

**FIRST DAY – AFTERNOON SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016**

Opening worship at Breslin Center. The DAC Memorial Service opened at 2:00 p.m.

This service included the baptism of Joshua James Reynolds, son of Revs. Lindsey Hall and Jon Reynolds by Bishop Kieseey. Worship leaders: Rev. Dr. Barbara Lewis-Lakin, preacher; Joel Walther, Claudia Bowers, Melanie Carey, and Bishop Deborah Kieseey, liturgists; Tracy Huffman, Wayne Bank, and Jackie Euper, naming the saints; Jorge Lockward, worship leader. Clergy, clergy spouses, and laity who passed away since the last annual conference session were memorialized by a reading of their names and personal statements. Those memorialized were:

- **Clergy:** Joanne Ruth Bartelt, Harrison M. Brakeman, Ronald Corl, Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt, Robert P. Garrett, Steve A. Gjerstad, King Hanna, Margery H. Host, Gary R. Imms, Dennis N. Paulson, Richard J. Wood.
- **Clergy Spouses:** Robert Bohnsack, Loretta Lucille Blakely, Maxine Curtiss, Florence Hammer, Ruth Howell, Hertha Laupmanis, Idella Joan McEntarfer, Janet Ott, Irene Simpson, Joan Ward, Margaret Worgess.
- **Laity:** Margaret (Shirley) Cook, Mary Hicks, Carl Kinney

An offering was received that will be shared between the Haiti Hot Lunch Program and the Bishop Craig Children's Village in Liberia.

Short Break

Recognition of 2016 Clergy Retirements began at 4:00 p.m. in Breslin Center. Dale Miller, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, welcomed all to the recognition of retirements.

Reading of the names and "How I Would Like My Ministry to be Remembered," submitted by retirees. Mary McInnes opened with prayer.

Deacon –

Local Pastors – Kathy Phillips, David Pratt,

Honorable Location:

Elders – Eugene Bacon, Gordon Boyd, Lyn Frazier, Lynn Hasley, Gerald Hunter, Susan Kingsley, James Kummer, Jeffrey Maxwell, Judith May, William McBride, Dale Miller, Bruce Nowacek, Linda Jo Powers, Gregory Rowe, Jay Six, Susan Bennett Stiles, James Tuttle, Suzanne Walls, Robert White.

Prayer and blessing for the retirees by Bishop Kieseey.

The session was recessed at 4:30 p.m. for dinner by Bishop Kieseey.

**FIRST DAY – EVENING SESSION
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The clergy session was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in University United Methodist Church, East Lansing, Michigan by Dale Miller.

The Clergy Record was given by Dale Miller and members of the Board of Ordained Ministry. A time of worship began with the singing of *And Are We Yet Alive*.

School for Pastoral Ministry: Don Weatherup reported. A video was shown to preview this year's course. Nadia Bolz-Weber and Faith Fowler will be this year's speakers. This year's SPM will take place August 23-24 in East Lansing.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the suspension of the rules for the seating of Nancy Arnold and Jennifer Weaver during the clergy session. Motion passed.

Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members/Order of Deacons/Order of Elders: Sue Platt (local pastors), Laura Speiran (Deacons), Joy Barrett (Elders) reported, using Dr. Seuss' "Oh, the Places You'll Go" as a springboard for their own report on these three areas. The focus of their "story" was how each of these orders will help us build a strong new annual conference.

Episcopal Greeting: Bishop Kiesey greeted the clergy and expressed her gratitude for all the work and commitment of the clergy as they do their work day in and day out.

Election of the Chair of the Order of Elders:

Motion: Dale Miller moved the election of Mary McInnes as the next chair of the Order of Elders. Motion adopted.

Report: Laura Spiran will be the new chair of the BOM

Motion: Dale Miller moved the election of April McGlothlin-Eller as the new chair of order of Deacons

Clergy Report:

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#18a**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#21a**. Motion adopted

Recognition: Billie Lou Gillespie, Local Pastor Registrar, recognized the local pastors who have completed their course of study. Those persons were Mark Zender and Jonathan Coombs

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#25**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#26b**. Motion adopted by two-third vote.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#28a**. A video was shown of those to be elected as provisional members and Deacons of The United Methodist Church. Introductions were made and votes taken on each candidate. All motions adopted.

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

A 5-minute break was requested by Dale Miller, and granted by Bishop Kiesey.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#32a&33a**. The candidate to be elected as a member in full connection, and ordained as a Deacon, was introduced and a vote was taken. Motion was adopted by two-third vote.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#32b & 34a**. Candidates to be elected as members in full connection, and ordained as Elders, were

introduced and votes taken on each candidate. Motion was adopted by two-third vote.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#42c**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#44a**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#50a1**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#50a2**. Motion adopted with two-thirds vote.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **52**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#53b Elders**. Motion adopted.

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of question **#64**. Motion adopted..

Motion: Dale Miller moved the adoption of **#73a**. Motion adopted with appropriate proportional majority.

Recruitment Committee: Tim Ziegler reported. We are the “influential pastors.” He asked, “Who are the ones who influenced us to consider pastoral ministry?” We serve the same churches out of which we ourselves went into pastoral ministry. Clergy were encouraged to attend the exploratory luncheon, as well as this year’s ordination service.

Naming of the Saints: Dale Miller presented the names of the deceased clergy. Additional names are found in question **#48**.

A prayer for the Unbroken Circle was led by Bishop Kiesey, followed by the singing of *Be Thou My Vision*.

Information Items: Dale Miller presented questions **19a, 19b, 19c, 20, 22, 24, 38, 49, and 59** for information, with additions and corrections to the written report.

Motion to adopt the whole report: Dale Miller moved the adoption of the total clergy report. Motion adopted.

Closing Words from the Board: Dale Miler recognized various members of the Board of Ordained Ministry for their exceptional work on the Board. He shared some thoughts with the house in regard to the work that the Board of Ordained Ministry has to do. The House thanked Dale for his work as he finishes up his work as the chairperson. He highlighted the 20th anniversary for the Order of Deacon, as well as the 60th anniversary of the ordination of women in The United Methodist Church.

Closing Remarks from the Bishop: Bishop Kiesey thanked all the clergy for being able to serve alongside everyone as our Bishop. She thanked Tracy Huffman as she completes her work as the Conference Secretary.

Prayer for the Bishop: Marsha Woolley led the house in prayer, giving thanks to God for the gift of Deborah Kiesey as our bishop as she moves into retirement.

Closing Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us”

Adjournment of the clergy session was at 9:07 p.m. by the Bishop Kiesey.

The laity session was convened in Herrick Chapel at 7:03 p.m. by Wayne Bank, Conference Lay Leader, in the arena of the Jack Breslin Student Events Center, Michigan State University. Bishop Deborah Kiesey brought greetings to the laity via video. Wayne read from Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV). The theme for the 2016 Annual Conference was 'Send Disciples!' / Wayne then introduced Rev. Timothy Ziegler, lead pastor at Ann Arbor: West Side UMC and Recruitment Chair, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (CBOM). Rev. Ziegler invited laity discerning a call to ministry to seek the help of the Holy Spirit and offered help from the CBOM. He referred to the website, ExploreCalling.org, and to stop by their event. / Wayne Bank introduced members of the Commission & Laity - District Lay Leaders, John Wharton (Ann Arbor – AA), Michael Schlusler (Blue Water – BW), Bonnie Potter (Crossroads – CR), Ruby Anderson (Detroit Renaissance – DR), Ken Dowell – Associate LL (Detroit Renaissance – DR), Al Nelson (Marquette - MQ), Rick Donahue (Saginaw Bay – SB). UMW and UMM were recognized as well as Youth, Young Adult Ministries and Commission on Young Adults Communities. / UMW DR District President, Alice Tucker greeted the laity and announced that the North Central Jurisdiction Annual Conference will be June 24-26. Wayne introduced Bob Hampton, Director of Lay Servant Ministries and Native American Lay Servant Ministries, who mentioned each of the district leaders. / John Hart was nominated as the next Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries. / Bonnie Potter introduced, Diane Brown, Chair of Conference Reference and Daily Procedure; Nancy Arnold, Conference Coordinator; David Dobbs, Conference Treasurer; and Sue Buxton, Conference Facilitator. / John Wharton welcomed first time conference attendees. He gave a brief orientation and overview of the annual conference. / Diane Brown gave instructions and explanations regarding endorsements for the Episcopal positions. / Ruby Anderson, Lay Leader for DR District talked about being connectional (Discipline 608.2) and how we are connected locally, regionally, nationally and globally. / Rick Donahue gave helpful information about exits, badges and parking. Andy Wayne, Nardin Park, Farmington Hills, gave an update on the progress of the design team tasked with creating plans to join together the two conferences of Michigan. / Laura Witkowski, West Michigan Connectional Ministries Office Administrator and one of our Annual Conference Coordinators, provided information about various locations for the Annual Conference activities. / Melany Chalker, Hospitality Leader explained the Grace Patrol and asked for extra volunteers from the laity. / Wayne Bank opened the session for Q&A. Mike Schlusler spoke about disaster relief and Renaissance in the D – Detroit Tigers game. Mileage of 200 miles round trip is eligible for reimbursement and forms are available from David Dobbs. Three offerings will be taken during Annual Conference.

Adjournment of the laity session was at 8:43 p.m. with prayer from Wayne Bank.

SECOND DAY – MORNING SESSION THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

The forty-eighth session of the Detroit Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey, resident bishop of the Michigan Area, at the Breslin Center, Michigan State Uni-

versity, East Lansing, Michigan. The theme of the conference was “Disciples Made in Michigan.” Tara Sutton led the conference in prayer.

Announcement: Melanie Carey made an announcement.

Organization of the Conference was led by Marsha Woolley, chairperson of the Conference Program Committee. She gave instructions for voting.

Motion: Marsha Woolley moved that the bar of the annual conference be established as the followings sections of the Breslin Center: the main floor; sections 126, 127, and 128 of the balcony; the accessible platforms of sections 124 & 127; and the stage. Motion adopted.

Committee on Standing Rules: Todd Price, chairperson of Conference Committee on Standing Rules, reported.

Motion: Todd Price: I move that the Standing Rules and Structure as they appear in the Voting Items section of the Conference website (including the Structure update on May 13, 2015), and with the provisions of the 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church become the by-laws of the Detroit 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. Motion adopted.

Amendment: Marsha Woolley moved the following amendment to our Standing Rules, section II.A.4.b. The new text will be: “Effective July 1, 2016, registration and board for annual conference for Clergy retirees shall be budgeted and paid at the on-site rate, unless otherwise funded.”

Amendment to Amendment: Colin Stover moved that the above amendment include retired clergy and those on medical leave. Motion adopted
This amendment includes the deletion of the original content of sections II.A.4.b. (1), II.A.4.b. (2), and II.C.5. The new II.A.4.b. now reads: “Effective July 1, 2016, registration and board for annual conference for Clergy retirees and those on medical leave shall be budgeted and paid at the on-site rate, unless otherwise funded.” Original amendment as amended adopted.

Schedule/Legislative Procedures: Diane Brown, chair of Reference and Daily Procedures, reported. She instructed the house on the procedures in regard to doing our LEAD Groups.

Motion: Diane Brown moved to suspend rule IV.D. during this annual conference to allow those who are not members of our Annual Conference but are listed as presenters to be able to speak. Motion adopted.

Motion: Diane Brown moved that we receive the historical reports as posted and that they be printed in the Journal as received. Motion adopted.

Motion: Diane Brown moved to suspend conference rules IV.D. during this annual conference to ask for exception to the bar be made to allow Deana Nelson, Benton Heisler, Nancy Arnold, and Brad Kiesey, our ushers, and Laura Witkowski (from the WMAC) to be present without voice or vote. Motion adopted.

