

Living the Connection #1
Wednesday, June 7, 2006
10:00 am

CALL TO ORDER

Bishop Bob Hoshibata called the 38th session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to order at 10:10 am, using as a gavel an antique potato masher, which was a gift from the people of the Eastern District.

The conference secretary presented these Organizational Motions:

1. The printed conference program is hereby adopted as the official agenda with such changes as will be proposed from time to time by the Agenda chair.
2. The pre-conference reports are hereby accepted for changes and perfections as determined by annual conference actions.
3. The bar of the conference shall be established as the seats in the auditorium, excluding those roped off for the visitors gallery.
4. The conference staff, interpreters, readers, mentors, and pages who do not hold voting privileges are allowed the privilege of working within the bar of the conference.
5. Clergy members of other annual conferences currently serving within the bounds of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference under par. 346.1 shall be allowed seats within the bar of the conference, with voice but no vote.
6. The Secretarial staff as printed in the *Daily Bulletin* (or amended by conference action) is hereby elected.
7. The printed minutes of each Living the Connection session will be available at the conference office (in the lobby of Brandt) at the end of each day. Corrections should be given to the Conference Secretary.

Motion passed.

WELCOME FROM NNU

Richard A. Hagood, the president of Northwest Nazarene University, welcomed the conference members and friends, and reminded the session of NNU's Wesleyan heritage, which the Church of the Nazarene shares with the UMC. He wished God's blessings upon the conference.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bishop Hoshibata presented his friend, Elaine Stanovsky, to the annual conference. Rev. Stanovsky is a member of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, and has served in many capacities in that conference. She is to be the preacher for our Memorial/Communion service of worship this year.

The bishop introduced those on the platform: Tom Wogaman (conference lay leader), Laura Jaquith Bartlett (conference secretary), Danna Hastings (agenda chair), and Paul Cosgrove (parliamentarian). He also introduced his administrative assistant, Pat Breen.

VISIT FROM BLACK COLLEGE AMBASSADOR

Latoya Glover, the Lina H. McCord Intern, presented greetings to the conference. She is a sophomore at Huston-Tillotson University, one of the 11 historically Black Colleges supported by the UMC. She challenged the annual conference to pay 100% of the Black College Fund apportionment.

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

Jaime Hurst, the manager of the annual conference session, presented some explanation about the bar of the conference. Eric Brown explained how the pages will do their work in this venue. Bishop Hoshibata talked about how we care for one another in this new space.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Paul Cosgrove, our new parliamentarian, explained the procedure for operating under Robert's Rules of Order.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Jim Fellers, chair of the Nominating Committee, explained the process for making corrections or changes to the Nominations Report.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

John Grimsted, chair of the Commission on Equitable Compensation, presented the commission's report. They are recommending that the minimum cash salary for elders be set at \$28,000; for probationary members at \$26,600; for local pastors at \$25,200. These figures would apply to all new appointments. This is an increase of 3.75% over last year. In addition, there would be a \$100 increase for each year of service, with a maximum of 10 years, or \$1000. The Commission is recommending a minimum of \$3,800 as a utilities allowance, and \$2,500 as a minimum for business and professional expenses.

John moved that the conference accept the commission's report. Seconded.

Motion passed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brian Nelson-Munson, chair of the Board of Trustees, moved a resolution as follows: That the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church adopt the Property and Casualty Trust (PACT) as the standard for all local church and conference property and casualty insurance coverage effective after July 1, 2007. Any alternative or substituted coverage must provide equivalent or better coverage than the standard PACT coverage.

Motion passed.

BISHOP'S AWARD

The bishop invited district superintendent Kate Conolly to join him with the recipient's family as he presented the Bishop's Award to Gregory Paul Nelson.

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

Ardis Letey issued a challenge to members of the conference to earn points for wellness practices. Points will also be given for weight loss, in order to support healthy lifestyle choices.

AFFIRMATION OF DCRM AND DCM

The bishop helped us to recognize the work done by two ordained elders serving in extension ministry in our own annual conference structure: Lisa Jean Hoefner, who serves as the Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries, and Scott Harkness, who serves as Director of Connectional Ministries. Deb Payne, the chair of the Connectional Ministries Table, formally recommended that Scott be reappointed at the DCM. Lee Hunefeld, chair of the Camp and Retreat Ministries Team, formally recommended that Lisa Jean be reappointed as the DCRM. The conference affirmed the excellent work done by both persons.

READING OF EXTENSION MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS

Jim Fellers, the dean of the appointive cabinet, joined the bishop for the reading of the extension ministry appointments.

