

Daily Proceedings

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Plenary Sessions

June 14-17, 2017

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences

9:00 pm

Following opening worship, which featured the installation of Bishop Elaine Stanovsky (who also preached at the service), the bishop called the 49th session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference and the 144th session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference to order and invited the Holy Spirit to be among us to guide our work.

Laura Jaquith Bartlett, conference secretary for Oregon-Idaho, moved that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, meeting in its 49th Session, conduct some of its reports, celebrations, business, and worship together with the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, as indicated on the official agenda.

Passed.

Shirley DeLarme, conference secretary for Pacific Northwest, moved that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, meeting in its 144th Session, conduct some of its reports, celebrations, business, and worship together with the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, as indicated on the official agenda.

Passed.

Laura then moved the organizational motions for both conferences, as follows:

1. That the printed conference program, including Orders of the Day, is hereby adopted as the official agenda with such changes as will be proposed from time to time by the Agenda chair;
2. That the conference staff, interpreters, readers, mentors, technicians, and pages who do not hold voting privileges are allowed the privilege of working within the bar of the conference;
3. That the registration process for this joint annual conference session be used as the Roll Call for the 144th Session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and the 49th Session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference;
4. That our official visitors from the Alaska Conference be allowed to sit within the bar, with voice but no vote;
5. That clergy from other annual conferences and other Methodist denominations, currently serving under appointment in Oregon-Idaho and in Pacific Northwest under paragraph 346.1 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, be allowed to sit within the bar of the conference with voice but no vote.
6. That the Daily Proceedings for this joint conference session be kept for both Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest, and that each conference's Daily Proceedings be included in the appropriate Conference Journal as the official minutes for Oregon-Idaho's 49th Session and for Pacific Northwest's 144th Session;
7. That the bar of the conference be set for this evening as the chairs within this room, as well as the head platform and the technicians' booth. [Laura noted before making the motion that visitors who are within the bar for the worship service should refrain from voting.]

Passed.

Wendy Woodworth brought greetings from the Agenda Chairs (Wendy from OR-ID and Jon Short from PNW), and reviewed the challenges and opportunities in this unique schedule. She urged us to pay close attention to transition times, which are often very short.

Bishop Stanovsky invited Brant Henshaw and Sharon Ryder to address the conference on the topic of Safe Sanctuaries. Brant introduced a group of “Safety Advocates” for this annual conference session. The Safety Advocates are available for anyone who feels that their boundaries (physical, emotional, spiritual) have been compromised, because we want this session to be a safe and productive space for everyone. Sharon spoke on behalf of the Accessibility Committee, who offered that all the committee members (wearing blue scarves or pins) are available for anyone who needs assistance with accessibility. She also asked that no food with nuts be brought to the AC site.

The bishop reported that we have a number of special visitors and guests, who will be introduced tomorrow. In the meantime, she encouraged us to speak to people here whom we do not know—and everyone will be able to easily find someone in that category!

Carlo Rapanut, superintendent of the Alaska United Methodist Conference, offered a final benediction, followed by a musical blessing from the Boise First UMC youth choir.

Shared Plenary Session #1

Thursday, June 15, 2017

9:20 am

The shared plenary session began with a devotional time of singing and reflection led by folks from Crosspoint, a new church start in Boise.

Bishop Stanovsky used her gavel to call the morning session to order. She announced that last night’s offering for REBUILD-Up from the Ashes was \$30,916.43! The bishop introduced the head platform folks: the parliamentarian, Paul Cosgrove; Oregon-Idaho’s agenda chair, Wendy Woodworth (who worked with Jon Short from PNW to prepare the shared agenda); PNW’s conference secretary, Shirley DeLarme (Laura Jaquith Bartlett, OR-ID’s conference secretary, is also on the platform and will trade off duties with Shirley); PNW Lay Leader Nancy Tam Davis (who will trade off with Jan Nelson, OR-ID’s lay leader); and Rachel Fitzgerald, the brand-new administrative assistant for the Area’s Episcopal Office.

Lowell Greathouse, David Valera, and Carlo Rapanut, who carry the job responsibilities of the Area’s Directors of Connectional Ministries, talked of their intent to highlight a variety of “signs of life” throughout our conference session. Today’s video focused on church revitalization work coordinated by Bill Gibson, Steve Ross, and Kristina Gonzalez. Our mission field continues to change but our mission remains the same. The question: What’s your mission field?

Bill Gibson told the conference members that starting new churches is all about one word: relationships—with Jesus, and with each other. Bill reported that we will have 40 new church projects “on the ground” by July 26, which were launched last year and this year combined. The district superintendents have also counted up about 65 “new places for new people.” Bill challenged every church in the Area to create at least one new place this year. He highlighted a few exciting new ministry opportunities that are in process right now.