Treasurer’s Report: David Dobbs, Conference Treasurer, reported. **Apportionments:** 97% pensions received; 77% of common budget received; 77% of general

church apportionment received; 80% of the total asked for was received. **Communications:** we are trying to set up new online apportionment payment methods. Churches may make online payment at <https://detumc.umsharedservices.org>. Individuals may make donations at the conference website. 2016 apportionment receipts are up; they are the highest they have been in seventeen years. "Second Mile Giving" has increased. \$241,568 was received for the Flint Water Crisis from all over the United States. The following amounts sent to the General Church from the DAC: Episcopal Fund: 100%; World Service: 77%; General Church Administration: 77%; Ministerial Education 77%; Interdenominational Cooperation: 77%; Africa University: 87%; Black Colleges: 77%. Apportions received by district: Detroit Renaissance: 66.6%; Marquette: 82.9%; Blue Water: 86.3%; Ann Arbor: 88.2%; Crossroads: 88.9%; Saginaw Bay: 89.6%.

John Buxton Award was given to Bishop Deborah Kiesey, bishop of the Michigan Area.

Statistician's Report: Ron Iris, Conference Statistician, reported on the 2015 statistics of the Detroit Annual Conference. The DAC received 2,055 members. 1,155 persons were baptized. There was an increase in UVMIM teams and persons engaged in community ministries. Including the West Michigan Conference, over half-million people in Michigan were served in 2015 by United Methodists. Church membership and worship participation declined in 2015 over 2014.

Liberia Task Force Report: Duane Miller reported and presented a plaque from Bishop Innis, bishop of Liberia, to Bishop Kiesey.

Global Ministries Report: Jackie Euper reported about our missionary support.

Melanie Carey offered a prayer for Marshall Dunlap, a DAC clergy who is facing serious medical issues.

Tracy Huffman shared the morning announcements

The session recessed at 9:50 a.m. for LEAD Groups and lunch.

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The Session was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. by Bishop Kiesey.

Committee on Reference & Daily Procedures: Diane Brown reported on the order for the afternoon. She moved to suspend Standing Rules IV.V.2., removing the minimum of two hours wait between submission of the Consent Calendar and the voting on the Consent Calendar. Motion passed. Diane explained the process of voting on Episcopal endorsement.

Episcopal Nominations

Alex Plum, speaking for the General and Jurisdictional Delegations, nominated the Rev. Kennetha Bigham-Tsai and Rev. Laurie Haller, to be endorsed by the Detroit Annual Conference for the episcopacy.

Alex Plum Moved to suspend the standing rules so that after being nominated and introduced, Kennetha and Laurie may greet this body because they are members of the West Michigan Annual Conference. Motion passed. Kennetha Bigham-Tsai and Laurie Haller addressed the conference.

Elbert Dulworth nominated Charles Boayue, Jr. for Detroit Annual Conference endorsement for episcopacy. Charles Boayue, Jr. addressed the conference.

Amy Mayo-Moyle nominated Jerry Devine for Detroit Annual Conference endorsement for episcopacy. Jerry Devine addressed the conference.

Alex Plum prayed for the voting process for these episcopal candidates.

Board of Pension & Health Benefits: Don Emmert, reported. **PENSIONS:** Local church pension apportionments paid was 98%. 93.6 of churches paid in full. Only 6% of churches paid \$0. There was an overall decrease in unpaid pension apportionments across the conference. Many churches reduced or retired prior year balances in 2015. There will be no increase in pension apportionments for 2017. **HEALTH CARE:** Projected zero increase in premium increase for 2017. Prescription costs are increasing nationwide. DAC paid \$3.3 Million in 2015. Rx co-pay 4th tier will be introduced in 2017. Details will be sent to all participants in the months to come....TELADOC is available to all participants. ... Virgin Pulse Walking Program is still available to all participants. **JOINT DIS-TRIBUTING COMMITTEE** reports that when the two annual conferences come together, we will continue our practice of covering the medical and pension needs of everyone.

Don Emmert moved the adoption of R#1, Authorization of CBOPHB to Address Claims. Motion adopted.

Don Emmert moved the adoption of R#2, Establish the Housing/Rental Allowance for Retired or Clergy on Disability in the DAC. Motion adopted.

Don Emmert moved the adoption of R#3, 2017 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan. Motion adopted.

Council of Finance & Administration: Carol John, chairperson, reported. CFA introduced the *CFA Apportionment Pilot Project*. 6 churches participated; 5 made 100% of their apportionments. Points the CFA learned:

- Pastoral leadership is very important.
- Personal contact from a conference leader outside their congregation is very important.
- Bringing an encouraging message and incentives with attainable goals helps to create a positive giving environment.

Carol Johns moved the adoption of the CFA Report as printed in the pre-conference reports. Motion adopted.

Committee on Nominations: Janet Lerner, chairperson, reported.

Janet Lerner moved the adoption of the updated (June 2016) Nominations report along with the June 5 corrections-report handed out during the conference session.

Janet Lerner moved the suspension of the rules in order to add 1) Steve Buck and 2) Rob Long to the list of nominations. Both motions passed.

The final report-motion was adopted.

Haiti Task Force: Karl Zeigler, reported about the local pastors training in Haiti, and the goals of the task force as they continue to train Haitian local pastors, who provide the majority of the pastoral work in Haiti.

Tracy Huffman shared the morning announcements. So far, \$45,674.95, has been counted from the offering taken at the opening worship service.

A Standing Break was called at 3:30 p.m. by Bishop Kieseey.

Bishop Kieseey reconvened the business session at 3:50 p.m.

The Consent Calendar was presented by Diane Brown. Diane moved the acceptance of the Consent Calendar. Motion adopted.

R#13 – 2017 Minimum Base Compensation Schedule.

Legislative Work

R#6 – *Flint Water Crisis*

Doug McMunn, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Amendment #1 – Add at end of first paragraph: “We recognize this as a long-term commitment for our conference.” Concur: 116 Non-concur: 0 (amendment passed)

Final Action: Concur - 117 Non-concur – 0

George Coventree, presenter of R#6, spoke to the resolution.
The resolution as amended was adopted.

R#7 – *Restorative Justice*

Todd Price, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Amendment #1: Add at end of motion: “We encourage our churches to seek out programs with which they can become involved within their local areas.” Concur: 44 Non-concur: 12 (amendment passed)

Final Action: Concur - 47 Non-concur -10

Weatherly Burkhead Verhelst, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.
The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

R#11 – *Speaking Out Against Anti-Islam Discrimination*

Todd Price, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Amendment #1: Line 23: delete the words “the Muslim community” replace with “Muslims and all communities”

Concur: 52 Non-concur: 4

Final Action: Concur - 59 Non-concur – 2

Kristi Hintz, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.
The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

R#9 – *Gun Control*

Alex Plum, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

PARAGRAPH 1:

Amendment #1: Line 36, strike “as means of increasing security.”

Concur: 102 Non-concur: 6 (amendment passed)

Amendment #2: Strike the second sentence (lines 36 through 38),

Concur: 57 Non-concur: 51 (amendment passed)

Amendment #3: Line 38, strike the words “denounce the use of the Second Amendment of the Constitution to limit” and replaced with “support”.

Amendment 3a: line 38, replace the word “use” with “abuse”. Concur: 66
Non-concur -40

Concur: 68 Non-concur: 41 (amendment passed)

Amendment #4: line 35 through 37, strike “denounce...risk. We”

Concur 73 Non-concur – 41(amendment passed)

FINAL AMENDED PARAGRAPH ONE reads: “Be it resolved that we the people of the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church support reasonable gun control measures.”

Final Action: Concur - 102 Non-concur – 13

Steve McCoy, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

Bob Roth moved to reinstate lines 35-39 of the original resolution with these two amendments: 1) line 36: delete “as means of increasing security,” and 2) line 38: change “use” to “abuse”. Amendment did not pass.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Announcements were given by Tracy Huffman.

Paul Perez offered grace for dinner.

The session was recessed for dinner until we reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

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The Session was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. by Bishop Kiesey.

Marsha Woolley introduced bishop Rader to the house. Bishop Rader presided over our business while Bishop Kiesey is with members of the West Michigan Annual Conference. Marsha moved the suspension of Standing Rule IV.D. in order to allow Bishop Rader to preside, and for her husband to be within the bar of the annual conference. Motion passed.

Point of Privilege: Bishop Rader briefly spoke to the house.

Committee on Reference & Daily Procedure: Diane Brown, chairperson, reported on the order for the evening session.

First Ballot: Episcopal Candidate Endorsement – Diane Brown led us through the process of voting. Wayne Bank prayed prior to the vote.

Legislative Work:

R#12 – *Create Term Limits for General Conference & Jurisdictional Conference Delegates*

Andy Wayne, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Final Action: Concur: 72 Non-concur: 30

Claudia Bowers, presenter, spoke to the resolution.

The resolution was not adopted.

Motion: Paula Timm moved to suspend the rules for the remainder of the evening to limit all further discussions to 2-minute speeches, with a maximum of two speeches for and two speeches against. Motion passed.

R#5 – *Repeal of Michigan’s Emergency Manager Law*

Ruby Anderson, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Amendment #1: add at end of the first paragraph: “,and replace it with one that includes emergency manager and a group of six elected citizens from that community and all decisions decided by majority.” Concur: 4
Non-concur 86 (amendment failed)

Amendment #2: add at end of the first paragraph: “and encourage the State of Michigan to develop another way to work with local elected leaders more closely, to empower and assist them in crisis situations.” Concur: 40
Non concur: 45 (amendment failed)

Final Action: Concur: 57 Non-concur: 33

Becky Wilson, presenter, spoke to the resolution.

The resolution was adopted.

R#4 – *Questions for 2016 Candidates for Federal Offices*

Don Archambeau, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Amendment #1 – Strike first bullet (lines 24 and 25) and replace with: 1. What will you do to get the previously unaudited Pentagon subjected to an audit? Concur: 95 Non-concur: 26 (amendment passed)

Amendment #2 – Bullet number 6 (line 41) - Strike first words ‘Since the ... countries combined’ and replace with “Since the military budget represents 54% of our discretionary spending.” Concur: 55 Non-concur: 51 (amendment passed)

Final Action: Concur: 74 Non-concur: 49

Rich Peacock, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

The resolution as amended was not adopted.

R#8 — *Gun-free Zones*

Megan Crumm Walther, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Final Action: Concur: 36 Non-concur: 19

Eric Stone, the presenter, spoke to the resolution.

Motion: Andy Wayne moved to add a period at end of line 5 and strike the entire line 6. Motion adopted.

Motion: An annual conference member moved to add : “Exceptions may be permitted for churches who elect to contract professional armed security officers and off-duty law enforcement officers trained in areas including crisis intervention, de-escalation, and non-lethal tactics. In such cases, churches will ensure appropriate insurance coverage for potential liability resulting from firearm related incidences. Motion was adopted.

Motion: Robert Wyatt moved to delete from the previous motion the words “professional security officers and”.

Motion: Paul Perez moved the previous question and all that is before us. Motion passed.

The amendment [to delete the text] was adopted

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Motion: Andy Wayne moved to suspend the rules in order to immediately vote on **R#10**. Motion passed.

R#10 – *Reducing Mass Incarceration*

Andy Wayne, group leader, reported on the actions of the LEAD Group.

Amendment #1: Add a fifth bullet that reads “Sustaining and supporting the two-parent family.”

Concur: 5 Non-concur: 102 (amendment failed)

Amendment #2: First line (line 13): delete “calls upon” and replace with “encourages”. And first bullet (line 16): strike “especially as”

Concur: 105 Non-concur: 2 (amendment passed)

Final Action: Concur - 95 Non-concur – 3

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Conference Budget: David Dobbs, Conference Treasurer, moved the adoption of the 2017 Detroit Annual Conference budget. Motion adopted.

The session recessed at 8:39 p.m. for Corporate Session.

Corporate Session: Rev. Brent Webster called the Corporate Session to order at 8:39 p.m. See p. ___ for the Corporate Session minutes.

Corporate Session was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Conference business resumed at 8:43 p.m.

Announcements were given by Tracy Huffman, Conference Secretary.

Report on Ballot #1 (Episcopal Candidacy): Charles Boayue, Jr. received enough votes from ballot #1 to be endorsed by the Detroit Annual Conference. Bishop Rader prayed for Charles Boayue, Jr.

Marsha Woolley thanked Bishop Rader for presiding during this eve

Motion: Marsha Woolley moved that the business of the Detroit Annual Conference be adjourned, with other business to be conducted in joint session with the West Michigan Conference on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Motion passed.