CELEBRATIONS/AWARDS

Jim Fellers called Carole Sullivan, UMW president, forward to present the Gertrude Boyd Crane scholarship to Carol Brown (Nehalem Bay), Janine DeLauney (Fremont), and Teresa Salyer (Albany).

The Jason Lee award was announced by Jim Fellers. It will be presented to Rod Fielder, who will receive it in his local church, Sweet Home UMC.

Jim announced scholarships to be awarded as follows:

Ethnic Minority Leadership Award: Miyoko Fujii Patricelli (Eugene First UMC, attending Whitman College);

Merit Award: Scott Davidson Fuson (Lake Oswego UMC, attending University of Denver);

Undergraduate leadership awards:

Central District: Taylor Rochelle Stanley (Fossil UMC, attending Eastern Oregon University);

Eastern District: Abby Maureen Waters (Twin Falls UMC, attending Boise State University);

Metro District: Kelsey Maureen Watts (Rose City Park UMC, attending Chapman University);

Southern District: Emily Jane Douglas (Eugene First UMC, attending University of Portland);

Western District: Katie Ann Wallace (Sherwood UMC, attending Corban College).

DISCUSSION ON CHANGES

The bishop talked about two new concepts in our session: discernment groups and discipleship groups. He offered some rationale for why we are moving in this direction. The discipleship groups will enable us to reclaim some of our Wesleyan tradition as we meet in small groups for hymn singing, scripture, prayer, and conversation. The discernment groups take the place of the old legislative groups, with more intent towards *discerning* together in our legislative discussions.

MEAL BLESSING

Janet Cromwell offered a blessing for our meal.

The session was adjourned for lunch at 11:48 am.

Clergy Session Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Craig Hall Cutting, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, opened the session at 1:25 pm. Bishop Hoshibata welcomed the gathered clergy.

Motion that ministers of other denominations be allowed to be present without voice or vote; an individual minister of another denomination may be allowed voice upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the session.

Motion passed.

Motion that clergy members of other annual conferences, who are currently serving within the bounds of OR-ID (under par. 346.1) be allowed to be present in clergy session, with voice but no vote.

Motion passed.

Motion that the administrative assistant to the bishop and sign language interpreters be allowed to be present at the clergy session without voice or vote.

Motion passed.

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Disciplinary Questions)

NOTE: *The questions are recorded below in the order in which they were presented to the Clergy Session. The action taken on each question is recorded here, but for full details about the Business of the Annual Conference (BAC), please see the complete report on page 207 of this Journal.*

17 Members blameless in life and official administration

The bishop asked these questions of the clergy members of each district:

Is your District Superintendent [named] blameless in his/her life and administration?

Are the clergy in your district blameless in life and administration?

In each case, the answer was yes, with these exceptions: Bob Bryant (Eastern), Jon Langenwalter (Western) and one more in Western District, under review.

28b, 32a Election to Probationary Membership

Roberta J. Egli, David King, Courtney McHill, Elke Sharma, Achsah Clark, Amy Pearson

Passed.

33b, 35b Election in Full Connection and Ordination as elder

Kathy Boyes, Darcey Gritzmacher, Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen, Laura Rockwell, Patsy Sturdevant

Passed.

21a, b Local Pastors

Passed.

25 Ministers of Other Denominations

Passed.

26 b Affiliate Membership

Passed.

50a Withdrawn from Membership to unite with another denomination

Beth Estock read a letter from Sue Joiner, explaining her decision to withdraw her membership in order to unite with the United Church of Christ.

Passed.

50e Withdrawn from Membership by trial

The bishop reported the results of the May 2006 trial of Frank “Rusty” Hancock, III. Arvin Luchs moved that the clergy session acknowledge receipt of the verdict of the trial. Seconded.

Passed.

The bishop prayed for Rusty, for those who have been harmed by his actions, and for this body.

52c Deceased

Brian Shimer offered prayer for the gifts of those clergy members who have died during the past year.

59a Deacon Retired

Passed.

59b Elders Retired

Passed.

62a Local Pastors Retired

Passed.

Syd Bell led us in prayer for all those retiring this year. The Clergy Session will continue on Thursday afternoon.

Living the Connection #2
Wednesday, June 7, 2006
3:30 pm

The session reconvened with scripture, song, and prayer.

Bishop Hoshibata introduced Stacy Piontek, the music director at Amity UMC (Boise), who is playing both piano and organ for our worship, as well as coordinating our Conference Choir.

The bishop introduced persons with us from the United Methodist Retirement Center in Salem, which is supplying us with bottled water for our sessions.

