

Living the Connection #5
Sunday, June 22, 2008
9:00 am

Bishop Hoshibata welcomed back the members of the Annual Conference and thanked them for their support of the Jars of Clay outreach concert Saturday evening. A brief video of highlights of the evening's activities was shown. The bishop reconvened the session.

WESTERN DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Hoshibata invited Kate Conolly, the Western District Superintendent, to come forward to join him in reading the Western District Appointments. Kate will also be serving as Dean of the Ministry Cabinet this year. Cesie Delve Scheuermann, outgoing Western District Lay Leader, gave a prayer of dedication and then invited the laity and clergy of the Western District to join in a prayer that was projected on the screen.

ACTION FROM DISCERNMENT TEAMS

The bishop invited Steve Mitchell to return to lead us in action on individual action requests.

Steve Wolff, representing Discernment Team P, moved the adoption of Standing Resolution I-21, Ban on Torture.

Motion passed.

Lee Hunefeld, representing Discernment Team F, moved adoption of Action Request H-15, Truth and Accountability.

Ronald Kriesel presented a minority report from Discernment Team F that sought to expand the focus of the Truth and Accountability Commission from the current administration to the entire federal government now and in the future. He then made a motion to adopt the minority report as a substitute for H-15.

Jim Parr Philipson moved that both the majority and the minority report on H-15 be referred to the Witness Team.

Motion failed.

The body then considered Ron Kriesel's motion to substitute the minority report.

Motion failed.

The body then voted on the original motion to adopt Action Request H-15.

Motion passed 169 to 134.

Lee Hunefeld moved the adoption of Acton Request H-17, Impeachment of President and Vice President. He noted that Discernment Team F recommended defeat of this action request.

Motion failed.

Bonnie McOmber, representing Discernment Team E, moved the adoption of H-13, Maintain Current Oregon Domestic Partnership Law, as amended on page H-12. The Discernment Team

wanted it noted that in the future if an action request refers to a law made by another body, that a copy of that law be included for reference. The amendment's intention is to have the statement of support cover all persons.

Motion passed.

Marvin Jones, representing Discernment Group H, moved to adopt as amended on H-22, the Safe Sanctuaries Policy for Annual Conference and District Sponsored Events. The amendments of H-22 from H-23 have added definitions of abuse per language used by Camp and Retreat Ministries and language to clarify the two adult rule.

Deborah Maria moved that in H-22, page 3, line 6, that "and a child, youth, or vulnerable adult" be added to the sentence beginning "in contact between an adult . . ."

This was accepted by acclamation.

Brian Nelson-Munson moved that in H-22, page 2, line 41 in the definition of abuse the word "action" be substituted for "intentional treatment."

Jan Nelson moved, as a substitute for Brian Nelson-Munson's motion, that in H-22, page 2, line 41 in the definition of abuse the phrase "intentional, negligent, or reckless treatment" be substituted for "intentional treatment."

Motion passed.

The body returned to the original motion to adopt the Safe Sanctuaries Policy for Annual Conference and District Sponsored Events as amended by the Discernment Team and by the body.

Motion passed.

Lisa Jean Hoefner made a motion that the Safe Sanctuaries Policy for Annual Conference and District Sponsored Events be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, leaders of ministries covered by these policies and the Conference Chancellor.

Motion passed.

Steve Ross made a motion that we limit the time for discussion for the remainder of our time together.

Motion passed.

Marvin Jones, representing Discernment Group H, moved to adopt as amended on H-24, the "Safe Sanctuaries" Minimum Standards Policy for Local Ministry Settings. The amendments of H-24 from H-25 have added definitions of abuse per language used by Camp and Retreat Ministries and language to clarify the two adult rule, as in the Safe Sanctuaries Policy for Annual Conference and District Sponsored Events.

Lura Kidner-Meisen moved that the phrase "Our standard practice is that" be added to "all children, youth, and vulnerable adults will be supervised by" on the last line of page 4 of H-24

and that “Our standard practice is that” be added to “no adult will be alone with any one child, youth or vulnerable adult out of sight of others” at the top of page 5 of H-24.

Motion passed.

Warren Light moved to add a section f) under number 3 in the Minimum Standards for Screening Procedures of H-24 to read as follows: “The ministry setting will not knowingly hire anyone with a history of committing sexual abuse on any child, youth, or vulnerable adult.”

Motion passed.

Phyllis Hollingsworth moved that the same changes made to the language in the definition of abuse section in H-22 be made in H-24, p. 3.

Motion passed.

The body returned to the original motion to adopt the “Safe Sanctuaries” Minimum Standards Policy for Local Ministry Settings as amended by the Discernment Team and by the body.