**THIRD DAY – MORNING SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016**

Opening Worship at Breslin Center: The combined conference sessions of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences began at 8:30 a.m. at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, Michigan, on the campus of Michigan State University. Worship leaders were: Bishop Kieseey, preacher; Jorge Lockward, worship leader; Jeff Nelson, Katy Stokes, Andy Lee, Linda Farmer-Lewis, Ronald Fike, David Kim, and Sandra Bibilomo. Communion was served.

A scheduled break was called at 10:10 a.m.

The combined-conference session was called together at 10:32 a.m. by Bishop Kieseey.

Setting the Voting Bar:

Motion: Nichea Ver Veer Guy, Michigan Area Program Chair, moved that the Breslin Center floor and the section 124-131 behind the floor in the bowl be designated as the voting bar. This includes the areas designated for persons with physical limitations within that area on the main entrance/concourse level and the ASL section here in the front. I would also extend courtesy to our guests who will be participating in various segments of our plenary sessions and worship to sit in this lower level, in the designated area near the stage. Motion passed.

Nichea Ver Veer Guy explained the significance of the name tag colors as it related to voting rights.

Rules for Joint Business Session: The West Michigan Rules of Order Committee and the Detroit Conference Committee on standing rules made the following motion:

Motion: We move the approval of the following Rules of Order as they appear in the Conference Program, with the provision of the 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church become the by-laws of the Joint 2016 Annual Conference Session. On the matter 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.

RULE 1: Presiding Officer

The Bishop of the Michigan Area shall be the presiding officer for the Joint Business Session of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences. If unable to attend, the Michigan Area Bishop may nominate another Bishop of The United Methodist Church to serve as Presiding Officer.

Lacking an available Bishop to serve, a presiding elder shall be nominated and elected in accordance with ¶603.6 of *The 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

RULE 2: Secretary

At least one Secretary shall be appointed by a vote of the Membership of the Joint 2016 Business session. The term of office of the named Secretary shall conclude upon the discharge of their duties. The duties of the Secretary are as follows:

1. Take fair and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Business Session.
2. Arrange for the making of a recording of the Business Session.
3. Appoint assistant secretaries as required to handle the business of the Joint Session.
4. To provide the Secretaries of both the Detroit Annual Conference and the West Michigan Conference the final copy of the proceedings of the Joint Business session, to be included within the respective journals and archives of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences.

RULE 3: Parliamentarian

A Parliamentarian may be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Bishop.

RULE 4: Membership of the Joint Business Session

The members (lay and clergy) of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences shall be members of the 2016 Joint Business Session and shall have the same privileges therein as they have in their respective annual conferences business sessions.

RULE 5: Bar of the Joint Business Session

The bar is to be fixed at the first session upon recommendation of the Presiding Officer. All members, both lay and clergy, displaying a membership badge will be permitted within the bar, and must be within the bar in order to vote.

Non-members shall NOT go into the bar, with the following exceptions:

- Tellers
- Secretary and Assistant Secretaries
- Those given access to the floor by the Presiding Officer or by leave of the assembly

RULE 6: Voting Procedure

1. All voting shall be by show of a colored placard in accordance with the direction of the Presiding Officer.
2. Division of the house shall occur if a motion for same is supported by 1/5 of the members present and voting.
3. A majority of those present and voting shall decide all questions unless otherwise directed by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* or action of the Joint Session.

RULE 7: Business of the Joint Session

1. When speaking, members shall first identify themselves by name and by their church/agency/status
2. Speeches are limited to three minutes in length. A member may not speak more than once on any given motion unless all others have been given an opportunity to speak.

3. Notwithstanding adoption of the previous question, the presenter of a resolution shall have one minute to speak after debate has concluded and before the resolution is put to the house for a vote.
4. Except as otherwise specified herein, or in *The 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, the proceedings of the Joint Business Session shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th edition).

The motion passed.

Design Team Presentation: Marsha Woolley and Glen Wagner, Design Team co-chairs, shared the shared vision for the new Michigan Annual Conference as the work of the Design Team continues to do their work in the year to come. Vision Statement: *the Michigan Conference equips and connects through 1) Christ-Centered mission and ministry; 2) Bold, effective leaders; 3) Vital congregations.*

Motion: We move the election of Greg Buchner and Tracy Huffman as the Co-Secretaries for the 2016 Joint Business Session of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church. Motion passed.

Motion: Whereas the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences approved at their respective 2015 annual conferences the motion that agreed each conference would do the following:

1. Take all necessary action in order to create a new conference to be the legal successor to the two existing conferences.
2. Make a request to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church at their meeting July 13-16, 2016, in Peoria, Illinois, to:
 - a. Approve the creation of the new annual conference,
 - b. Define the boundaries of the new conference as the entire state of Michigan,
 - c. Approve the new conference be effective not later than January 1, 2019.
3. Empower a Design Team to develop a detailed plan of implementation to be brought to a combined session where the two conferences would vote as one body on any amendments and approval of the detailed plan.
4. Expect reports will be given to the 2016 and 2017 sessions of the Detroit Conference and the West Michigan Conference for discussion, amendment and approval of components of the plan as they are designed.
5. Guide the New Conference to be formed in accordance with these guiding principles:
 - a. The local congregation is the most significant arena in which disciple making occurs.
 - b. A continuous process of evaluation and realignment of structures, programs, institutions, resources and personnel in order to increase the effectiveness of the Church in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- c. Collaboration that encourages the natural formation of partnerships based on shared vision and priorities.
- d. A process which allows portions of the plan to be presented to each annual conference for debate and amendment prior to adopting the Final Plan
- e. Willingness to be held accountable, both personally and corporately, to our covenant relationships to God and one another for the transformation and healing of the world.
- f. A spirit of openness to explore new ways, models, and methods of being the Church, in an increasingly diverse world, with the expectation of learning from our successes and failures.

Whereas these guiding principles have been addressed through multiple public listening sessions, regular and periodic updates on the Conference website and through multiple combined meetings of various boards/agencies/commission/committees and leaders;

Therefore the following is resolved:

1. The name of the new conference shall be "The Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church."
2. The Design Team shall present details to the 2017 joint session of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences, for consideration thereby, such as but not limited to, a plan of organization consisting of the structure and rules of order of the new conference.
3. The foregoing plan of organization and any other relevant details or required actions shall be posted to the Michigan Area website by April 15 2017.
4. In order to assure continuity of leadership, the Nominations Committees of the West Michigan and Detroit Annual Conferences shall have the authority to extend the tenure term of any member of any agency or other unit of their respective conferences until January 1, 2019, at the latest except where prohibited by the applicable year of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.
5. The following persons are hereby elected to serve as the 2017-2019 Area Annual Conference Program Committee which is responsible to work with the Bishop, Cabinet and Design Team to plan all the details of these annual conferences in collaboration with the necessary coordinators, sub-committees, Boards of Ordained Ministry and Lay leaders.
 - a. **Executive Team:** Bishop; Clergy Assistant to the Bishop, John Boley; Chairperson, Nichea Guy; Vice-chair/Worship Chairperson, Marsha Woolley; Directors of Connectional Ministry, Benton Heisler & Jerome DeVine; Coordinators, Laura Witkowski & Nancy Arnold; Director of Communications, Mark Doyal; Conference Secretary, (to be selected, see item #4).
 - b. **Full Committee:** Executive Team plus the following: each conference's Lay Leader, Rules of Order & Standing Rules Chairpersons, Annual Conference Registrars,

Host District Superintendent, each conference's Board of Ordained Ministry liaison, Reference and Daily Proceedings Chairperson, 2 persons at large (one from each conference) to be selected by the Executive Team in accordance with needs for greater diversity.

The motion passed.

Motion: We move the election of the following persons: Joy Barrett as Conference Secretary, David Dobbs to serve as Conference Treasurer, and Ron Iris to serve as Statistician for the West Michigan, Detroit and Michigan Conferences of the UMC for 2017-2020. Motion passed.

Announcements were given by Tracy Huffman, Joint Conference Co-Secretary.

Bishop Kiesey's Retirement Celebration: the Michigan Area Committee on the Episcopacy led us in a time of celebration of Bishop Deb's leadership of our annual conferences and her retirement. The celebration included a video about Bishop Deb's life. The Bishop introduced us to members of her family, including her parents, who were present. Greetings were brought from the Iowa Annual Conference. Various members of the Michigan Area Committee on the Episcopacy, as well as others who worked with her while our bishop. spoke of their experience of working alongside her. Gifts were presented to her, including "Michigan Peace Pole" was presented to her on behalf of Michigan United Methodists.

The session was recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch. Melanie Carey offered grace.

THIRD DAY – AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

The session was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with announcements from Melanie Carey

Clark and United Methodist Retirement Communities showed a video, highlighting their ministries within the Michigan Annual Conference.

Act of Repentance Committee: Jerry Devine introduced *First Steps: an Introduction*.

This time included:

- Opening prayer from Bishop Kiesey
- Storyteller Ragghi Rain Calentine, a commissioner with the General commission on Communications, performed a poignant drama of the experience of a young child walking *The Trail of Tears*.
- Historical overview of the repression and slavery of Indigenous Peoples in the Americas.
- Asking the gathered people to make a commitment to not turn a blind eye to the historical oppression of Native Americans.
- An encouragement, through drama, by Ragghi Rain Calentine for the people to accept the work of repentance toward reconciliation.

A break was called at 3:12 p.m. by Jerry Devine.

The session reconvened at 3:35 p.m. at the Breslin Center with worship.

Worship: First Steps – Act of Repentance Toward Reconciliation with Indigenous

People: The message was given by the Rev. Glen Chebon Kernell, Jr., Executive Secretary of Native American and Indigenous Ministries, General Board of Global Ministries. Conference members were given the opportunity to take a first step on the pathway to wellness through prayer and a “Litany of Repentance.” *Spirit of God, mend the hearts of your people. . . We now commit ourselves to live as relatives.*

The session recessed for dinner and the evening activities (Fellowship Night and Local Pastor/Associate Member Reception) at 4:50 p.m.

**FOURTH DAY – MORNING SESSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016**

The session was reconvened at 8:32 a.m. by Jorge Lockward in the Breslin Center.

Morning Devotions was led by the music team. Bishop Donald Ott was the preacher. His sermon was entitled “Be Hope.” He was presented with the small bowl that contained the water used at the opening memorial service which represented his late wife, Jan. The theme proactively going into the world “as a letter of Christ” to be hope for everyone.

A 15-minute break was called.

The session was reconvened at 9:45 a.m. by Marsha Woolley.

2717 Annual Conference Announcement: Mark Doyle (recipient of the United Methodist “Communicator of the Year” award) announced that the 2017 annual conference be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City, Michigan, from Thursday, June 1 through Sunday, 4.

Announcements were given by Marsha Woolley.

TOM Talks: Paul Perez, Mission Day Coordinator, introduced the TOM (Transforming Outreach & Ministry) Talks. Presenters were:

- **Marci Oliver** – Program Director for the Children’s Defense Fund Freedom School in Detroit, Michigan. She talked about the importance of children learning to read.
- **Phoenix** – Poet from the House of Poetry. She read her poem called “Radio Tuner.”
- **Rev. Jeremy Wicks**(via video) – Director of the Dansville Community Center in Dansville, Michigan. He talked about how the Center is positively impacting the small community of Dansville.
- **Rev. Faith Fowler** – Director of the Cass Community Social Service. She talked about their newest project, “Tiny Houses.”
- **Rev. Jeremy Peters** – The House of Poetry. He read his poem addressing the Flint water crisis.
- **Valerie Mossman-Celestin** – Deaconess of the United Methodist Church. She talked about her ministry in Haiti, the focus of which is *accompanying*,

walking alongside, Haitians in ministry, not imposing on them what we think is necessary. One goal of the ministry is Haitian self-sufficiency.

- Dimonique Boyd – The House of Poetry.
- Hoon-Yung Hopgood (via video) – Michigan Senator. He talked about his work and ministry as an advocate for children, and how his Christian faith informs his work as a politician.
- DeAngelus Garcia – House of Poetry. He read his poem called “City of Angels,” written in remembrance of his grandfather and dedicated to the people of Detroit.
- Brandon Smith – Director of the Native American non-profit organization, “Spirit Journey.” He talked about his work at the summer camp for the Native American community in northern Michigan.