DISCIPLESHIP AND DISCERNMENT GROUPS

Bill McDonald and Mary Frances Gunn presented an explanation of the legislative process. Bill McDonald is filling in for Steve Mitchell, legislative chair, who is not able to be here due to surgery. Action Requests will be handled this year in Discernment Groups.

Brett Strobel offered guidance about how to form into Discipleship Groups.

The session was adjourned at 4:03 to meet in Discipleship Groups.

The Service of Memorial and Communion was held in Swayne Auditorium on Wednesday evening, June 7, at 7:00 pm. The Rev. Elaine Stanovsky was the guest preacher. Jerry Beeson, one of the lay members memorialized during worship, was posthumously named as a recipient of the Bishop's Award for exemplary service to the annual conference.

Living the Connection #3
Thursday, June 8, 2006
8:30 am

The session reconvened with scripture, song, and prayer.

The bishop explained a questionnaire that was distributed this morning, asking for input about annual conference boundaries in the Western Jurisdiction.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Wendy Woodworth, pastor at Fremont UMC and member of CFA, began with a "prelude" to the CFA report, by offering a memorial tribute to Elizabeth Watson, a lay member of this conference (and member at Fremont) who died this past year. She was the first female president of CFA, and was active throughout the conference and at the general conference level.

Jim Monroe, chair of CFA, is not with us at conference, due to a family wedding. Karen Bolin, a member of CFA, presented an overview of the conference financial situation. She reminded us that we give to our conference ministries because we can, not because we need the money. Ted Wimer made a presentation about our cash flow reserve and apportionments.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

Jim Parr Philipson, chair of the Board of Pensions, directed our attention to the Board of Pensions report, which details the new pensions program, the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP),

which will go into effect January 1, 2007. Our Board of Pensions has developed a plan for funding this new program.

Jim reported that this year's health insurance claims were low, which means that our premium increase for next year is quite small. This news was greeted with applause! He noted that healthy clergy is a key to keeping our increases low, so clergy wellness provides a significant foundation for our financial wellness.

Jim moved that the recommendations of the Board of Pensions report be adopted [as printed on page 257 of this Journal].

Motion passed.

Jim moved adoption of the pension and welfare section of the report [as printed on page 257-258 of this Journal]:

Motion passed.

UM PUBLISHING HOUSE PRESENTATION

Lynne Kersten, manager of "our" Cokesbury store in Kirkland, WA, expressed her appreciation to OR-ID members for placing their Cokesbury orders through the Kirkland store, and affirmed her commitment to providing us with personalized service.

UMPH contributes one million dollars annually to clergy pension support throughout the denomination. Lynn presented the annual conference with a check for just over \$6000, which is our portion of that support.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The bishop recognized Phil Wogaman, brother of our conference lay leader, who has been serving as interim president of Iliff School of Theology. He also introduced Troy Plummer, who is the executive director of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

Jim Parr Philipson, on behalf of the Board of Pensions, moved that the Annual Conference receive the check from the United Methodist Publishing House and contribute it to the Central Conference Pension Project, as we have done in recent years.

Motion passed.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The conference members joined in singing happy birthday to those members celebrating a birthday while at annual conference this year.

READING OF METRO DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Bonnie Parr Philipson (whose birthday is today!), Metropolitan District Superintendent, joined Bishop Hoshibata in the reading of the appointments for the Metro District. Bonnie invited Janice Stevens, Metro district lay leader, to lead us in prayer.

The session was adjourned at 9:51 am to move to Discernment groups.

Clergy Session (continued)
Thursday, June 8
1:15 pm

Billy Craig reported on the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members, which was first convened in April of 2003. He wore his scapular as he addressed the clergy session, which members of the Fellowship wear as a symbol of love and ministry that they share.

Beth Estock offered the report of the Order of Elders, which lifted up the importance of covenant. Beth spoke personally as she acknowledged that she couldn't be in ministry without all of us: we need each other in order to do ministry. The Order of Elders will meet on their own for an event in Bend, Oct. 10-12, 2006. Beth introduced Thom Larson as the new co-chair of the Order of Elders, and she offered thanksgiving for Bob Flaherty's work as the out-going co-chair. She closed by introducing the members of the Order's task force.

Laura Jaquith Bartlett gave a report on behalf of the Order of Deacons, which celebrated connections, including the fundamental connection to which deacons are called: providing a bridge between the church and the needs of the world. Laura challenged us to work together, in spite of confusion in the denomination over the ordering of ministry, to give our best to God.