Steve Ross is retiring at this annual conference. His work in church revitalization was celebrated, and the members had an opportunity to show appreciation for his ministry over the past few years on behalf of the Greater Northwest Area.

Kristina Gonzalez has worked in PNW for many years, but Alaska and OR-ID folks also know Kristina due to her work throughout the Area on behalf of an inclusive church. Kristina shared her own family history, and reminded us that no one should be subjected to attitudes and behaviors that are demeaning or that devalue who we are as human beings. She urged us to think about this question: In what ways are you called to be humble in order to create a relationship with someone who is different from you? The work of cultural competency is indeed work, and it’s personal work, but Kristina witnessed to the blessings that happen in the midst of this work.

The bishop affirmed that we are working hard to do a new thing here in the Greater Northwest. She noted that this is not a formal structure; it's a voluntary collaboration among the three conferences as we pool resources and energy and creativity in strengthening discipleship and bringing new people into community with us.

Bill Gibson invited folks from Valley and Mountain (PNW) to receive an award, celebrating its success in becoming a chartered United Methodist Church in just six years.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Jan Nelson (OR-ID) and Marie Kuch-Stanovsky (PNW), the heads of delegation for General Conference 2016, introduced the constitutional amendments from GC2016, in preparation for voting tomorrow. They also shared recommendations from the delegations on each of the five amendments.

INTRODUCTIONS

The bishop introduced the guests from Alaska: Jo Anne Hayden, Carlo Rapanut, Charles Brower, Teri Erbele, Jim Doepke, Lisa Talbot, Joe Talbot, Lonnie and Adriana Brooks, Nico Romeijn-Stout.

Bishop Elaine also welcomed a number of resource people here from general agencies of The UMC, as well as Jan Elfers (executive director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon). The general church visitors named were Lauren Ward (Discipleship Resources) Amy Valdez-Barker (executive secretary of the Connectional Table), Shannon Lavrin (shared services manager, General Council on Finance & Administration), Terry Shoemaker (Wespath), Jodi Chadwell (chief officer of shared services and ministry evaluation, General Council on Finance & Administration).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shirley shared a variety of logistical announcements related to the challenges of meeting in a new venue with two conferences sharing that space!

Oregon-Idaho Plenary Session #1 **Thursday, June 15, 2017** **11:00 am**

The bishop welcomed the Oregon-Idaho annual conference to its first individual session.

NOMINATIONS

Lowell Greathouse asked the conference members to fill out the pink corrections form if they see errors to be corrected in the nominations report. The vote will take place Friday afternoon.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Rick Beadnell, the first-year president of CF&A, shared the challenges of taking on this daunting task with a Council of many new folks, and a new conference treasurer! Rick reported that in the calendar year 2016, we had some significant investment income—and even better news: apportionment giving increased (especially in Sage District, which increased giving by 8%)! About 2/3 of churches paid their apportionments at 100%. As an annual conference, we paid 100% of our general and jurisdictional apportionments! In calendar year 2017, we have so far received apportionments at about 1% less than in 2016, so we have some work to do to catch up and then exceed last year's standard. CF&A has an investment subcommittee working on the process of divesting, as directed by the Holy Land divestment action request passed by the 2015 annual conference. There is now an apportionment calculator app available through the OR-ID website: umoi.org/apportionmentcalculator. Rick outlined CF&A's goals: ensure our spending reflects our priorities; decrease the apportionment to payment gap; create a narrative budget; better communication about the work that our shared ministries are supporting; analyze apportionment calculations based on income rather than expense. Rick also presented a short summary of the 2018 budget. He noted that vital church and new start initiatives is an area that is valued highly in our conference—but is receiving no apportionment dollars in 2018. This is a good example of

“other funding”: The work in 2018 is being financed by the proceeds from the sale of closed churches. Rick also mentioned an opportunity coming up on February 10, 2018: a workshop titled “Inspiring Generosity in Your Congregation” in Portland. For more information, contact Cesie Delve Scheuermann at InspiringGenerosity@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLOSURES

Steve Sprecher, Cascadia district superintendent, offered some words about the long history of ministry through the Clatskanie United Methodist Church, then offered this motion: that the Clatskanie United Methodist Church be discontinued effective July 1, 2017, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property shall be transferred to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Board of Trustees, according to paragraph 2549 in the Book of Discipline.

Passed.

Steve then lifted up the ministry of Jason Lee United Methodist in Salem, Oregon, followed by this motion: that the Jason Lee United Methodist Church of Salem be discontinued effective July 1, 2017. After transfer of the Bedford, Duell, Lumps and memorial funds to the appropriate bodies, all real and personal, tangible and intangible property shall be transferred to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Board of Trustees, according to paragraph 2549 in the Book of Discipline, to be held in trust for the emerging Hispanic congregation until such time as they are able to receive the property.