Announcements were given by Paul Perez and Tracy Huffman.

Paul Perez closed the TOM Talks with prayer.

The session was recessed at 11:24 a.m. by Paul Perez for the Mission Fair, lunch, and the Mission Engagement workshops.

FOURTH DAY – EVENING SESSION SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

The session was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. by Mark Doyle, Director of Communications, at the Breslin Center, who opened with a couple of announcements.

Mission Celebration Worship: After a day of hearing about and celebrating various missions and ministries within the Michigan Area, we celebrated mission through worship. The preacher was Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, the Episcopal Leader of the Ohio West Area of The United Methodist Church. An offering was taken which went to support the ongoing efforts of the Flint Water Crisis. A video was shown about how The United Methodist church has responded to the Flint Water Crisis.

The session was recessed at 8:07 p.m.

FIFTH DAY – MORNING SESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

The session was reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with brief singing in the Breslin Center.

Prayer concerns were shared by Melanie Carey, Assistant to the Bishop, who led us in a time of prayer.

Kennetha Bigham-Tsai and Tara Sutton read Scripture.

Recognition: Elizabeth Hill, Blue Water District Superintendent, acknowledged and thanked Melanie Carey, Tara Sutton, Jeff Maxwell, and John Boley, for their

work on the respective Appointive Cabinets as they complete their appointments in this position. Bishop Kieseey prayed for them.

The historic examination of candidates for admission into full connection and ordination as full elder or full deacon. Sherry Swanson, chair of the West Michigan Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and Dale Miller, chair of the Detroit Annual Conference Board of Ordained ministry, introduced the historical questions. Bishop Kieseey conducted the historic examination of the candidates. John Boley offered prayer for these candidates.

District Superintendent Report was given by Anita Hahn, the Co-Dean of the Michigan Area Cabinet. Elbert Dulworth was introduced as the Dean of the Michigan Area Cabinet for 2016-2017.

Setting of Appointments was led by Bishop Kieseey with addition and corrections made by Melanie Carey and the district superintendents. Bishop Kieseey thanked Melanie Carey for her work as the Assistant to the Bishop. Jean Bank, chairperson of the Episcopal Committee, brought a word of thanks and to Melanie on behalf of the committee as she moves on from this position. Bishop Kieseey welcomed John Boley as the incoming Assistant to the Bishop. John Hice was welcomed as the incoming superintendent of the Crossroads District. Dwayne Bagley was welcomed as the incoming superintendent of the Kalamazoo District. David Kim was welcomed as the incoming superintendent of the Saginaw Bay district.

Closing prayer and Benediction: William Haggard prayed for Bishop Kieseey and for those pastors and laity in transition; he led the Conference in the Wesley Covenant Prayer. Elbert Dulworth offered the closing benediction.

Moment of Blessing: Bishop Kieseey blessed the Conference with a song on the piano, "They'll Know We Are Christians."

Announcements were given by Tracy Huffman, Conference Co-Secretary.

A 30-minute break was called at 10:00 a.m. by Melanie Cary, Assistant to the Bishop.

The session was reconvened at 10:32 a.m. by Bishop Kieseey, at the Breslin Center.

General Conference Report: Nichea Ver Veer Guy, Charles Boayue, Jr. and Kennetha Bigham-Tsai reported.

- 839 new faith communities have been created world-wide in the last year.
- **Connectional Table Report:** the focus of the UMC:
 - Calling and shaping principled Christian leaders.
 - Abundant health for all people in the world
 - Ministry with the poor
- A video of the overview of General Council 2016 was shown
- A General Conference will be called in 2018 or 2019 to address the issue of human sexuality. Because General Conference delegations are elected for the 2016-2020 quadrennium, our 2016 General Conference delegation will represent us at this special General Conference.
- General Conference legislation around human sexuality – "The 3rd Way"

- came to the plenary floor. By that time, due to a “divisive tone” of the conference around this issue, it became clear that it was not time for this legislation to be pushed forward.
- Rule 44, a way of “even the playing field” (in light of a global church) for holy conferencing, failed, and the Conference moved forward using Roberts Rules as the basis for debate/discussion.
 - The bishop’s proposed “A Way Forward” to address human sexuality. This statement was adopted, which meant that all legislation addressing human sexuality was taken off the table. This issue will be studied, discerned, and prayed about, and brought to a specially-called General Conference in 2018 or 2019.

Jackie Euper introduced “An Offering For a Way Forward,” the bishop’s statement. Copies were handed out. Conference members were invited to read through the document and have a brief conversation with those sitting nearby, reflecting on the document. Persons were encouraged to record their reflections on the following question: “What is the implication and hope for your congregation in light of the Bishop’s Letter and the future commission?”

Laurie Haller led the Conference in prayer.

“One Matters” Awards: Carl Gladstone, Jurisdictional Coordinator Youth and Young Adult Ministries, introduced the “One Matters” discipleship awards. Gary Step, Director of Congregational Excellence, presented the award to **Wisner UMC**(DAC) and **Coloma UMC** (WMAC).

Cokesbury Report: Michael Morley, Cokesbury Representative to our area, reported.

Invitation to Explore: Tim Zeigler and Mary Ivanov, recruitment chairpersons for their respective Boards of Ordained Ministries, encouraged Conference members to return home and affirm the gifts for ministry we see in others in our respective congregations. Anyone who are sensing a call to ministry were invited to the “Explore Calling” lunch.

Order of Deacons: Laura Speiran and Greg Lawton, chairpersons of their respected Orders of Deacons, reported. A video was shown about the 20th anniversary of the Order of Deacon, highlighting some Deacons in the Michigan Area.

Announcements were given by Tracy Huffman, Co-Secretary of the Conference,

Marsha Woolley shared some final thoughts as the DAC members brought their time here to a close.

Motion: Marsha Woolley moved to adjourn the joint session of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual confer following ordination. The motion passed.

Beatrice Alghali, lay member of Detroit: Second Grace, offered the closing prayer.

**FIFTH DAY – AFTERNOON SESSION
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016**

Service of Recognition, Commissioning, and Ordination was held at Breslin Center at 2:00 p.m., led by Bishop Deborah Kiesey.

Persons recognized as local pastors:

DAC: Jonathan Combs, Mark Edward Ryan;

WMAC: David Haase, Gary Peterson, Michael Simon, and Hebert Vanderbilt.

Persons recognized as elders from other denominations:

DAC: Hyun Jun Cho and Inbeom Oh

Persons commissioned as Provisional Deacons:

DAC: Sarah Alexander, Cora Glass, and Jinny Song;

WMAC: Daniel Colthrop.

Persons commissioned as Provisional Elders:

DAC: Sari Brown, Eun Sik Poy, Scott Sherrill, Devin Smith, and Michael Vollmer

WMAC: Jeffrey Cummings, Katherine Fahey, and Joel Fitzgerald

Person ordained Deacon:

DAC: Mary Hagley

Persons ordained Elders:

DAC: Zachary Dunlap, Ronald Fike, Susanne Hierholzer, and Rahim Shabazz

WMAC: James Boutell, Dennis Bromley, Melissa Claxton, John Conklin, Kimberly DeLong, Erin Fitzgerald, James Noggle, Ameer Paparella, and Emily Slavicek

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING



This is to certify that on Sunday, June 12, 2016
at Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing, Michigan

I commissioned as Provisional Deacons of The United Methodist Church:

Sarah Alexander, Cora Glass and Jinny Song

I commissioned as Provisional Elders of The United Methodist Church:

Sari Brown, Eun Sik Poy, Scott Sherrill, Devin Smith and Michael Vollmer

I ordained as a Deacon of The United Methodist Church:

Mary Hagley

I ordained as Elders of The United Methodist Church:

Hyun Jun Cho, Zachary Dunlap, Ronald Fike, Susanne Hierholzer,
Inbeom Oh, Rahim Shabazz

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah L. Kiesey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deborah L. Kiesey, Bishop
Michigan Area United Methodist Church

**MINUTES OF THE 2016 CORPORATE SESSION OF
THE DETROIT CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Since the last session of the Annual Conference, the board has held three meetings and a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees of the West Michigan Conference.

Our officers are: Rev. Brent Webster, chairperson; Mr. Rob Long, vice-chairperson; Rev. Faith Timmons, secretary; and Mr. David Dobbs is the treasurer.. We have eight other hard-working board members as well as the following conference staff: Rev. Melanie Carey, Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell and Dr. Jerry DeVine who greatly assist us in our work.

In October we held a risk management meeting with Church Mutual Insurance Company. This meeting helps us identify areas where churches may be at risk of experiencing losses and finding ways that church can reduce their potential for losses.

Concerning discontinued or abandoned church property:

- We have sold the former Iron River Wesley parsonage and church building. The net proceeds have been returned to the Marquette District.
- We have transferred title of the former Marquette Grace church property and assets to First United Methodist Church of Marquette to be used as part of new ministries in the area per the request of the district and the local church.
- We have quieted the title to the former Argentine United Methodist Church. We appreciate the Wilcox family, the family of the original grantor of the property allowing us to have the property free and clear. We will hopefully sell this property soon.
- We have sold the former Amen Korean church and parsonage.
- We are awaiting transfer of title of the former El Buen Pastor church property and assets to be used as part of new ministries in the area.

We have continued to have meetings with the West Michigan board of trustees to share how each board functions, especially with the sale of closed/abandoned property, and what adjustments will need to be made so that when the new conference is established, we are ready to serve. The two boards have also been meeting together to discuss the legal documents that will be needed in order for the new board of trustees and conference to function. These documents have been written by legal counsel and are ready to be acted upon when the time is proper.

We continue to work with occupants of conference owned parsonages to provide quality living conditions for conference staff. Beginning this month, we will have all six of our district superintendents living in conference owned parsonages.

Corporate Business Session 2016

The year we have two churches that have been abandoned or discontinued.

- The first is the former El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church which was declared abandoned effective July 1, 2015 under paragraph 2549.3 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline. According to legal counsel there is no other action that needs to be taken on this matter.
- The second is the former Grace United Methodist Church on the Marquette District which was abandoned effective January 19, 2016 under paragraph 2549.3 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline. According to legal counsel there is no other action the needs to be taken on this matter.

There was no business brought before the corporate session from the floor of the conference.

The conference voted to adjourn the 2016 corporate session of the Detroit Annual Conference.