CONTINUATION OF THE BAC (Disciplinary Questions)

18a Committee on Investigation

Gary Powell noted that Lew Schaad should be added as a lay observer.

Passed

18b Administrative Review committee

Strike Jim Parr Philipson, and add Linda Biggs to the committee membership. A question came up as to whether persons on Incapacity Leave can serve on this committee. The bishop ruled that they would not be able to serve, so we will strike the names Linda Layne and Adele Hustis from the list of Alternates, and the list will need to go back to the Nominating Committee.

Passed.

21b Part-time local pastors

Add Delores Hodney, Jim Ives, Ed Jabs, Dick Titus, Tim Novak. These five are retired local pastors, but need to be approved for a license, since they will continue to be appointed. It was moved that these names be added to 21b to be approved.

Passed.

Note: upon further review by the Board of Ordained Ministry's Conference Relations Registrar following the clergy session, it was determined that retired local pastors do not get listed under this question.

21a Full-time local pastors

Add Clay Andrew, and delete him from 21b. Add the name Noel Morfin. Noel is retiring this year, but will continue to be appointed.

Passed.

See note above for Question 21b.

22 Discontinued Local Pastors

Add the name Roderick Gabbert, as one who is voluntarily discontinuing his license.

24 Approved for appointment from other conferences
We acknowledged those who are serving in our midst from other annual conferences.

47a Granted Honorable Location
Bruce Andrews: **Passed**
Michael Kennedy: **Passed**

54a Voluntary Leave of Absence
Thom Larson noted that Tom Kirk's charge conference should be changed to Bend.
Passed.

54b Involuntary Leave of Absence
Passed.

54c1 Ad Interim Voluntary Leave of Absence
Passed.

54c2 Ad Interim Involuntary Leave of Absence
The Administrative Review Committee reported that procedures were followed correctly in this matter.
Passed

55a Family Leave
Separate vote on Janice Haftorson, whose leave has extended more than 5 years.
Passed.
Separate vote on Cindy McNutt-Kaestner, whose leave has extended more than 5 years.
Passed.
Ezekiel Ette, Danna Drum Hastings, Claire McNulty Drewes, Susan Staley.
Passed.

56 Sabbatical Leave
Passed.

57c Incapacity Leave
Passed.

58 Deacon to Transitional Leave
Passed.

71 Diaconal Committee on Investigation
Add the name Linda Baker. For Alternates, delete the name Ruth Walton, add the name Larry Abell.
Passed.

83a Elders and PMs Approved for Less than Full-Time Service
Add the name Marvin Jones (3/4 time, full elder).
Passed.

83a Deacons Approved for Less than Full-Time Service
(information only)

88c Approved for Extension Ministry under 344.1d
Passed.

Darwin Secord raised a question about Question #20, which discontinues Denny Diezel as local pastor. The Board explained its process for coming to this decision. Christina Fridel of the Central District Committee on Ordained Ministry noted that the DCOM approved him for continuation as a certified candidate for ordained ministry.

Craig Strobel moved that we continue Denny Diezel as local pastor. Seconded.

Jim Fellers offered a Point of Order that the time is 2:30, and our next Living the Connection session is scheduled to begin immediately. The bishop ruled that we would need to suspend our discussion and reconvene at 9:30 this evening.

Living the Connection #4
Thursday, June 8, 2006
2:30 pm

PRESENTATION TO CONFERENCE SPEAKER

The bishop presented Elaine Stanovsky with a gift in appreciation of her time with us at this annual conference session.

RECOGNITION OF GRETA HOSHIBATA

Larry McClure, chair of the Episcopacy Committee, introduced Greta Hoshibata, spouse of our bishop, who addressed members of the annual conference with warmth, grace, and good humor.

BISHOP'S AWARD

The third Bishop's Award for exemplary service to the annual conference by a lay member was presented to Bonnie McOmer.

PRAYER FOR SERVICE PERSONS

Conference members were directed to use the prayer cards they received today to write down the name of a service person in the armed forces whom they know, and who is currently serving somewhere in a place of danger. The bishop then led a time of prayer as the body sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

ERIC LAW EVENT

The bishop announced an event to be held on the eastern side of the conference, sponsored by the Conference Leadership Team and Conference Commission on Religion and Race. The event will be Sept. 17, 2006, with presenter Eric Law.

HISTORIC QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Craig Hall Cutting, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, presented this year's candidates for ordination and full membership: Kathy Boyes, Darcey Gritzmacher, Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen, Laura Rockwell, and Patsy Sturdevant. The bishop asked the ordinands the historic questions from John Wesley, which have been asked of ordinands throughout the history of the denomination.

