Legislative Committee Chair, Chad Parmalee, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment: Motion to refer to Conference Leadership Council.

Vote: Yes: 77 No: 0 [Motion adopted]

Motion to Refer: Benton Heisler moved to refer R#11 to the Board of Congregational Life, and report back to the 2019 Michigan Annual Conference. **Motion adopted.**

Item #11 was referred to the Board of Congregational Life.

Item #12: “*Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival.*”
Legislative Committee Chair, Brad Luck, reported on the actions of the
Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Line 12, page 11, add after “Revival, “and support
activities and programs locally to help break the cycle of
poverty” and delete last sentence of motion (lines 12 and
13).

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 61 [amendment failed]

Final Action: Yes: 49 No:31

Ed Rowe, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

Motion: Alex Plum moved to suspend the rules for the purposes of limiting
speeches by the presenter and those speaking ‘for’ or ‘against’ to 1:30 for
the remainder of legislation. **Motion adopted.**

Item #12 continued:

Motion to Table: Jeanne Garza moved to table R#12. **Motion failed.**

Motion: Brad Bartelmay moved to call the question. **Motion adopted.**

Item #12 was adopted.

Announcements were given at 11:55 a.m. by Joy Barrett, Conference Secretary.

Business adjourned at 12:00 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Jean Lesly Dorcely -
Superintendent of the Cap Haitien Circuit, who brought greetings from Haiti.

THIRD DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Saturday, June 2, 2018

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: Laura Speiran, Chair of the DAC Board
of Ordained Ministry, and Sherri Swanson, Chair of the WMAC Board of Ordained
Ministry, presented. Speiran and Swanson acknowledged and recognized individuals
for their work with the Board of Ordained Ministry. Speiran and Swanson presented
the changes taking place in the Board of Ordained Ministry with the new Michigan
Conference and recognized board members going off the Board and future members
coming onto the Board. Sus’ann Busley and Nancy Arnold were recognized for their
work as Executive Assistants to the Board. Members of the District Boards of
Ordained Ministry were recognized.

Jennifer Browne was introduced as the new Director of Clergy Excellence; and
Debbie Stevenson as the new Executive Assistant. Browne explained the new eight-
year assessment for clergy and the resources available.

Swanson introduced Speiran as the new chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
Dean Prentiss presented Sherri Swanson with the Lynn Grimes Award for her

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faithful work as the outgoing chairperson of the WMAC Board of Ordained Ministry.

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

Recognition of:

- Those completing Certification in Specialized Ministry: Michele Ettinger
- Local Pastors who have completed licensing school:
 - **WMAC:** Mark Aupperlee, Ellen Bierlien, Andrew Hollander, Andrea Johnson, Eric Magner, Heather Nolen, Matthew West, Terry Wildman, Todd Williamson and Janet Wilson.
 - **DAC:** Rosaline Green, Mark Huff, Kenneth Johnson, Nadine Johnson, Myra Moreland, Heather Nowak, Jeffery Swainston, Dwayne Thomas, Kelly Vergowven, and Colleen Wilsdon.
- Local Pastors who are in their first appointment:
 - **WMAC:** Bradley Bunn, Tania Dozeman, Laura Feliciano, Thomas Fifer, Banza Mukalay and Linda Stephan.
 - **DAC:** Anika Bailey, Rosaline Green, Mark Huff, Kenneth Johnson, Myra Moreland, Heather Nowak, Clifford Radke, James Reinker, Ruth VanderSande, Kelly Vergowven, Colleen Wilsdon and Melene Wilsey.
- Local Pastors who have completed Course of Study School:
 - **WMAC:** Joseph Beavan and Ronald Slager
 - **DAC:** Curtis Clarke, Robert Dister, Ian McDonald, Matthew Osborne and Nathan Reed

Recognition of:

- Holders of the Conference Canes:
 - **WMAC:** Bernard Randolph
 - **DAC:** Art Spafford
- Those serving among us from other annual conferences:
 - **WMAC:** Christine Beaudoin, Steven Manskar, Andrew Phillips, and Brittney Stephan
 - **DAC:** Melissa Claxton, Erin Fitzgerald, Joel Fitzgerald, Timothy Kobler, Victoria Hadaway, Kyunglim Shin Lee, Joy Moore, Gertrude Mukalay, David Nellist, John Kabala Ilunga Ngoie, Robert Nystrom, Karen Sorden, Brian Steele, and Timothy Wright
- Transfers:
 - **WMAC:** Donald Wolfgang
 - **DAC:** Dirk Elliot
- Chaplains: All who have served in any type of chaplaincy were invited to stand and be recognized