Rev. Brent L. Webster
Chairperson, Conference Board of Trustees

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the Detroit Annual Conference
Held in East Lansing, Michigan from June 8, 2016 through June 12, 2016
Bishop Deborah L. Kiesey Presiding
Date When Organized: 1841 (Methodist)
48th session of the Detroit Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (603.7, 616):
Secretary? Rev. Tracy N. Huffman
Mailing Address: 22124 Garrison, Dearborn, MI 48124
Telephone: 313-563-5200
Statistician? Ron Iris
Mailing Address: 9327 Reeck Road, Allen Park, MI 48101
Telephone: 313-928-7484
Treasurer? David Dobbs
Mailing Address: 1309 North Ballenger Hwy, Suite 1, Flint, MI 48504
Telephone: 1-800-334-0544
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (603.1)? Yes, November 28, 1976
3. Bonding and auditing:
 - a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (615, 2511)?
Officers, directors and trustees of the annual conference are covered by \$2,000,000 policy in addition to the \$1,000,000 coverage provided the treasurer and related personnel by GCFA.
 - b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (614, 2511)?
(See report, page 242 of Journal.) Yes
4. What agencies have been appointed or elected?
 - a) Answer Yes or No for each of the councils, boards, commissions, or committees listed:
 - (1) Board of Ordained Ministry (633)? Yes
 - (2) Board of Pensions (637)? Yes
 - (3) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (2512)? Yes
 - (4) Committee on Episcopacy (635)? Yes
 - (5) Committees on Investigation (2626)? Yes
 - (6) Administrative Review Committee (634)? Yes
 - b) Indicate the name of the agency in your annual conference which is responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (607.1):
 - (1) General Council on Finance and Administration?
Council on Finance and Administration
 - (2) General Council on Ministries?
Conference Leadership Team
 - (3) General Board of Church and Society?
Board of Justice, Advocacy, and Equity
 - (4) General Board of Discipleship?
Board of Discipleship

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- (5) General Board of Global Ministries?
Board of Global Ministries
 - (6) Higher Education and Campus Ministry?
Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
 - (7) General Commission on Archives and History?
Commission on Archives, History and Memoirs
 - (8) General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns?
Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relations
 - (9) General Commission on Religion and Race?
Commission on Religion and Race
 - (10) General Commission on the Status and Role of Women?
Board of Justice, Advocacy and Equity
 - (11) United Methodist Communications?
Michigan Area Communications
- c) Indicate the conference agencies which have responsibilities for the following functions:
- (1) Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (651)?
Board of Justice, Advocacy, and Equity
 - (2) Disability Concerns (649)?
Board of Justice, Advocacy and Equity
 - (3) Equitable Compensation (622)?
Commission on Equitable Compensation
 - (4) Laity (630)?
Board of the Laity
 - (5) Native American Ministry (650)?
Committee on Native American Ministry - Board of Global Ministries
 - (6) Small Membership Church (642)?
Division of Church Extension and of Parish and Community Development - Board of Global Ministries
- d) Answer Yes or No for each of the following conference or district organizations:
- (1) Conference United Methodist Women (644)? Yes
 - (2) Conference United Methodist Men (645)? Yes
 - (3) Conference Council on Youth Ministry (646)? Yes
 - (4) Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (647)? Yes
 - (5) District Boards of Church Location & Building (2518)? Yes
 - (6) Committees on District Superintendency (662)? Yes
 - (7) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (659)? Yes
- e) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?
Conference support staff, episcopal residence, general conference petitions, joint committee on disability, journal, memoirs, nominations, reference and daily procedure, standing rules, leadership development, Board of Christian Education, Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries, Alliance for Urban Ministry, Committee on Hispanic Ministries, United Methodist Church Secretaries, Volunteers In Mission.
5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records according to the prescribed forms (606.8)? Yes

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6. What is the report of the statistician? (See report; page STAT-1 of Journal.)
7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See report; page STAT-1 of Journal.)
8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See report, page stat-1 of Journal.)
9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for pastors for the ensuing year (333, 22.3)?

Member in Full Connection	\$41,891
Second Year Probationer	\$39,251
First Year Probationer	\$38,863
Second Year Local Pastor	\$35,172
First Year Local Pastor	\$34,825
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 (611.1a)?

\$1,453,977
11. 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 (611.1d, 1507)?

\$1,760,000 direct billing
12. What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year:
 - a) For the World Service Fund? \$1,097,293
 - b) For the Ministerial Education Fund? \$374,763
 - c) For the Black College Fund? \$147,835
 - d) For the Africa University Fund? \$33,085
 - e) For the Episcopal Fund? \$324,953
 - f) For the General Administration Fund? \$130,295
 - g) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? \$28,985
13. What is the percentage division between World Service and conference benevolences for the ensuing year (611.3d)?

World Service? 39% Conference benevolences? 61%
14. Conference and district lay leaders (603.9, 654):
 - a) Conference lay leader: Name: Wayne Bank
Mailing Address: 6551 Lakeshore Road, Lexington, MI 48450
 - b) Associate conference lay leaders: None
 - c) District and associate district lay leaders:
 - (AA) Ann Arbor District: John Wharton, 7409 Steeplechase, Saline 48176**
 - (BW) Blue Water District: Mike Schlusler, 1576 Rulane Dr., Lapeer 48446**
 - (CR) Crossroads District: Bonnie Potter, 5140 Scott Rd., Mt. Morris 48458**
 - (DR) Detroit Renaissance District: Ruby Anderson, 25180 Thorndyke, Southfield 48076**

(MQ) Marquette District: Alan Nelson, 1036 Maas St., Negaunee 49866

(SB) Saginaw Bay District: Rick Donahue, 3683 Kawkawlin River Dr., Bay City 48706

15. What local churches have been:

a) Organized (263):

(DR) Vietnamese Ministry July 1, 2016

(DR) Centro Familiar Cristiano January 1, 2016

b) Merged (2545, 2546):

(BW) Capac: Zion Community Capac: First Capac Blue Water July 1, 2016

(SB) Bay City: Fremont Ave merged with Bay City: Grace on July 1, 2016

Bay City: Grace now has a Satellite called Grace East Campus in their building.

(DR) Wyandotte: Glennwood merged with Wyandotte First on November 23, 2015

(SB) Arenac Cnty: Christ is a Vital Merger of AuGres and Twining: Trinity UMC's on December 28, 2015

c) Discontinued or abandoned (230, 332.2, 2548)? (State which for each church listed.)

(MQ) Marquette: Grace on January 19, 2016.

(DR) El Buen Pastor on December 15, 2015

d) Relocated and to what address?

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

Former Name New Name Address

(BW) New Haven-Faith UMC, Faith Macomb UMC on December 6, 2015

f) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (39, 264)

Conference from which transferred Name Membership NONE

g) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches? (see 15.b.1)

16. What changes have been made in district and charge lines?

(CR) Arbela and West Forrest two church circuit split to become two single point charges on July 1, 2016

(MQ) Skandia became a single point charge on January 19, 2016

(BW) Deckerville, Minden City two church circuit split to become two single point charges on July 1, 2016

(BW) Forester, Worth Twp: Bethel and Port Sanilac joined to become a three point circuit on July 1, 2016

Lead Church is Worth Twp: Bethel.

(BW) Applegate, Buel and Croswell: First three point charge lead church changed to Applegate on July 1, 2016

THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

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

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

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

“Yes, attested to by means of this signed statement from the District Superintendents and signed by Bishop Deborah L. Kieseey, 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 pastors. 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 pastors who are involved in supervisory correction or involved in judicial or administrative complaint process.”

**Herein signed, Rev. Elbert Dulworth, Dean of the Cabinet, Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr., Rev. Elizabeth Hill, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Maxwell, Rev. Mark Spaw
Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton, Bishop Deborah L. Kieseey**

18. Who constitute:

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

Clergy Name, Year Appointed, District

Gloria Haynes ('11) (Ret) [DR]

George Lewis ('03) [AA]

Thomas Macaulay (Ret) ('12) [AA]

Clergy Alternate Name, Year Appointed, District

Faith Green-Timmons ('13) [CR]

Cathee Miles ('13) [DR]

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

Name

Position

Ms. Ruby Anderson (Lay)

Rev. Dr. Andrew Allie (Ret)

Rev. Dr. Wes Brun (Ret)

Rev. Julius Del Pino (FE)

Rev. Billie Lou Gillespie (FL)

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Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood (FE)	
Rev. Judy May (FE)	Retirement Coordinator
Rev. Mary McInnes (FE)	Secretary
Rev. Dr. Dale Miller (FE)	BOM Chair
Rev. Peggy Paige (Ret)	
Rev. J. Douglas Paterson (FE)	CRC Chair, BOM Vice-Chair
Mrs. Carole Wesner (Lay)	

2016-2020:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Ruby Anderson (Lay)	
Rev. Dr. Wes Brun (Ret)	
Rev. Billie Lou Gillespie (FL)	Local Pastor Registrar
Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood (FE)	
Rev. Judy May (Ret)	Retirement Coordinator
Rev. Laura Speiran (FD)	BOM Chair
Rev. J. Douglas Paterson (FE)	CRC Chair, BOM Vice-Chair
Mrs. Carole Wesner (Lay)	

c) The Committee on Investigation (§ 2703)

Clergy Name, Year Appointed, District

- 1. Pat England (CR)**
- 2. Charles Keyworth (SB)**
- 3. Phil Tousley (BW)**
- 4. Brian West (CR)**

Professing Member Name, Year Appointed, District

- 1. Minnie Armstrong (CR)**
- 2. Murray Davis (DR)**
- 3. Michael Schlusler (BW)**

Clergy Alternate Name, Year Appointed, District

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**

Professing Member Alternate Name, Year Appointed, District

- 1. Laura De La Garza (MQ)**
- 2. Linda Polter (AA)**
- 3. Fred Gray (SB)**

19. Who are the certified candidates (§ 310, 313, 314)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>
Robert Blanchard	Ann Arbor	12-3-2015
Dillon Burns	Ann Arbor	6-19-2014
Rachael Dunlap	Ann Arbor	6-19-2015
Susan Hares	Ann Arbor	10-14-2010
Dan Phillips (SP in WM)	Ann Arbor	3-14-2013
Leah Caron	Crossroads	2-18-2016
Diana Carpenter	Crossroads	2-18-2016
Shelly Long	Crossroads	6-18-2016

Alex Plum	Crossroads	
Anthony Ballah	Detroit Renaissance	2-18-2016
Allen Bower	Detroit Renaissance	6-18-2015
Charles Gaidica	Detroit Renaissance	2-18-2016
Rodney Gasaway	Detroit Renaissance	2-21-2013
Andrew Gladstone-Highland	Detroit Renaissance	12-18-2015
Michelle King	Detroit Renaissance	12-18-2015
Carla Long	Saginaw Bay	3-14-2016
Melene Wilsey	Saginaw Bay	3-14-2016

- 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.)

Name: Laurie Koivula

Receiving Conference: West Michigan

Date Certified:

Date Accepted by District in Other Conference: **Grand Traverse**

Name: Jacqueline Raineri

Receiving Conference: West Michigan

Date Certified:

Date Accepted by District in Other Conference: **Lansing**

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

Name: Tanya Geffrard

District: **Detroit Renaissance**

Date Certified: **4-27-2009**

Date Discontinued: **11-30-2015**

Name: Kimberlee Ward

District: **Saginaw Bay**

Date Certified: **4-7-2014**

Date Discontinued: **11-6-2015**

Name: Don Wentz

District: **Crossroads**

Date Certified: **2-5-2015**

Date Discontinued: **5-11-2016**

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.):

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Year Licensed Approved</u>
Kyle J. Bucholz	Crossroads	2015
Joseph (Jody) Coon	Saginaw Bay	2012
Patricia Elliott	Crossroads	1997
Naylo Hopkins	Ann Arbor	2011
Rochelle Hunter	Detroit Renaissance	2013
Marianne McMunn	Ann Arbor	2010
Ellen O. Schippert	Blue Water	2007

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

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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. (v)

a) Full-time local pastors? (¶318.1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>First Year License Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Courses of Study Completed</u>
ANN ARBOR		
Nicolas Berlanga	2013	3 COS
Ian Boley	2016	M. Div (Boston Theological Sem).
Robert W. Dister	2012	11 COS
David C. Freeland	1998	*2007
Donna Galloway	2014	0 COS
Corey Simon	2016	*M.Div Wesley
Katherine Waggoner	2011	*M.Div
Mark E. Zender	2005	*2016 Graduate
BLUE WATER		
Carol Abbott	2014	2 COS
Carole A. Brown	2005	*M.Div
Matthew Chapman	2016	0 COS
Lisa Jo Clark	2000	*2012
Curtis Clarke	2011	13 COS
Donald R. Derby	2001	*2010
Linda L. Fuller	2000	*2014
Cindy Gibbs	2008	*20 COS UTS
Jacque S. Hodges	2012	*M.Div
Suzanne L. Hutchinson	2014	5 COS
Matthew Osborne	2012	12 COS
Patrick D. Robbins	1998	*2008
Mark Ryan	2006	7 COS
Donald L. Wojewski	2004	*2012
CROSSROADS		
Barbara Benjamin	2012	*M.Div - Ashland
Scott A. Clark	2013	4 COS
Michelle Forsyth	2015	*M. Div - UTS
Billie Lou Gillespie	2000	*2007
Maurice Horne	1999	*2010
Brian K. Johnson	2011	10 COS
Eric L. Johnson	2007	12 COS
Betty Kay Leitelt	2006	19 COS
Tommy McDoniel	2010	*M.Div
Zelphia Mobley	2015	*M.Div
Calvin H. Wheelock	1999	*2011
Karen B. Williams	2002	*2012
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Se Jin Bae	2015	*M.Div. (Reformed Theo. Sem.)
Jonathan Combs	2009	*2016 Graduate