MINISTRY CABINET PRESENTATION

Jim Fellers addressed the session on behalf of the ministry cabinet. He talked about things that have stayed the same over the years, and things that have changed. In the coming year, the appointive cabinet dean will be Donna Pritchard, and the ministry cabinet dean will be Scott Harkness. Jim stressed the importance of the annual DS visits to seminaries, in order to make connections with young clergy persons. He challenged us to continue to boldly live out the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION ON IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Scott Harkness introduced a panel of three persons who shared with us from three perspectives about the issue of immigration: Lyda Pierce, Sylvia Rel Blain, and Dwayne Evanson.

CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Wogaman, conference lay leader, offered prayer at the close of the Living the Connection session at 4:20 pm.

Clergy Session (continued) **Thursday, June 8** **9:45 pm**

Jaime Hurst, chair-elect of the Board of Ordained Ministry, began the session with reports while waiting for the bishop and other BOM leaders to return from the rehearsal for the service of ordination (note that discussion on the Strobel motion, suspended at 2:30 pm, will be continued when the bishop returns).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Ted Myers reported on the conference requirements for continuing education.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

Syd Bell reported on the availability of monies through the Ministerial Education Fund.

CONFERENCE CLERGY EMERGENCY FUND (CCEF)

Vern Groves reported a balance of just over \$12,000 in the fund, which assists clergy families with a payment of \$1000 upon the death of clergy person, a spouse, or a dependent child, for any family that is participating in the program. Vern suggested that people could contribute \$45 per year rather than \$5 for each death. The treasurer will make adjustments if need be. The committee has clarified their policy: upon the death of a clergy person, the surviving spouse or partner, regardless of gender, will receive the benefit.

CONTINUATION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At 10:00 pm the bishop arrived, and discussion continued on the Strobel motion (from this afternoon's session).

Jim Parr Philipson moved the previous question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main Strobel motion.

Motion failed.

Bob Flaherty, on behalf of the cabinet and Board of Ordained Ministry, moved the adoption of the "Definitions and Policy: Clergy Sexual Misconduct in the Ministerial Role" (Copies had been distributed Wednesday afternoon.). Seconded.

Jeanne Knepper noted some grammatical problems with the third paragraph on page two.

Lisa Jean noted that Camp & Retreat Ministries would advocate for inserting the phrase "and vulnerable adults" each time the word "minors" appears.

Judy Johnson asked that we broaden the idea of "threat" in the fifth paragraph of the second page.

Bob suggested that the writing committee would work on these suggestions in perfecting the

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document, bringing it back in its revised form, but the motion to adopt still stands.

Syd Bell moved an amendment that the document be accepted as written with the understanding that over the next year it will continue to be refined. Seconded.

The writing team indicated that Lisa Jean's request to add the phrase "vulnerable adults" would be accepted as part of the motion.

Beth Estock moved an amendment that we make those changes. Seconded.

Brenda Wills substituted a motion that we include Lisa Jean's suggested language. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Jim Parr Philipson moved to place a period after the words "facial expressions," and strike the rest of the sentence in the third paragraph on page 2. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Beth Estock withdrew her amendment.

Syd Bell withdrew his amendment.

Lyda Pierce moved the previous question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main Flaherty motion as amended by Jim Parr Philipson and Brenda Wills.

Motion passed.

Kevin Seckel asked for a point of personal privilege to share international news, and then led us in prayer for the people of Iraq and for peace in our world.

The session members rose to show appreciation for Craig Hall Cutting's four years of service as chair and co-chair of the Board

The session was adjourned at 10:42 pm.

Living the Connection #5 Friday, June 9, 2006 8:30 am

The session started with a brief time of song, scripture, and prayer.

LAY LEADER'S ADDRESS

Tom Wogaman, conference lay leader, addressed the annual conference session, stressing that "we are all in this together." He reminded lay members that they are, indeed, *members* of the annual conference, not delegates, though reporting on the AC session to the local church is a very important component of a lay member's responsibility. He emphasized the clergy-lay relationship as a partnership. We ALL have important roles to fulfill in God's work.

READING OF CENTRAL DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

John Watts, Central District Superintendent, joined the bishop for the reading of the Central District appointments. Lisa Nelson, the Central District lay leader, was not able to be at annual conference, but Neva Smith filled in for her to lead a prayer for those being appointed, and for those being served in ministries on the Central District.

NOMINATIONS ELECTION

Jim Fellers moved the adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee. Seconded.