Introduction of:

- Those to be commissioned:
 - Provisional Elders: Barbara Benjamin, Robert Blanchard, Christopher Butson, Michelle Forsyth, YooJin Kim, Corey Simon, Tania Dozeman, Sean Kidd, and Linda Stephan
 - Provisional Deacons: none

- Those to be ordained:
 - Deacons: Caleb Williams, Susan Amick, Christina Miller-Black
 - Elders: Gary Simmons (Baptist orders being recognized); Seok Nam Lim, Kristen Coristine, Janine Plum, Timothy Trommater, and Ryan Wenburg

WMAC - Recognition of 2018 Retirees (total of 336 years of service):

- Deacon: none
- Local Pastors: Mona Dye, Paul Hane, Herbert Vanderbilt and Irene Vittoz
- Honorable Location: Bruce Dempsey, Michael Long, Terry MacArthur
- Elders: Peggy Baker, Patricia Brook, Diane Gordon, William Haggard, Harris Hoekwater, Bruce Kintigh, Cynthia Parsons, Gerald Selleck and Ellen Zienert

DAC - Recognition of 2018 Retirees (total of 606 years of service):

- Deacon: Murphy Ehlers, Annelissa Gray-Lion, Jaye Reisinger
- Local Pastors: Nancy Bitterling, Donald Derby, Linda Fuller, Bruce Steinberg
- Honorable Location: none
- Elders: David Amstutz, Evans Bentley, Janet Brown, Patrick England, Daniel Gonder, Duane Harris, Caroline Hart, Deborah Line Yencer, Calvin Long, David Mulder, Karen Noel, Douglas Paterson, Robert Roth, Jr., Robert Sielaff, Karen Hien Thi Vo To, Ut Van To

School for Pastoral Ministry: A video for the School of Pastoral Ministry training was shown. The School for Pastoral Ministry will be on August 21-22, 2018 in East Lansing, Michigan.

A break was called at 3:28 p.m. by the order of the day.

Business Session resumed at 4:15 p.m. by Paul Perez, Associate Director for Mission and Ministry.

Tom Talks:

- TT#8: *Engage With Those Struggling* was presented by Greg Timmons, Executive Director of Flint Recovery. He talked about their strategy for the recovery of Flint.
- TT#9: *Engage Within Our Churches* was presented by Naomi García, Associate Director for Congregational Vibrancy.

A video was shown highlighting the “blanket ministry” of a local church. See www.cwsblankets.org for more information.

Legislative work: Todd Price reported.

Item #1 - Plan of Organization

Andy Wayne presented the proposed changes to the Plan of Organization which was originally approved at the 2017 Michigan Annual Conference.

Point of Personal Privilege: In response to what was presented in the TOM Talks, Tara Sutton prayed.

Item #1 con't

Amendment: Scott Bouldrey moved to strike the whole of section 11.4 - "The Basic Structure of Each District."

Point of Order: Bishop Bard ruled that section 11.4.3 would be out of order and not included in the Bouldrey amendment if it passes.

Motion to Refer: Bethany Burch moved to refer the Amendment to the Conference Leadership Council. **Motion failed.**

[Bouldrey] amendment failed.

Amendment: Diana Miller moved that

1. the current sections 1.6.3.5 through 1.3.6.6 on p. 54 be replaced with:
 - 1.6.3.5 The archivists of the conference archives shall serve as ex-officio members with voice and vote.
 - 1.6.3.6 The president of the Michigan Area United Methodist Church Historical Society shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice and vote.
 - 1.6.3.7 Any member of the General Commission on Archives and History shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice and vote."
2. the current section 1.6.6 on p. 55 be replaced with:
 - 1.6.6 Relationship -- The commission shall relate to the General Commission on Archives and History and the Michigan Area United Methodist Church Historical Society."

Item #1 was tabled by Bishop Bard until the evening business session.