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Patricia Gandarilla (+1/2 Ann Arbor)	2012	*2012 Basic and Advanced COS
Christopher Grimes	2014	*M.Div G-ETS
Keith Lenard, Jr.	2014	*M.Div Ashland
Albert Rush	2012	5 COS
Taegyu Shin	2016	*M. Div Claremont
Thomas Waller	2015	M.Div UTS (starting 6-2016)
MARQUETTE		
Timothy Bashore	2013	3 COS
Rosemary R. DeHut	2002	*2011
Ryan C. Edwardson	2016	*M.Div Duke
Elise Rodgers Low	2016	*M.Div Duke
Ian S. McDonald	2012	12 COS
James Palaszkeski	2014	2 COS
Walter P. Reichle	2012	11 COS
Bruce R. Steinberg	2011	10 COS
Irene R. White	1996	*2004
SAGINAW BAY		
Carmen Cook	2014	3 COS
Jon W. Gougeon	2002	*2010
Richard Hodgeson	2013	3 COS
Nathan Jeffords	2012	M.Div Ashland
Lisa Kelley	2013	10 COS
Micheal P. Kelley	2004	*2012
Brenda K. Klacking	2000	*2005
Elizabeth A. Librande	2000	*2009
James A. Payne	2004	*2012
Patrick R. Poag	2004	*M.Div - Asbury
Nathan Reed	2011	14 COS
Robert G. Richards	1993	*2010
Monique Turner	2014	*M.Div

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quarter Time</u>	<u>First Year License Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Courses of Study Completed</u>
ANN ARBOR			
Christopher Butson	1/2	2014	M.Div MTSO
Michael C. Desotell	1/2	2014	M.Div G-ETS
Bonnie Frey (RLP)	1/4	2006	11 COS
Frederick M. Hatfield	1/2	2007	4 COS
Julius Nagy	1/2	2014	2 COS
Samuel Pooley	1/2	2014	0 COS
Amy Triebwasser	1/2	2015	0 COS
Kenneth Walkup	1/2	2015	0 COS

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Dale Barber	3/4	2015	0 COS
Nancy J. Bitterling	3/4	2000	*M.Div G-ETS
William C. Cleland	3/4	2014	1 COS
Nickolas K. Genoff	3/4	2004	*2014
Jerry D. Griggs	1/2	1998	*2010
Mark A. Harriman	3/4	2014	1 COS
Patricia A. Hoppenworth	3/4	2002	*2007
James E. Huff, Jr.	1/2	2005	*2007
Ronald G. Hutchinson	3/4	1998	*2011
Penelope R. Nunn	1/2	2014	0 COS
John Pajak	1/2	2009	12 COS - MTSO
Ronald Rouse	1/2	2013	8 COS
Christopher G. L. Titus	1/2	2010	7 COS
Dianne H. VanMarter (RLP)	1/2	2002	*M.Div
Donna J. Zuhlke	1/2	2015	4 COS

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Robert T. Forsyth	1/2	2015	0 COS
Marybelle Haynes	3/4	2006	13 COS
Marvin L. Herman	3/4	2007	*2015
Esther A. Irish	1/2	2008	9 COS
Bruce Malicoat	3/4	2006	16 COS
Dale R. Milford	1/4	2015	0 COS
Eric Miller	1/2	2014	0 COS
Cecilia Lee Sayer	1/2	2013	4 COS
Charmaine Shay	1/2	2015	0 COS
Stanley Stybert (RLP)	1/4	1992	*1999
Crystal Thomas (SP)	3/4	2013	0 COS
Daniel Wallington	1/4	2015	0 COS
Brian Willingham	1/2	2014	1 COS

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Willie Council	1/2	2014	1 COS
Yoo Jin Kim	1/2	2016	*M.Div.
Margaret Martinez-Ventour	1/2	2012	*M.Div
Rhonda Osterman	1/2	2012	6 COS
Esrom Shaw	1/4	2013	2 COS

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Donald E. Bedwell (RLP)	1/2	2002	*2011
Christine J. Bergquist	1/2	1990	*2003
Sandra J. Kolder	3/4	2004	*2014
Theodore A. Trudgeon	3/4	2004	*2014

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Cheryl Mancier	1/4	2007	13 COS
Vince Nader + 1/2 time WM DSA			
	1/2	2014	4 COS
Penny Parkin	1/2	2014	1 COS
Keith Reinhardt	1/4	2014	2 COS

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Kayla Roosa (SP)	1/2	2015	M. Div – G-ETS
John Tousciuk	3/4	2009	17 COS - Wesleyan

- 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) **None**
- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§§366.4, 367, 369.3)? (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>	<u>District</u>
Pamela K. Barnett	7-1-2016	Blue Water
Danny Bledsoe	1-31-2016	Crossroads
Kenneth Bryant, Jr.	2-18-2016	Detroit Renaissance
Carla Jepsen	6-30-2016	Blue Water
William Reese, Jr.	2-3-2016	Detroit Renaissance
Thomas M. Sayers	7-1-2016	Blue Water
Norma Taylor	2-18-2016	Detroit Renaissance

23. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (§§320.4)? **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>
Seung Ho (Andy) Baek	OE	West Michigan
J. Albert Barchue	OE	Liberia
Cornelius Davis	OE	West Michigan
Jean Pierre Duncan	OE	Susquehanna
Harris Mannah Dunn	OE	Liberia
Gary Haller	OE	West Michigan
Laurie Haller	OE	West Michigan
Chan Young Jang	OE	Florida
Jennifer Jue	OE	West Michigan
Scott Manning	OE	West Michigan
James Noggle	OE	West Michigan
Cynthia M. Parsons	OE	West Michigan
Merlin Pratt	O (AM)	West Michigan
Benjamin Kevin Smalls	OE	Baltimore Washington
Charles A. Williams	OE	West Michigan
Christina L. Wright	OD	West Michigan

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b) Other Methodist Denominations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Home Conference</u>
Diane Covington	OF	Christian Methodist Episcopal

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Denomination</u>
Larry Osweiler	OF	Free Methodist
Thomas H. Priest, Jr.	OF	Presbyterian USA
Frederick G. Sampson III	OF	National Baptist Convention
Steven T. Sudduth	OF	Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference/ Denomination</u>	<u>First Year of Affiliation</u>
David Bell	East Ohio	2011
John Boley	West Michigan	2016
Dirk Elliott	West Ohio	2011
Christopher P. Momany	West Michigan	1996
Joseph A. Perez	New York	1996
Gary Step	West Michigan	2016

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 (v) (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, 325)

- a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, c or §324.5 (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
Sarah Alexander	
Cora Glass	
Jinny Song	

- b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, b or §324.6 (v); § 322.4 (v 3/4)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seminary</u>
Sari Brown	
Eun Sik Poy	
Scott Sherrill	
Devin Smith	United Theological Seminary
Michael Vollmer	

29. Who are continued as provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§326)?

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status (PD or PE)</u>	<u>Year</u>
Susan Amick	PD	2014
Christine M. Beaudoin	PE	2014
Josheua E. Blanchard	PE	2014
Benjamin J. R. Bower	PE	2014
Timothy G. Callow	PE	2014
Sungjoon (Paul) Hahm	PE	2014
Amanda M. Hall	PD	2015
Lindsey M. Hall	PE	2014
Won Dong Kim	PE	2015
Andrew H. Lee	PE	2014
Bradley S. Luck	PE	2014
Seok Nam Lim	PE	2015
Jeremiah J. Manschreck	PE	2015
Christina Miller-Black	PD	2015
Kristen I. Parks	PE	2015
Sue Pethoud	PD	2014
Janine L. Plum	PE	2015
Marva Pope	PE	2015
Jonathan E. Reynolds	PE	2015
Thomas L. Snyder	PD	2014
Rebecca G. Wilson	PD	2014

b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders? **None**

c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons? (Indicate year) **None**

d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations? (§347.1) **None**

30. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§348): (v) **A person's orders may be recognized when they are transferring their membership into your annual conference from another Christian denomination. A person who is listed in Q.30 must also be listed in either Q. 31 a or b, depending on the transfer status.**

None

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

a) As provisional members (§347.3a,b)? (v) **None**

b) As local pastors (§347.3a)? (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 39 in a previous year.) (v 2/3):

a) Deacons

Name

Mary Hagley

b) Elders

Name

Hyun Jun Cho

Zachary Dunlap

Ronald A. Fike

Susanne E. Hierholzer

Inbeom Oh

Rahim Shabazz

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 2/3)

Name

Mary Hagley

Seminary

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

b) Transfer from elder? (§309) (v 2/3) **None**

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

a) After provisional membership? (§335) (v 2/3)

Name

Zachary Dunlap

Ronald A. Fike

Susanne E. Hierholzer

Rahim Shabazz

Seminary

Asbury Theological Seminary

United Theological Seminary

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

b) Transfer from deacon? (§309) (v 2/3) **None**

35. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§365)? (v) **None**

36. Who are readmitted (§366-368 [v], §369 [v 2/3]): **None**

37. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§358.7): (v) **None**

38. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§347.1, 416.5, 635.2m)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.)

Name: Christopher Hintz

Clergy Status: **FE**

Previous Conference: **West Ohio**

Date of Transfer: **7-1-2016**

Name: Gunsoo Jung
 Clergy Status: **FE**
 Previous Conference: **Iowa**
 Date of Transfer: **7-1-2016**

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) **None**
 c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)
Name
Matthew Packer (PD)
Katherine Waggoner (PE)
 d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age after December 31, 2012 (§ 327.7) **None**
43. Who are on location?
 a) Who has been granted honorable location (§359.1)?
 (1) This year? (v) **None**
 (2) Previously?
- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Year Originally Granted</u> | <u>Charge Conference Membership</u> | <u>Year of Most Recent Report</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Robert J. Easlick | 2004 | Fenton | 2015 |
| Mary E. Isaacs Frost | 1989 | First UMC Oviedo, FL | 2015 |
| Melvin F. Hall | 1986 | South Bend, IN: First | 2011 |
| Rodney E. Rawson | 1979 | Davison | 2015 |
| Donald C. Schark | 1995 | Menominee: First | 2015 |
| Robert "Mel" Vostry | 1991 | Palmer, Alaska | 2014 |
- b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors? (§359.2) (Indicate date and appointment.) **None**
- c) Who has been placed on administrative location (§360?)
 (1) This year? (v) **None**
 (2) Previously?
Name: Kim D. Spencer
 Date Effective: **3-15-2014**
 Prior Clergy Status: **FE 2015 Report Received**

44. Who have been granted the status of honorable location—retired (§359.3):

a) This year? (v)

Name: Gordon B. Boyd
 Date Effective: **1-1-2016**
 Prior Clergy Status: **FE, HL**

b) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Year H. L. Originally Granted</u>	<u>Charge Conference Membership</u>
Robert H. Bough	FE	1976	Farmington: Nardin Park
William H. Brady	FE	1976	
Hayden K. Carruth, Jr	FE	1992	Ann Arbor: First
Jon M. Clapp	FE	1981	Clarkston: First
Earl W. Downing	FE	1984	Brighton: First
James “Kyle” Elliott	FE	1964	Birmingham, AL: Riverchase
Ronald F. Ellis	FE	1971	Livonia: St. Matthew’s
Harold G. Ford	FE	1974	Birmingham: First
Leon W. Herndon	FE	2010	Metropolitan UMC
Mary E. Howard	FE	1978	Richardson, TX: First
Levon G. King	FE	1971	Downriver UMC
Louis E. Otter II	FE	1971	
Robert L. Porter	FE	1980	Ferndale: First
David P. Rahn	FE	1988	Grand Blanc
Carl G. Silvernail	FE	1969	Kingston
Donald R. Silvis	FE	1972	
Charles E. Strawn	FE	1979	None available in Amsterdam
Ronald W. Tallman	FE	1981	Hope UMC, Greenwood Village CO
George W. Versteeg	FE	1976	
Harvard J. Warren	FE	1972	Bradenton, FL
Harold V. Whited	FE	1964	
Lawrence C. Whiting	FE	1981	None
Galen E. Wightman	FE	1969	Washington, D.C.: Foundry
Donald A. Wittbrodt	FE	1978	Emmanuel UMC
Kenneth B. Woodside	FE	1991	Southfield: Hope
David L. Yordy	FE	1970	None

45. Who have had their status as honorably located and their orders terminated (§359.2)? (v) **None**

46. Who have had their conference membership terminated?

- a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§361.1, .4)? (v) **None**
- b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§361.2, .4)? (v) **None**
- c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§361.3, .4; 2719.2)? (v) **None**
- d) By termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§354.12)? (v) **None**
- e) By trial (§2713)? **None**

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47. Who have been suspended under the provisions of ¶363.1d, ¶2704.2c or ¶2711.3? (Give effective dates. Indicate credential.) **None**

48. Deceased (List alphabetically in the spaces provided)

a) What associate members have died during the year?