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Hoshibata introduced Fred Tiffany from the Northwest House of Theological Studies, who thanked the conference members for their history of support. The offering at last night's worship service is being given to NHTS.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Kim Fields played a video clip of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, and challenged us to dream a vision of bold ministry for Jesus Christ. Kim, Scott, and Jo Japs read a poem written by Jo, which presented the CLT report in poetry. Scott reported on the five strategic sub-committees which shepherd these CLT tasks: embracing evangelism and UM identity, resourcing our connection, strengthening the bonds of our connection, enhancing well-being of clergy, and discerning whether to change numbers and boundaries of districts. Although the work of these groups is not yet finished as hoped, there is much that has been done already. The CLT plans to offer to the 2007 session of the annual conference a Comprehensive Strategic Plan for consideration.

APPRECIATION OF CLINTON PARKER

Scott Harkness, chair of the Congregational Development/Redevelopment Team, called Clinton Parker forward to receive the annual conference's thanks for his four years of work among us. Scott and Bishop Hoshibata presented to Clint a card signed by many of the members of the conference. Clint introduced his wife, Debbie. He is on his way to serve again in a local church, in Chatham, MA, near his roots on Cape Cod.

LEGISLATIVE MATERIAL CHECK-IN

Bill McDonald led us through an explanation of papers received this morning, including the Consent Calendar.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Q & A

Ted Wimer, member of CFA, presented an opportunity for conference members to ask questions about the conference budget, but no one had any questions! The bishop thanked the Council for the care with which it has presented the information on the budget.

CHANGE HUNGER FAST

Janet Farrell reported \$17,624.34 donated as of last night, gathered from all the local churches for the Change Hunger Fast project to feed the hungry in our annual conference!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION—CONSENT CALENDAR

Bill McDonald led us through some minor changes to Consent Calendar items, as follows:

H-39 line 1: Global AIDS Committee—change to Witness Team

H-45, line 28: mark out the words "Magic Valley"

H-63, page 2: line 2, after the phrase "the purpose of the Conference Leadership Team" add "to encourage the mission of ministry settings"

H-63, page 2, line 40: mark out "NOW Coordinator" add "chairperson of the Connectional

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Ministries Table”

H-81, page 2: line 5 reads... this report, strike “may,” add “shall”

Jim Fellers moved that H-57 Health Insurance Apportionment, be lifted from the Consent Calendar. Seconded.

The motion received 40 votes, so it was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Kellen Christensen moved that H-59 Health Insurance for Campus Ministers, be lifted from the Consent Calendar. Seconded.

The motion received 40 votes, so it was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Matt Henry moved that H-11 Health Insurance for Pastors over 65 be lifted from the Consent Calendar. Seconded.

The motion received 40 votes, so it was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Jim Murch moved that item H-87, Sexual Harrassment/Abuse of Clergy, General Board of Discipleship, be removed from the Consent Calendar. Seconded.

The motion did not receive 40 votes, so it was not removed from the Consent Calendar.

Rinya Frisbie moved to lift H-91, Revise Conference Rules Related to Moving, from the Consent Calendar. Seconded.

The bishop’s initial ruling was that the motion did not receive 40 votes, so it was not removed from the Consent Calendar.

A count vote was requested. The head teller reported over 40 votes, so H-91 is lifted from the Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATION OF GAMBLING ISSUE

Scott Harkness introduced three speakers, who presented different perspectives on the issue of gambling, which came before us originally as an action request at the 2005 AC session. Marvin Jones, pastor at The Dalles UMC; Rachel Chavez, who serves as a lay person assigned to Williamson River UMC; and Jennifer Mercer, a lay member of Nampa First UMC, addressed the conference session.

The session was adjourned to move to Discipleship Groups at 11:07 am.

Living the Connection #5 Friday, June 9, 2006 1:30 pm

The bishop reconvened the session at 1:30 and asked for a report on the Change Hunger Fast project. Janet Farrell reported that we only lack \$1,460.75 in order to get to \$20,000!

READING OF WESTERN DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Kate Conolly joined the bishop for the reading of the Western District appointments. Kate introduced Cesie Delve Scheuermann, Western District lay leader, who offered prayer.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Bill McDonald continued in presenting the Consent Calendar to the body.

Bill moved that we accept the Consent Calendar as we have amended it. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Bill moved that we accept the Consent Calendar items requiring two-thirds vote, as listed on page H-3A. Seconded.

Motion passed.

On behalf of her committee, Gay Jeffrey moved to postpone H-7 to the 2007 Annual Conference.

Moved the previous question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion, H-7.

Motion failed.