Business Session recessed for dinner at 5:38 p.m. for dinner with prayer by David Kim.

THIRD DAY - EVENING SESSION

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Business Session reconvened at 7:03 p.m. by Bishop Bard.

Engage Michigan presentation: Don Gotham, Brenda DuPree, and Paul Perez presented.

Engage Michigan is the new mission outreach of the Michigan Annual Conference and replaces the DAC *Spotlight Church* and the WMAC *Six Lanes Church*. LEARN-GIVE-ACT is the 3-prong approach *Engage Michigan* uses to encourage missional giving in local churches. *Engage Michigan* will officially begin January 1, 2019. An online version of *Engage Michigan* will be uploaded to the Michigan Annual Conference website.

Motion: Grant Fry moved that for the legislation, debate be limited to two speeches 'for' and two speeches 'against' after which the question may be called. **Motion adopted.**

Revote on Proposed Constitutional Amendment -- 1: Bishop Bard explained the voting process, including who was eligible to vote (full member clergy and lay delegates). By annual conference, separate ballot votes were passed out. William Haggard offered prayer. All ballots were collected simultaneously. The results of our vote were not published during this annual conference.

Motion: In the 2012 *Book of Discipline*, Division One, add a new paragraph between ¶¶5 and 6:
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 acknowledges the long history of discrimination against women 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 women's and girls' equality and well-being.

Legislation work: Diane Brown reported.

Item #1 (continued from the afternoon session)

Amendment: James Balfour moved that after "in consultation with the Committee on Human Resources" add, " and the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits," **Amendment adopted.**

Amendment: Sarah DeLany moved to change section 3.4.2.2.4 from "graduating college students" to "young adults" to read "Assist young adults with transition to adult congregational life." **Amendment adopted.**

Item #1 as amended carried.

Motion: Ameer Paparella moved to remove Item #18 from the table to discuss.

Motion adopted.

Item #18 was lifted from the table.

Item #18 (continued from Friday afternoon)

Motion to Refer: Mary Ivanov moved to refer Item #18 to the Michigan Area Conference Protection Policy Committee in order that they might address the issues of hospitality in relationship to providing childcare for mandatory trainings and called conferences the logistics of ensuring that quality child care is offered by persons trained under the Conference Protection Policy, and the financial implications (i.e. who will cover the cost). **Motion adopted.**

Item #18 has been referred to the Michigan Area Conference Protection Policy Committee.

Item #13: "Acknowledgement of Sin"

Legislative Committee Chair, Bill Chu, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Line 44, page 11, add to the end of motion "The Annual Conference encourages Michigan Area churches to have one Sunday to address this resolution as stated by the next Annual Conference."

Vote: Yes: 24 No: 47 [Motion Failed]

Amendment #2: Line 44, page 11, insert after "LGBTQI" "people and the poor"

Vote: Yes: 35 No: 41 [Motion Failed]

Editorial Change #1: Move the words in parentheses after "laypersons" AND insert the word "especially" after laypersons AND delete

the parentheses AND add the word “people” at the end. The resulting revised motion reads: “We acknowledge we have sinned in how we have sometimes treated marginalized pastors and laypersons, especially people of color, Native Americans, women and LGBTQI people.”

Final Action: Yes: 51 No: 31

Mike Tupper, the presenter of Item #13, spoke to the resolution.

Amendment: Libby Shorley moved the removal of the words “Pastors and lay persons” AND the addition of the word “those” between “treated” and “marginalized” so it reads: “We acknowledge we have sinned in how we have sometimes treated those marginalized, especially people of color, Native Americans, women, and LGBTQI people.”

Amendment carried.

Motion: Tim Dibble called the question. **Motion adopted.**

Item #13 as amended was adopted.

Item #14: “Call for Unity in Diversity”

Legislative Committee Chair Rev. Rick Dake, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Line 17, page 12, delete “and practice”

Vote: Yes: 50 No: 22 (Motion adopted)

Amendment #2: Line 17, page 12, delete “in matters of sexual identity”

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 62 (Motion failed)

Amendment #3: Line 17, page 12, replace “in” with “including”

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 66 (Motion failed)

Amendment #4: Line 17, page 12, replace “in” with “including, but not limited to”

Vote: Yes: 8 No: 66 (Motion failed)

Amendment #5: Line 17, page 12, add “particularly” after “perspectives” AND add “sexual practice” at the end.