Effective: **None**

Retired:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Harrison M. Brakeman	3-21-1922	8-6-2015

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

Effective: **None**

Retired: **None**

c) What elders have died during the year?

Effective:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Joanne R. Bartelt	3-14-1952	4-13-2016

Retired:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Ronald K. Corl	2-17-1934	8-16-2015
James A. Craig	8-12-1928	5-25-2016
Robert P. Garrett	11-25-1929	3-23-2016
Steven A. Gjerstad	4-7-1947	3-19-2016
King W. Hanna	10-6-1939	1-16-2016
Gary R. Imms	10-6-1935	10-5-2015
Dennis N. Paulson	2-19-1950	7-19-2015
Richard J. Wood	4-7-1937	8-1-2015

d) What deacons have died during the year?

Effective: **None**

Retired: **None**

e) What local pastors have died during the year?

Active: **None**

Retired:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Margery H. Host	1-27-1943	3-22-2016
Lillian G. Richards	7-6-1925	5-4-2016

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Where Appointed</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Christine Beaudoin	PE	Desert Southwest	Velda Rose UMC
Sunjoon (Paul) Hahm	PE	West Michigan	Lansing: Grace UMC
Chul-Goo Lee	FE	Florida	South Florida Korean UMC
Donna Minarik	FE	West Michigan	Mason UMC
Mark D. Miller	FE	West Michigan	Muskegon: Central

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Eun Sik Poy	PE	West Michigan	Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Epsilon
Kathy Snedeker	FE	West Michigan	Grand Traverse UMC
Deborah S. Thomas	FE	West Michigan	Alma UMC
Yongcheol Woo	FE	West Ohio	Madisonville Korean UMC
Joonshik Yoo	PE	West Ohio	Korean Church of Dayton

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 (§354)? (Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.)

a) Voluntary?

1) Personal, less than 5 years (§354.2a 3) (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
Michael Coffey	FE	4-30-2012	4	
Tyson Ferguson	FE	7-1-2016		
Peggy Garrigues	FE	9-1-2016		
Michael Mayo-Moyle	FE	7-1-2012	4	Orchard UMC
Edmond Taveirne	FE	7-1-2014	2	

2) Personal, 5 years or more (§354.2a 3) (v 2/3)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
Jennifer L. Bixby	FE	9-15-2006	10	
Christopher D. Cowdin	FE	5-1-2003	13	Troy: First
Shawn P. Lewis-Lakin	FE	7-1-1997	19	Royal Oak: First

3) Family, less than 5 years (§354.2b 3) (v)

4) Family, 5 years or more (§354.2b 3) (v 2/3) **None**

5) Transitional (§354.2c)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
Cora Glass	PD	6-8-2016		Birmingham: First
Amanda Hall	PD	5-17-2015	1	Rochester: St. Paul's
Alicea L. Williams	FD	6-25-2016		

b) Involuntary (§ 355)? (v 2/3) **None**

51. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§352)? (v) **None**

52. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (§357)? (v)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Charge Conference</u>
Colon R. Brown	FE	2-1-2006	Rochester: St. Paul's
Marshall Dunlap	FE	2-1-2016	
Michelle A. Gentile	FE	6-15-1990	

Lynda B. Liles	FD	7-1-2011	Rochester: St. Paul's
Elizabeth A. Macaulay	FE	5-1-2013	
John M. Mehl, Jr.	FE	1-1-2009	
Fredrick D. Neumann	FE	7-1-2013	
Colin P. Stover	FE	1-1-2011	Lapeer: Trinity
Thomas L. Taylor	FE	2-1-2013	

53. What members in full connection have been retired (§358): (**List** alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (**Under §358.1, no vote required; under §358.2, v; under §358.3, v 2/3**)

Deacons

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Jane A. Berquist	2006
Pamela L. Buchholz	9-1-2013
Charlotte A. Cowdin	5-1-2003
Catherine M. Freeman	2014
Judith Y. Mayo	2014
Johncie K. Palmer	8-1-2008
Carolyn Wik	2014
Christine Wyatt	2015

Elders

- a) This year?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Eugene K. Bacon	
Tommy Burdette	12-2-2016
Janet Engler	10-1-2015
Lynda Frazier	12-1-2015
John Hamilton	
Lynn Hasley	
Gerald Hunter	10-15-2015
Susan Kinglsey	
James Kummer	
Jeffrey R. Maxwell	
Judith A. May	
William P. McBride	
Dale M. Miller	
Bruce L. Nowacek	
Linda Jo Powers	10-1-2015
Gregory Rowe	
Jay K. Six	
Susan Bennett Stiles	
James E. Tuttle	
Suzanne Walls	
Robert White	

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b) Elders Previously? (Read Across)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Joseph H. Ablett	1985	Gordon E. Ackerman	2001
Terry W. Allen	2006	Andrew A. Allie	2009
Richard C. Andrus	1999	Joy E. Arthur	1991
Thomas G. Badley	2002	Wilson C. Bailey	2007
James R. Balfour II	2010	Glenn C. Ball	1996
Martha C. Ball	2002	Alfred T. Bamsey	2000
Ralph T. Barteld	1997	William P. Bartlett	2011
Donald L. Bates	1991	Joseph R. Baunoch	2004
Norman R. Beckwith Sr.	2008	John K. Benissan	2011
Elwood J. Berkompas	1995	Bruce L. Billing	2011
Eugene A. Blair	2012	Paul F. Blomquist	1996
Benjamin Bohnsack	2006	Sylvia A. Bouvier	2006
William E. Bray	1974	Benjamin H. Breitreuz	2008
Robert D. Brenner	2013	Wayne W. Brookshear	1983
Dale E. Brown	2014	Robert L. S. Brown	1990
Tom Brown II	1997	Wesley L. Brun	2006
Vivian C. Bryant	2003	Steven J. Buck	2013
Robert E. Burkey	2003	Bonnie D. Byadiah	1997
William A. Cargo	2011	Ronald D. Carter	1990
Donna J. Cartwright	2003	H. Reginald Cattell	1994
Lynn F. Chappell	2009	Kathy R. Charlefour	2014
Richard C. Cheatham	1998	David E. Church	1995
Sandra J. Clark	2013	William M. Clemmer	2014
Leonard A. Clevenger	2015	James D. Cochran	1998
Roger L. Colby	2008	Edward Coley	2008
David C. Collins	2011	Frederick P. Cooley	2000
Oscar W. Cooper, Jr.	1989	George E. Covintree, Jr.	2015
Ramona E. Cowling	2002	Lawson D. Crane	2009
Wallace "Pete" Crawford	2015	Doris Crocker	1998
Anthony N. Cutting	2011	Robert Davis	1997
Donald J. Daws	1997	Gary C. Dawes	2014
Alan W. DeGraw	2000	Jerry P. Densmore	2014
Bruce M. Denton	2012	David A. Diamond	2006
William D. Dobbs	2015	Robert D. Dobson	1991
Linda J. Donelson	2015	Paul G. Donelson	2015
William R. Donahue, Jr.	2014	Robert Duggan	2005
Susan Defoe Dunlap	2013	Mary M. Eckhardt	2010
Hydrian Elliott	2011	John W. Elliott	2014
Terry A. Euper	2010	Juanita J. Ferguson	2009
Haldon D. Ferris	2002	John C. Ferris	2012
Garrison "Fred" Finzer	2012	Otto F. Flachsmann	1992
David L. Fleming	2014	Tat-Khean Foo	2003
Nancy K. Frank	2015	Barbra L. Franks	2007
Bea B. Fraser-Soots	2015	Elizabeth Gamboa	2008
Roger F. Gedcke	2010	George F. W. Gerritsen	2000
Max L. Gibbs	2009	Jack E. Giguere	1999
David G. Gladstone	2012	Diana Kay Goudie	2009
Robert F. Goudie	2003	Michael Grajcar, Jr.	1991
Patricia A. Green	2013	James E. Greer II	2013

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John N. Grenfell, Jr.	1993	Richard O. Griffith	1991
Robert C. Grigereit	1999	Kathleen A. Groff	2008
A. Theodore Halsted, Jr.	1992	Eric S. Hammar	1991
Alan J. Hanson	2013	John "Jack" E. Harnish	2013
Hilda L. Harris	2004	Pauline S. Hart	2008
Thomas E. Hart	2002	Robert D. Harvey	1999
Robert C. Hastings	2004	Timothy S. Hastings	2012
Ronda L. Hawkins	2014	Wayne A. Hawley	2007
Gloria Haynes	2015	Robert J. Henning	2011
John R. Henry	2011	Theodore W. Hepner	2002
Timothy R. Hickey	2000	Duane J. Hicks	1997
John W. Hinkle	1999	Jacqueline Holdsworth	2011
Robert E. Horton	1993	Bert Hosking	1986
John C. Huhtala, Sr.	2009	Joel W. Hurley	1998
David M. Hurst	1998	Roger W. Ireson	2001
Ronald L. F. Iris	2006	Charles R. Jacobs	2010
James D. Jacobs	2011	James P. James	2007
Carol J. Johns	2015	Wilfred E. Johnson, Sr.	2004
Jack E. Johnston	2012	Mark G. Johnston	2012
Donald W. Joiner	2010	Pamela S. Kail	2012
Mark A. Karls	2014	Thomas F. Keef	2014
James G. Kellermann	2013	Dwayne L. Kelsey	2000
David E. Kidd	1997	Dean A. Klump	2007
Kenneth A. Kohlmann	2001	Frederick LaMere	2002
Wayne T. Large	2003	Jean M. Larson	2010
Mary G. Laub	2010	Melvin Leach	2015
Hoon K. Lee	2013	John Hyung Lee	2011
S. Douglas Leffler	1994	Alger T. Lewis	1999
Bradford K. Lewis	2010	Barbara Lewis-Lakin	2015
Donald L. Lichtenfelt	1994	Olaf R. Lidums	2007
Johnny S. Liles	2004	Paul B. Lim	2000
Donna J. Lindberg	2004	David M. Liscomb	1998
George A. Luciani	1998	Thomas P. Macaulay	2010
Francis R. MacCanon	1988	Mary Lynch Mallory	2009
Paul J. Mallory	2014	Charles R. Marble	2000
Karen A. Mars	2008	William R. Maynard	2009
Marvin H. McCallum	2002	Brent L. McCumons	2011
Ginethea D. McDowell	2002	Martin A. McEntarfer	1992
A. Faye McKinstry	2014	David R. McKinstry	2010
Paul J. Melrose	2011	Douglas K. Mercer	2000
Patricia A. Meyers	2014	Donald Milano	1997
Duane E. Miller	2011	Gilson M. Miller	2008
Sylvester Miller III	2003	Frederick B. Moore, Sr.	2008
Harold S. Morse	2011	Meredith T. Moshauer	1997
Elias N. Mumbiro	2015	Marjorie H. Munger	2013
Nanette Myers-Cabeen	2014	John E. Naile	2014
Ross N. Nicholson	1990	Sharon G. Scott Niefert	2001
Arthur V. Norris	2001	Gordon W. Nusz	2003
Dorothy Okray	2007	Douglas K. Olsen	2015
William W. Omansiek	2010	James E. Paige, Jr.	2008
Margaret "Peggy" Paige	2012	John G. Park	2011