April Hall Cutting moved concurrence with H-7. Seconded.

Melba Hauser moved an amendment that lines 10 and 11 on page 2 of H-7 be amended to read “No person shall be excluded from the United Methodist Church.”

Craig Strobel moved the previous question and all that is before us. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the Hauser amendment.

Motion failed.

Voting moved to the Hall Cutting main motion.

Motion passed.

On behalf of her committee, Gay Jeffrey moved concurrence with H-17.

Motion for the question. Seconded

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion, H-17.

Motion passed.

On behalf of her committee, Brenda Sene moved approval of H-29 as amended on H-28.

Moved the previous question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

The chair of the committee accepted this as a friendly amendment: Change the words on line 30 to read: “In the fifth paragraph, amend as follows...”

Voting moved to the main motion, H-29 as amended.

Motion passed.

On behalf of the committee, Gay Jeffrey moved that we accept H-93.

Motion passed.

On behalf of the committee, Ernest Smith moved non-concurrence with H-11.

Motion failed.

CJ Rasmusson moved adoption of H-11. Seconded.

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David Goodrich moved an amendment that the wording in line 17 be changed from “participants” to “clergy” and that the wording in line 18 be changed from “participants” to “clergy.” Seconded.

Moved to table this [the amendment and the main motion] pending the assembly of adequate documentation to enable us to make an informed decision. Seconded.

Motion passed.

After a break, the bishop reported that Delores Hodney has offered a matching challenge gift towards our goal of eliminating hunger in Oregon and Idaho. Several conference members responded to the challenge on the spot.

READING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Donna Pritchard, Southern District superintendent, joined the bishop for the reading of the Southern District appointments. Donna introduced Marilyn Belcher, Southern District lay leader, who offered prayer.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

On behalf of her committee, Kaye Garver moved Action Request H-23 for approval as amended on H-22.

Ardis Letey raised a question about the language of “pastor” which excludes deacons and lay persons in the program. The bishop instructed the body that this is a significant concern which should be passed on to the Board of Pensions, should the motion pass.

Motion passed.

On behalf of his committee, Ernest Smith moved to refer H-57 to the Council on Finance and Administration to bring back to the 2007 annual conference session.

Motion passed.

On behalf of his committee, Ernest Smith moved to refer H-59 to the Council on Finance and Administration to report back to the 2007 annual conference session.

Motion failed.

Jim Fellers moved to adopt Action Request H-59. Seconded

Moved the previous question and all that is before us. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the Fellers main motion.

Motion passed.

On behalf of his committee, Brian Shimer moved the adoption of H-55.

Moved for the question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion, H-55.

Motion passed.

The bishop announced that the Delores Hodney matching gift challenge has now generated an additional \$795 for the Change Hunger Fast project.

On behalf of her committee, Marcie Collins moved the adoption of H-91.

Marcie corrected two typographical errors:

Page 2, line 40 should read “any amount over the sum of 3c and 3d”

Page 3, #4, “Self-Moves”: remove the extra “by the”

Motion passed.

On behalf of his committee, Gerry Hill moved the adoption of H-21 as substituted on H-20.

Paul Gessaman moved an amendment to Action Request H-21 as follows: Remove period at end of present line 21, and replace with a comma followed by: and take action to:

1. Develop as rapidly as possible a roster of laity and clergy resource persons who have volunteered to be a support network for district superintendents and local pastors; and
2. Examine as possible models for this support network of volunteers some existing volunteer support system, such as S.C.O.R.E. (the Service Corps of Retired Executives), and the Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Volunteer network; and
3. Examine and recommend the design for a technology network that will facilitate interpersonal communication within and across District boundaries.

Seconded.

Moved the previous question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the Gessaman amendment.

Motion failed.

Moved the question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion, H-21.

Motion passed.

The bishop reported that the Delores Hodney challenge now stands at \$1,427.

On behalf of his committee, Robin Yim moved the adoption of H-19.

Bonnie Knight moved that Action Request H-19 be amended so that on line 20, after the word “congregation” the text will read: “the proceeds are to be divided equally, with 50% going to the Annual Conference Church Development/Redevelopment Fund and 50% to the District Church Extension Society, to be disbursed...”

Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion, H-19, as amended.

Motion passed.

One more update on the Delores Hodney Fund: the total is now \$1,467.

Kellen Christensen and youth of the annual conference closed the session by leading the members in a song. The session was dismissed at 5:39 pm.

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Saturday, June 10, 2006
9:45 am

The bishop reconvened the session at 9:47 am, with words of appreciation for the staff of Northwest Nazarene University, who have hosted us so graciously.