Motion passed.

Steve Mitchell recognized and thanked the Discernment Team Chairpersons and Mary Frances Gunn for their work on the Action Requests.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

It was moved and seconded to remove the motion to approve the Capital Campaign from the table.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe, chair of CF&A, introduced Todd Bartlett, chair of the Camp & Retreat Ministries Team, to present the response to questions about the capital campaign generated the day prior.

We adjourned to worship at 10:40 a.m.

At 12:30 p.m., Bishop Hoshibata called the body back to order.

Todd Bartlett finished the presentation from the Capital Campaign Task Force. He recognized and expressed appreciation to the members of the Capital Campaign Task Force for all their work and to Eric Brown, Steve Ross and Lisa Jean Hoefner who put together the presentation he had just given in response to people’s questions.

Jim Monroe restated the prior motion, found in lines 8-9 of page K-13, for a Capital Campaign.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe, on behalf of CF&A, moved that the Bishop be authorized to appoint a task force to work with RSI on the Capital Campaign, found in line 10 of page K-13 of the pre-conference reports.

Motion passed.

CF&A ACTION ON BUDGET

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the annual recommendations of CF&A, found on page K-12 of the pre-conference reports.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the Ministerial Support Budget, found on line 14 of page R-4 in the amount of \$2,352,813.00 (increase over what was printed is the result of changes in the contingency fund previously approved)

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the Administration Budget, found on line 33 of page R-6, in the amount of \$1,333,873.00.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the World Service Budget, found on line 36 of page R-6, in the amount of \$418,168.00

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the Conference Benevolences Budget, found on line 12 of page R-9, in the amount of \$652,795.00.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the other General Conference apportioned items, found on lines 17-31 of page R-9.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the total apportioned budget, found on line 33 of page R-9, in the amount of \$4,772,890.00

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved adoption of the non-budgeted askings, found on line 35 of page R-9 through line 46 of R-10.

Motion passed.

Jim Monroe moved the election of William Mullette-Bauer as Director of Stewardship and Finance for the 2009-2012 quadrennium per ¶ 618 of the 2004 *Discipline*.

Motion passed.

Jim thanked the members of the CF&A for the progress they have made over the past several years, thanked Bob Meyers for his service, and thanked the body for the honor of serving as chair of CF&A

COMMITTEE ON THE EPISCOPACY

Laura Rockwell, newly elected chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy, thanked the bishop on behalf of the committee for his service and gave him a gift of a deadora cedar tree for his new home on the coast. The Bishop was given a standing acclamation.

The committee also recognized Pat Breen's work in the Bishop's office and gave her a gift of a begonia in a hanging basket.

CLOSING REMARKS

Bishop Hoshibata admitted that he had been a bit nervous about this conference because there were a lot of bold plans. He thanked the members of the conference for all their good hard work. He lifted up a few individuals, stating he had the intention of giving a more complete listing in the *Oregon-Idaho Connector* at a later date.

Bishop Hoshibata recognized and thanked

- the Annual Conference Sessions Team for their support of the concert
- the people who put together and worked on the worship services
- the tech team
- Jennie Pitney, Chris Kester, and Christy Dirren and the rest of the Concert Task Force
- Pat Breen
- Paul Cosgrove, Danna Hastings, Laura Jaquith Bartlett, Linda Grund-Clampit, and Tom Wogaman
- Kathy Pressler for the liturgical art in all the worship services
- Turella Woods
- Greta Hoshibata
- Bob Meyers

Bob Meyers thanked the annual conference members for the tribute and their love and said that no matter where he and Patty are in the future, this is home.

Joan Collison asked that we recognize Linda Sullivan and all her work.

Ed Clark announced that Dean Holloman will be the Western Jurisdictional President of United Methodist Men.

The Bishop announced that \$17,459.00 has been collected so far for the Change Hunger Fast offering from 78 churches.

The Bishop's Boldness Fund received \$979.45 at the concert Saturday night.

The Bishop noted that the place of next year's annual conference has not been determined, but that it is his intention to hold it the week following Father's Day in June 2009, ending on Sunday, June 21, 2009. [Note: since Father's Day is actually June 21, it is likely that next year's conference will be held June 10-14.]

On behalf of the conference secretary, Danna Hastings moved that the 40th session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference be adjourned *sine die*; and that the daily proceedings of this Annual Conference be printed as the official minutes in the *Journal*, with such editorial corrections as are necessary. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Bishop Hoshibata led in a closing prayer.

[The Daily Proceedings for Sunday, June 22, were recorded by Linda Grund-Clampit, Western District Administrative Assistant, and edited by Laura Jaquith Bartlett, conference secretary.]