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Gerald R. Parker	1994	James F. Parker	1994
Roger A. Parker	2008	Margaret A. Passenger	2005
Richard A. Peacock	2008	Warren D. Pettis	1998
Janet Gaston Petty	2012	Ralph H. Pieper II	2012
Robert B. Pierce	2007	Karen B. Poole	2006
Carl E. Price	1998	W. Cadman Prout	1981
William K. Quick	1998	David E. Ray	2012
Kenneth B. Ray	2010	Michael L. Raymo	2014
Jeffery D. Regan	2013	James L. Rhinesmith	1969
Clifford Rice	2002	Philip A. Rice	2002
William A. Ritter	2005	Archie T. Roberts	1997
Stanley "Joe" Robertson	2002	William Tom Robinson	2004
Edwin A. Rowe	2013	James L. Rule	2012
Meredith Rupe	2006	James Russell Rupert	2009
David A. Russell	1997	Gary L. Sanderson	1999
Donald A. Scavella, Sr.	2005	John G. Schleicher	2006
Margery A. Schleicher	2007	W. Thomas Schomaker	2004
William D. Schoonover	1992	James P. Schwandt	2008
Robert B. Secrist	1991	Priscilla J. Seward	2003
Merton W. Seymour	1999	Philip M. Seymour	2011
Maurice D. Sharai, Jr.	2005	Isaac Yong-Cheol Shin	2010
Anthony J. Shipley	2007	James G. Simmons	1992
Webley J. Simpkins	1994	Harold J. Slater	2010
Linda J. Slaughter-Titus	2010	James A. Smith	1993
Jerome K. Smith	2011	Russell L. Smith	1994
William M. Smith	2005	Dorraine S. Snogren	1990
David P. Snyder	2014	Jean R. Snyder	2002
G. Charles Sonquist, Jr.	2002	Harlan E. Sorensen	2006
Arthur L. Spafford	1991	Lynette Stallworth	2002
Jerry L. Stewardson	2003	Carlyle F. Stewart III	2014
Arthur R. Stone	2006	William L. Stone	1990
David A. Stout	2007	David R. Strobe	2013
Donald B. Strobe	1990	David T. Strong	1998
Mary T. Tame	2012	Thomas E. Tarpley, Sr.	2015
James F. Thomas	2000	Wayne N. Thomas	2010
James M. Thompson	2006	Duane G. Thon	2007
Phylemon D. Titus	2002	Clare M. Tosch	1998
Kenneth L. Tousley	1995	Robert K. Townley	1997
Ted P. Townsend	1998	Douglas R. Trebilcock	2006
Saúl C. Trinidad	2013	Richard A. Turner	1995
William A. Verhelst	2006	Rony S. Veska	2013
Alonzo E. Vincent	2013	Philip D. Voss	2011
Paul T. Wachterhauser	2009	Daniel J. Wallace	1997
Joyce E. Wallace	2013	Robert E. Walton	2002
George F. Ward	2006	Kenneth E. Ward	2005
Robert P. Ward	1993	Grant A. Washburn	1995
Brent L. Webster	2012	Roy "LaVere" Webster	1995
Harold E. Weemhoff, Jr.	2015	Edward C. Weiss, Jr.	1994
James D. Weiss	1993	Charles H. West	2009
Margaret Rodgers West	2009	Theodore D. Whitely, Sr.	2015
David A. Winslow	2008	Chong Y. Won	2015

Robert D. Wright	2015	Young Bong Yoon	1995
Karl L. Zeigler	2010	Paton M. Zimmerman	1995

54. What associate members have been retired (§358): (List alphabetically giving full name-first, middle, last-in that order. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under §358.1, no vote required; under §358.2, v; under §358.3, v 2/3)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
John R. Allan	1998	Emerson W. Arntz	2009
Walter David	1992	Roy G. Forsyth	1991
Marcos A. Gutierrez	2010	Catherine W. J. Hiner	2009
Michael W. Luce	2012	James M. Mathews	2003
Walter H. Miller	2004	Gerald E. Mumford	1993
James A. Rencontre	1997	Nicholas W. Scroggins	2010
Gerald M. Sever, Jr.	2012		

55. What provisional members have been retired before January 1, 2013 (§358, 2008 *Book of Discipline*): (Indicate credential. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under §358.1, no vote required; under §358.2, v; under §358.3, v 2/3)

- a) This year? (**NOTE: Provisional members who reach mandatory retirement age and have not retired by Jan. 1, 2013 shall be discontinued (§327.7) and listed in Q. 42.**) **None**
- b) Previously? **None**

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

- a) This year? * indicates completed COS or M.Div

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
*Mary Ellen Chapman	
Kathy Phillips	
*David O. Pratt	3-1-2016

- b) Previously? (*Those with an asterisk has completed the Course of Study)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
L. Cecile Adams	2013	James E. Barnett	2013
*Donald E. Bedwell	2011	Virginia B. Bell	2005
Betty M. Blair	2009	*Debra K. Brown	2015
*Richard B. Brown	2010	Ronald A. Brown	1994
*Ellen F. Burns	2010	Terry D. Butters	2013
*Robert D. Chapman	2012	Bonita Davis	2008
James A. Fegan	2005	Bonnie M. Frey	2012
*Carolyn G. Harris	2013	Daniel W. Harris	2003
Patricia A. Harton	2010	*Raymond A. Jacques	2008
Charles B. Jones	1997	Margaret Kivisto	2013
Robert I. Kreger	2013	*Bonny J. Lancaster	2006
M. Lester McCabe	1993	Ruth A. McCully	2009
James B. Montney	2012	George H. Morse	2000
*Jean B. Rencontre	2008	Darrell L. Rice	2003
*Deanna M. Sailor-Petit	2006	*William Schuman	2001

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Allen F. Schweitzer	2000	Edward C. Seward	2004
*Alice J. Sheffield	2012	*Mary E. Spencer	2009
*Cherrie A. Sporleder	2013	*Robert A. Srock	2012
*Stanley Patrick Stybert	2010	*Clarence VanConant	2010
Earleen A. VanConant	2000	*Dianne H. Van Marter	2015
*Henry Williams	2012	Roberta L. Willson	2014

57. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference: **715**

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.

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Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full- time Local Pastors	Part- time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (§331.1c, 339) (76, 78c)	10	154	2	19	2	64	51
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (§331.1a, b) (78a,b)	9	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	3	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§316.1; 344.1a, c) (77a)	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	12	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX				
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§316.1; 344.1b) (77b)	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	9	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX				
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§316.1; 344.1d) (77c)	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	5	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	1			
Appointments to Attend School (§331.3) (79)		1				XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)		5		1		XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)		6				XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)			1			XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
On Sabbatical Leave (51)						XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
On Medical Leave (52)	1	8					
On Transitional Leave (50a5)			3			XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
Retired (53, 54, 55)	8	327			13	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX
Total Number, Clergy Members	28	527	9	21	15	64	51
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	715						

Note: Information on clergy by race and gender in the annual conference is available through the General Council on Finance and Administration at www.gcfa.org.

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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		Probationary (provisional) Deacons		Probationary (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			13	4		1	6					1			1
African American/Black			27	13				1			3	3	3	2	
Hispanic			2						1		1	1			
Native American															
Pacific Islander			2												
White	3	24	360	106	1	7	9	5	12	2	36	18	27	19	
Multi-Racial	1														
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*	4	24	404	123	1	8	15	6	13	2	41	22	30	22	
715															

Note: After receiving numerous research requests for data relating to clergy gender and ethnicity, GCFA has again chosen to request the information in the chart above.

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>
Kathryn L. Pittenger	FD	Christian Education
Andrew Schleicher	FD	Christian Education
Teresa Zimmerman	FD	Christian Education
Kathryn L. Pittenger	FD	Children's Ministry
Michele Ettinger	Lay	Youth Ministry
Mary Hagley	FD	Youth Ministry

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy/Lay Status</u>	<u>Specialized Ministry</u>
Pamela Buchholz	RD	Christian Education
Diane Griffin	Diaconal	Christian Education
Brian Johnson	FL	Youth Ministry
Sue Pethoud	PD	Youth Ministry
Sandra Balmer	Lay	Music Ministry
Lynda Liles	FD	Music Ministry
John Potter	Lay	Music Ministry
Susan Amick	PD	Spiritual Formation
Annelissa Gray-Lion	FD	Spiritual Formation
Jack Mannschreck	FE	Spiritual Formation
Philip Tousley	FE	Spiritual Formation
Christine E. Wyatt	RD	Spiritual Formation
Jon Lawrence	Lay	Camping and Retreat Ministries
Andrew Schleicher	FD	Christian Communications
Rebecca Wilson	PD	Urban Ministries

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>	<u>Specialized Ministry</u>
Catherine Freeman	RD	Spiritual Formation
Jaye Reisinger	FD	Christian Education
Janet Thomas	Lay (Ret)	Camping & Retreat Ministries

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

63. Who are certified as lay ministers (¶ 271, and 666.10)? (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order, by district) **None**

PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS
(Paragraph numbers in questions 65-72 refer to *The 1992 Book of Discipline*)

64. Who constitute the Committee on Investigation (¶2703.3)? (v)
Name
Thelma M. Childress [DR]
Alternate: Janet Moody [CR]
65. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (¶312)? **None**
66. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (¶312)? **None**
67. 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 (1992 Discipline)**) **None**
68. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?
a) Effective: **None**
b) Retired: **None**
69. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under ¶313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave): (v) **None**
70. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (¶313.1e): **None**
71. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (¶313.1e)? (v)? **None**
72. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (¶313.2): (**Under ¶313.2b, v 2/3**)
a) This year? **None**
b) Previously?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Barbara A. Brooks	2007
Janice E. Caldwell	1999
Thelma M. Childress	1994
George W. Gish	2003
Mary Levack Quick	2002
Beverly W. Rice	1997
Joanne S. Risser	1994
Joyce A. Thomas	1998

PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

73. Who are approved for less than full-time service?
 a) What associate members, provisional, or full elders 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 service (in one-quarter increments) is approval granted (for purposes of equitable compensation claim and pension credit) ¶¶338.2, 342.2, 1506)? (v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Fraction of Full-Time Service</u>
Steve Khang	Ann Arbor Korean	2	3/4
Peggy Garrigues (LOA 9-1-16)	Clawson	1	1/2
Lindsey Hall	Birmingham: First		1/2
Marva Pope	Detroit: People's	2	1/2
Heidi Reinker	Trenton: First		3/4
T. Bradley Terhune	Arbela	2	1/4
Beth Titus	Nardin Park	2	1/2
Monica William	Northville: First	8	1/2
William Wylie-Kellermann	St. Peter's Episcopal, Detroit		
		35	1/2

- 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>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Fraction of Full-Time Service</u>
Murphy Ehlers	Clawson	1/2	1/4
Mary Hagley	Dixboro	3	1/2
Loretta Job	Brighton: First	10	1/4
Catherine Miles	Fraser: Christ	8	1/2
Jaye Reisinger	Farm to Table	2	Missional Service
Jinny Lee Song	Troy Korean	1	3/4
Laura Speiran	Clarkston	2	3/4
Teresa Zimmerman	1/2 Manchester UMC, 1/4 Chelsea Retirement Center		3/4

74. 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

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.)

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76. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.)
77. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year? (Attach a list)
- Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a, c)?
 - To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b)?
 - To other valid ministries under the provisions of §344.1d? **(v 2/3)**
78. 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 and schools within the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church (§331.1b)?
 - Within a local congregation, charge, or cooperative parish (§331.1c)?
79. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6)? (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clergy Status</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year Appointed to School</u>
Kenneth C. Dunstone	FE	Graduate Residency	2003

80. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [**1992 Discipline**]?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Diane Griffin	Director, Educational Ministries, Howell: First UMC
Matthew Packer	Flushing UMC

81. 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.)

- **Bruce W. Garner former Full Member of the Detroit Conference died 6-1-2016**
- **Bruce Kline former Full Member of the Detroit Conference died 8-23-2015**
- **Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt died November 26, 2015**
- **Joonshik Yoo was omitted from the 2014 report and should be listed in 29 d. and 49 (West Ohio, Korean Church of Dayton).**

82. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)?
Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan, June 1-4, 2017

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