The worship team led us in a few minutes of prayer, song, and scripture.

Wendy Woodworth moved that Ted Wimer have voice during the session today. Seconded.

Motion passed.

MINISTRY MARKETPLACE GIFTS

Turella Woods from the Connectional Ministry staff announced the recipients of the Ministry Marketplace gifts, awarded to random members of the conference who completed “Ministry Marketplace passports” as they visited the various tables.

READING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Jim Fellers, outgoing Eastern District Superintendent, joined the bishop for the reading of the Eastern District appointments. Larry Morton, the Eastern District lay leader, offered prayer following the reading.

RECOGNITION OF OUR PAGES

The bishop asked the conference members to donate money for our pages’ annual conference expenses, to be placed in baskets as we leave the session today.

Kellen Christensen moved that the pages’ offering be split 6 ways, including the 5 pages, as well as Robert Nelson, to help defray his expenses for his trip as a jurisdictional delegate to a Methodist Youth world conference in South Africa. Seconded.

Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

On behalf of his committee, Robin Yim moved the adoption of Action Request H-37 as amended.

Bob Schutte moved an amendment as follows: on line 19 strike the words “after 5 years” and on line 22, following the words “if after 8 years” insert the words “from the date of sale.” Seconded.

Moved the previous question on all that is before us.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the Schutte amendment.

Motion failed.

Voting moved to the main motion, H-37.

Motion passed.

On behalf of his committee, Brian Nelson-Munson moved the adoption of H-15.

Motion passed.

Bill McDonald expressed appreciation to Steve Mitchell, who did all the preparation work for the legislative process, and to Mary Frances Gunn, who has done much of the behind-the-scenes work. He also thanked Brett Strobel, who has designed the process for the Discipleship Groups.

Appreciation was expressed to all the group leaders, the pages, those at the front table, and to all the participants in the process.

ACTION ON THE BUDGET

Ted Wimer of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration moved the adoption of the CFA annual recommendations, found on page R-12. [page 252 of this Journal]

Motion passed.

Ted moved the adoption of the ministerial support budget, found on page R-15. [page 407]

Jim Fellers moved an amendment to the ministerial support budget, by adding a line item called “clergy campus ministry health insurance,” in the sum of \$30,000. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion as amended, R-15. [page 407]

Motion passed.

Ted moved the adoption of the administration budget found on pages R-16, R-17, and R-18. [page 408]

Motion passed.

Ted moved the adoption of the world service and conference benevolence budget, found on page R-18, line 17, through page R-20, line 18. [page 410]

Scott Harkness moved to amend the amount on page R-18, line 32, to \$221,000, as shown in the 2007 recommended column and in the gray “apportioned” column. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Voting moved to the main motion as amended, R-18 to R-20. [page 410]

Motion passed.

Ted moved the adoption of the Other General Conference Apportionments section, as found on page R-20, lines 21-35. [page 412]

Motion passed.

Ted moved the adoption of the Conference Budget Total as shown on page R- 20, line 37, with the amendments previously voted. [page 412]

Motion passed.

Ted moved the adoption of the Non-Budget Askings as shown on page R-20, lines 40-47. [page 412]

Motion passed.

Ted and Karen Bolin led the body in a care-free celebration on behalf of CFA. The entire conference membership “did the wave” as Ted and Karen lifted up many specific blessings from ministries around the annual conference.

CLOSING HOSPITALITY

Bishop Hoshibata acknowledged our district administrative assistants who work so hard on our behalf, and introduced Carrie Barton, the new assistant in the Eastern District office. He also recognized Larry Ziegler, who designed the logo for this year’s annual conference session. The bishop thanked those at the head table, as well as the tech team, Lisa Payton and her worship team, and his administrative assistant, Pat Breen. Tom Wogaman, conference lay leader, thanked all those

who helped with laity events throughout the session.

The bishop recognized Linda Sullivan, conference director of communications, and reminded us that much of what we have done together this week will be communicated throughout Oregon and Idaho through Linda's work. He also recognized all of the conference staff. At the conclusion of the closing worship service, the bishop gave special thanks to Jaime Hurst, who is finishing her tenure as Conference Sessions Manager.

INVITATION TO THE 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Kate Conolly issued an invitation on behalf of the Western District, to the 2007 annual conference session at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, June 13-16, with registration on June 12, 2007.

CLOSING MOTION

Laura Jaquith Bartlett moved that, following the closing worship service, the 38th 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.

The closing worship service honored this year's retiring clergy and their spouses.



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