Vote: Yes: 18 No: 55 (Motion failed)

Amendment #6: Line 17, page 12, replace “sexual identity” with “human sexuality.”

Vote: Yes: 61 No: 10 (Motion adopted)

Therefore, line 17 now reads: “openness to diverse perspectives in matters of human sexuality.”

Final Action: Yes - 65 No - 10

Melanie Carey, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

Substitute Motion: Kim DeLong moved the following substitute [to replace the original motion]: “We urge the General Conference delegates of the West Michigan and Detroit Conferences to adopt the One Church Model at General Conferences.” (*Bishop Bard explained the simplified procedure for dealing with substitute motions as adopted by the 2016 General Conference. Debate continued with a general consensus to follow this procedure, though an actual vote was not taken.*)

Motion: Andy Wayne moved the previous question. **Motion adopted.**
Substitute motion failed.

Motion: Todd Price moved the previous question. **Motion adopted.**
Item #14 as amended by the Legislative Committee was adopted.

A 5-minute standing break was called by the Bishop.

Announcements made by Joy Barrett.

Legislative Work

Item #15: “Prevent Gun Violence”

Legislative Committee Chair, Joel Fitzgerald, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Line 24, page 12, insert after “on”, “private ownership of”

Vote: Yes: 56 No: 11 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #2: Line 24, page 12, replace “The Detroit Conference its members” with “The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church calls on the state of Michigan through communication by the Bishop to state representatives and senators”

Vote: Yes: 38 No: 33 (*Motion adopted*)

Therefore the beginning of the motion (line 24) now reads: “The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church calls on the state of Michigan through communication by the Bishop to state representatives and senators to advocate for a state of Michigan ban on private ownership of AR-15s and”

Final Action: Yes - 66 No - 10

Rick Peacock, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

Substitute Motion: Jim Gysel moved to replace the original motion with the following: “In the face of the increasing violent acts that kill innocent people, the Michigan Conference encourages local churches in supporting families of all sizes and ethnicities in their local community and to sponsor a “family support event or program” once, or several times a year that would bridge church families and the families of the neighborhoods they are serving.” **Motion to debate the two motions carried.**

Motion: the question was called. **Motion adopted.**

Substitute motion failed.

Amendment: Grant Fry moved to add to line 26: “, and support compensating owners of these legally purchased firearms as they are surrendered.”

Amendment failed.

Motion: from the floor it was moved to table Item #15 until 2019. **Motion failed.**

Motion: Ameer Papparalla called the question. **Motion adopted.**

Item #15 as amended by the Legislative Committee carried.

Item #16: “Raise the Age in Michigan”

Legislative Committee Chair, Todd Price, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Line 43, page 12, add “state representatives” after “state senators”

Vote: Yes: 80 No: 1 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #2: line 43, page 12, replace phrase “By contacting state senators and state representatives” with “By contacting state representatives urging them to call the chair of the Law and Justice committee, and then calling the state senators,”

Vote: Yes: 80 No: 1 (*Motion adopted*)

Final Action: Yes - 75 No - 6

Motion: Dale Miller moved that for all the legislation before us for the rest of the conference there shall be a maximum of two speeches ‘for’ and two speeches ‘against.’ **Motion adopted.**

Dale Milford, the presenter of Item #16, spoke to the resolution.

Item #16 as amended by the Legislative Committee carried.

Item #21: “*Stop a War on North Korea*”

Legislative Committee Chair, John Wharton, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Line 30, page 16, at end of line add “that we would also encourage our own government to recognize the right of all Korean people to negotiate on behalf of themselves.”

Vote: Yes: 51 No: 16 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #2: Line 29, page 16, delete “each week”

Vote: Yes: 42 No: 23 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #3: Lines 35 and 38, replace “President Trump” with “the President of the United States”

Vote: Yes: 70 No: 0 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #4: Line 34, replace names and telephone numbers with “our Michigan U.S. senators”

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 53 (*Motion failed*)

Final Action: Yes - 62 No - 7

George Coventree, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

Motion: Alex Plum moved to suspend the rules to postpone all remaining legislation with the exception of the budget indefinitely. **Motion failed.**

Item #21 carried.

Motion: Paul Hane moved that all remaining resolutions, with the exception of the budget, be voted on without debate. Presenters may have one minute to speak prior to the vote. **Motion adopted.**

Item #22: “*You Shall Not Bear False Witness*”

Legislative Committee Chair, Joel Fitzgerald, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Delete lines 31 and 32

Vote: Yes: 72 No: 0 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #2: Line 26, insert “commentary” after “Bible”

Amendment #2a: add “or other theologically sound material at the end of line 26

Vote: Yes: 63 No: 6

Final Action of Amendment 2: Yes: 68 No: 3 (*Motion adopted*)
Amendment #3: Delete lines 29 and 30
 Vote: Yes: 21 No: 43 (*Motion failed*)
 Final Action: Yes - 51 No - 13

 Rich Peacock, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.
Item #22 as amended by the Legislative Committee carried.

Item #23: “*Child Incarceration, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and UMW Priorities*”

Legislative Committee Chair, Andy Wayne, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Amendment #1: Lines 14 and 15 – replace “charge” with “encourage” AND after “Board of Justice” add “to explore” AND delete “along with requesting representatives from the United Methodist Women to consider”

Vote: Yes: 29 No: 46 (*Motion failed*)

Amendment #2: Line 16 – add at the end of the line “but not limited to”

Vote: Yes: 45 No: 24 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #3: Lines 12, 14 and 21 – delete “It is proposed that” from the beginning of each line

Vote: Yes: 71 No: 3 (*Motion adopted*)

Amendment #4: Line 13 – add “in the United States and in the world” to the end of the line

Substitute Amendment: add “anywhere in the world” to the end of the line

Vote: Yes: 49 No: 18 to consider substitute

Final Action on Substitute Amendment: Yes: 60 No: 8

Editorial Change #1: Line 14 – Replace “charge” with “charges”

Editorial Change #2: Line 22 – Insert “shall” before “be brought”

Final Action: Yes - 55 No - 17

 Randie Clawson, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.
Motion to Refer: Amee Paparella moved to refer Item #23 to the Board of Justice. **Motion adopted.**
Item #23 was referred to the Board of Justice.

Item #24: “*Advocating for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Occupation*”

Legislative Committee chair, Andy Wayne, reported on the actions of the Legislative Committee:

Motion to refer: Motion to refer to the Board of Justice with a report back to the 2019 Annual Conference

Vote: Yes: 63 No: 8 (*Motion adopted*)

Item #24 was referred to the Board of Justice.

Diane Brown thanked all those who served as legislative committee chairpersons and recorders.

Item #6: “*Amend Rules of Order ¶5.1.2*”

Motion to Refer: Todd Price moved to refer Item #6 to the Rules Committee.

Motion adopted.

Item #6 has been referred to the Rules Committee.

Bishop Bard recognized and thanked Joy Barrett, Conference Secretary, and John Boley, Clergy Assistant to the Bishop, for their work.

Announcements were given by Joy Barrett, Conference Secretary.

Bishop Bard adjourned the session at 10:33 p.m.

FOURTH DAY - MORNING SESSION

Sunday, June 5, 2018

Worship began at 9:00 a.m. with the The Well Band. The praise band from Traverse City Central UMC led the Congregation in song. Members of the Cabinet led the Conference in worship.

CFA Report: David Dobbs, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, reported. Dobbs verbally highlighted changes to the CFA policy regarding clergy moves; he also correct title of one of our conference special offerings named in the policy. Dobbs discussed the ministry share formula and process starting July 1, 2018.

Budget Motion: Dobbs moved to approve the 2019 Michigan Area Conference Budget.
Motion adopted.

Cabinet/Dean's Report: William Haggard, Dean of the Cabinet, reported.

The historical examinations of candidates into full connectional and ordination as fell elder or full deacon. Sherri Swanson, chair of the West Michigan Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and Laura Speiran, 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. The Cabinet sang "You Are the Seed" to the candidates.

Saying "Good-Bye": Bishop Bard recognized and thanked those on the Cabinet whose terms are ending at the end of June.

- Mark Spaw, Ann Arbor District (8 years)
- William Haggard, Grand Rapids District (6 years)
- Dale Miller, Albion District (1 year)
- Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, Lansing District (4½ years)

A 15 minute break was called by order of the day.

Worship reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

Installation of New District Superintendents: Bishop Bard installed Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford as the new district superintendent of the Midwest District, and Rev. Dr. Jerome DeVine as the new district superintendent of the Mid-Michigan District. Bishop Bard announced the appointments of the following superintendents to their respective districts:

- Margie Crawford - Midwest District
- Jerome DeVine - Mid-Michigan District
- Scott Harmon - Northern Skies District
- Anita Hahn - Northern Waters District
- David Kim - Central Bay District
- John Hice - East Winds District
- Dwayne Bagley - Greater Southwest District
- Elizabeth Hill - Heritage District
- Charles Boayue - Greater Detroit District

Ann Soles, Lay Leader of the WMAC, and John Wharton, Lay Leader of the DAC, presented the district superintendents with ceremonial gifts/signs which reflect the skills and giftedness necessary to fulfill their responsibilities.

Setting of Appointments for the Michigan Annual Conference was led by Bishop Bard with corrections made by John Boley and the district superintendents. Bishop Bard announced the appointment of John Boley as the Assistant to the Bishop.

Dirk Elliot, Director of Congregational Vibrancy, reported on the work of New Church Development, highlighting some of the upcoming resources for congregational vibrancy. The new quadrennial goals of New Church Development are to start 13 new churches, 130 new faith communities, and 1300 new small groups. We are currently taking steps to start three new churches in the MAC. In the area of new faith communities, this year we have started seven new worship services, two church adoptions, and Cass Community UMC. \$300 grants will be offered to local churches who want to begin new small groups targeting new or non-Christians. Elliot introduced those who are starting the three new congregations:

- African Diaspora: Rev Gertrude Mukalay and Rev John Kabala
- Cass Community: Rev John Reynolds
- Restoration UMC: Banza Mukalay

Bishop Bard prayed for these clergy.

Rev. Charles Boayue, new Dean of the Cabinet, led the Conference in prayer.

Announcements were given by Nichea Ver Veer Guy.

Bishop Bard introduced Anne Soles and John Wharton as co-Lay Leaders for the Michigan Area Conference.

The session adjourned *sine die* at 11:48 a.m. (conference officially adjourned following the Recognition, Commissioning, and Ordination service).

FOURTH DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Sunday, June 3, 2018

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 Craig Alan Satterlee of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The chairs of the John Wesley Association and

the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members introduced those that have completed course of study. 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 Isaiah 20:1-6, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, and John 1:35-42. An offering was taken with the gifts supporting the Ministerial Education Fund. For anyone who thinks they may be hearing a call to consider ministry within this conference of The United Methodist Church, an *invitation to ministry* was extended to come forward and be greeted by members of the Boards of Ordained Ministry. Bishop Bard concluded the Ordination Service at with a blessing.

DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Persons recognized as local pastors who have completed course of study: Curtis Clarke, Robert Dister, Ian McDonald, Matthew Osborne and Nathan Reed

Persons commissioned as Provisional Deacons: none

Persons commissioned as Provisional Elders: Barbara Benjamin, Robert Blanchard, Christopher Butson, Michelle Forsyth, YooJin Kim and Cory Simon

Persons ordained Deacons: Susan Amick and Christina Miller-Black

Persons ordained Elders: Kristen Coristine, Seok Nam Lim, and Janine Plum

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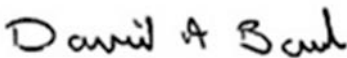
Persons recognized as local pastors who have completed course of study: Joseph Beavan and Ronald Slager

Persons commissioned as Provisional Elders: Tania Dozeman, Sean Kidd and Linda Stephan

Persons ordained Deacons: Caleb Williams

Persons ordained Elders: Timothy Trommater and Ryan Wenburg

Person whose orders are recognized as Elder: Gary Simmons



David A. Bard,
Presiding Bishop



Joy A. Barrett,
Conference Secretary

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

West Michigan Conference Trustees Report

I am Bill Gehman, Chair, of the West Michigan Conference Trustees. We plan to have both Trustee Membership meetings open during this joint corporate Session.

At this time I would like to call to order the Annual Membership Meeting of the Corporation of the West Michigan Conference.

I would also like to emphasize, as Brent has mentioned, our joint meetings with the Detroit Trustees these past 6 months. This has been in preparation for becoming one Trustee group for the Michigan Conference.

The last 12 months have been very busy for the Trustees in West Michigan. Some of the major items that we have been working on include:

- The Grand Rapids Center Building was listed for sale and we have received a signed offer to purchase. We would hope to close on this soon.
- We have been working with Benton Heisler to provide space at the First Church for the employees that are to remain in Grand Rapids. This will be for the persons who were previously located in the Grand Rapids Center Building. This space at First Church has been leased, remodeled and employees have move in to it.
- We have been working with the Ministry Center board to lease and build-out space located in Clark Corners, Dewitt. Clark Corners is located just north of the existing Ministry Center in Lansing. The space is leased is for 5 years. This was considered an interim space and we would hope by the end of the lease period we will know if any major changes are to be made in the United Methodist Church organizational structure. This office space is now occupied by employees that have move to the Lansing area from Flint and Grand Rapids.
- Christ UMC in Lansing has been recently sold and Stockbridge Avenue UMC in Kalamazoo is currently listed for sale and we would hope to close on it in the next few months.
- We have also been working on a law suit in-conjunction with the chancellor regarding a property line dispute at the Lake Michigan Camp. This is very expensive property and it looks like we may be getting close to an agreement which will be favorable for the camp property. When this issue is resolved the Trustees will turn this property over to Camping Ministries.
- We have been working with the director of Connectional Ministries to plan for the space requirement at our Salem Building. This building is owned by the West Michigan Conference. The primary uses of the building now is for additional archive space and for offices for Camping Ministries.
- The Trustees have also purchased a Parsonage for the new Grand Rapids District Superintendent. The home is located in Kentwood.

Church Closings for Corporate Session 2018 June 1, 2018

Clergy Assistant to the Bishop: John Boley:

“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” [John 12:24]

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the churches that have been named here today have provided vital ministry to our annual conferences. They have provided nurture to members, ministry to their communities and have fostered ecumenical and interfaith relationships. They have made disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

However, over time, these churches have declined in worship attendance, giving, and leadership engagement and have been affected by other situations that impact their ability to do ministry in The United Methodist Church. After conducting ministry assessments, the Bishop, the Cabinet and the applicable District Board of Church Location and Building have determined that these churches no longer serve the purpose for which they were organized. The members may transfer their membership to other United Methodist churches, and the appropriate bodies are handling disposition of church buildings and other assets. These churches have left a legacy in ministry. We trust, that even in death and transition, the seeds that they have planted will bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

Dean of the Cabinet, Bill Haggard:

We are closing six churches in the Detroit Conference this year. As always, it is with both a sense of joy and sorrow – sorrow for the ending of a congregation’s ministry, but joy for all of the ministry of the past and the way in which lives have been touched.

(Bill presents the short blurb about each of these congregations):

1. Dearborn Heights Warren Avenue UMC
2. Flint Eastwood UMC
3. Flint Lincoln Park UMC
4. Laurium UMC
5. Melvindale New Hope UMC
6. Ruby UMC

Dean of the Cabinet, Rev. William Haggard:

Mr. Chair (Brent Webster), to the 2018 Detroit Annual Conference Corporate session, in accordance with ¶ 2549 of the 2016 *Book of Discipline*, the Cabinet moves that these 6 churches be closed as of this corporate session.

Rev. Brent L. Webster, Trustee Chair:

This motion is prayerfully before the Detroit Annual Conference body. If you would affirm the closure of these churches as of this corporate session, please raise your placards.

If you would not affirm this motion, same sign.

The motion is approved.

Bill Haggard continues:

And we are closing three churches in the West Michigan Conference:

1. Traverse City Christ UMC
2. Vermontville UMC
3. West Mendon UMC

Mr. Chair (Bill Gehman), to the 2018 West Michigan Annual Conference Corporate session, in accordance with ¶ 2549 of the 2016 *Book of Discipline*, the Cabinet moves that these 3 churches be closed as of this corporate session.

Bill Gehman, Trustee Chair:

This motion is prayerfully before the West Michigan Annual Conference body. If you would affirm the closure of these churches as of this corporate session, please raise your placards.

If you would not affirm this motion, same sign.

The motion is approved.

Bishop Bard offers a closing prayer.