Passed.

Erin Martin, Columbia district superintendent, brought to the body the story of Pine Grove and Odell United Methodist Churches, which merged in 1999 although they had shared life and ministry together for most of their history. She then moved that the Pine Grove-Odell United Methodist Church be discontinued effective July 1, 2017, and that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property shall be transferred to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Board of Trustees (according to Paragraph 2549 of the Book of Discipline) to proceed with sale to the Wy’East Community Church.

Passed.

Gwen Drake, dean of the cabinet, offered a prayer for all three congregations.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Warren Light, legislative coordinator, prepared conference members for the work we’ll be doing together on legislation—particularly concerning late legislation as well as a substitute motion.

Ted Myers moved the adoption of AR-7, Abundant Health Task Force. Seconded.

Lowell Greathouse moved a new document (AR-8, Abundant Health Task Force Formation) as a substitute for AR-7. Seconded.

He further moved that AR-8 be tabled and brought back to the floor of Annual Conference on Friday; June 16, during the plenary session. Seconded.

Passed.

Warren offered explanation about the Consent Calendar.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Warren moved the adoption of Consent Calendar #1.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Warren moved the adoption of Consent Calendar #2.

Rick Hohnbaum moved to remove AR-2 from the Consent Calendar. Seconded. There were not 40 votes, so the motion was defeated.

Voting moved to the adoption of Consent Calendar #2.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Warren moved the adoption of Consent Calendar #3.

Mark Bateman moved to remove AR-5 from the Consent Calendar. Seconded. There were 40 votes, so **AR-5 is removed.**

Voting moved to the adoption of Consent Calendar #3, with the exception of AR-5.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Warren moved the adoption of Consent Calendar #4.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Lydia Henry moved the adoption of SR-3, Welcoming the Migrant in our Midst.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, John Go moved the adoption of SR-4, Oregon-Idaho Conference Supports Sanctuary for Immigrants and Refugees.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Joshua Bynum moved the adoption of SR-5, Opposing Legislation Requiring Restraining Order Against Survivors in Cases of Domestic Violence.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Rand Sargent moved the adoption of SR-6, Call to Study the Implications of Purchasing Hewlett Packard Office Equipment.

After discussion, Steve Ross moved the previous question on all that is before us. Seconded.

Passed.

Voting moved to SR-6.

Defeated.

The Session was adjourned for the lunch break, followed by laity and clergy sessions. In the evening the conferences gathered for a Memorial service lifting up those who have passed since our last annual gathering: clergy members, clergy spouses, bishops and their spouses of the denomination, and churches closing this year. The preacher was the Rev. Shalom Agtarap.

Oregon-Idaho Plenary Session #2

Friday, June 16, 2017

8:00 am

Duane Medicine-Crowe opened us with prayer.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

Daryl Blanksma, chair of the Commission on Equitable Compensation, presented the Commission's report (found on p. 190 of this Journal) and moved its adoption, setting minimum salaries for 2018.

Passed.

RULES COMMITTEE

Steve Mitchell, chair of the Rules Committee, noted that the Committee will be working over the coming year to update the Rules. On behalf of the Rules Committee, Steve moved an amendment to Rule 2.20 to make a change after the phrase, "The election of General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates" by adding these words: "**shall be held during the Annual Conference session of the year preceding General Conference and the term of service shall continue until the next quadrennial delegation is elected.**"

Ann Bateman moved to amend by adding the words “regular quadrennial” between the words “preceding” and “General” in line 4. Seconded.

Passed.

Voting moved to the Rules Committee motion, as amended.

Passed.

Steve then moved that our amended Conference Rule 2.20 be applied to our 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation.

Passed.

LEGISLATIVE WORK

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Rand Sargent moved the adoption of SR-7, Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice through Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Ric Shewell moved the adoption of SR-8, About Book of Discipline Paragraph 2702.1b Entitled Chargeable Offenses and the Statue of Limitations--Living within the Discipline While Moving Forward with Ministry: The Sense of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Mel Phillips moved the adoption of SR-9, About Book of Discipline Paragraph 304.3 Entitled Qualifications of Ordination—Living Within the Discipline While Moving Forward with Ministry: The Sense of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Passed.

Lowell Greathouse moved to take AR-8, Abundant Health Task Force Formation, off the table. Seconded.

Passed.

Lowell explained that although the Legislative Assembly had moved to recommend AR-7 to the Annual Conference, in the meantime there has been more work with Emilie Kroen, the author of the action request (who supports the substitute), to perfect the request.

Voting moved to AR-8, as substituted for AR-7.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Gwen Drake moved the adoption of AR-5, Restructuring the Annual Conference Ministry Leadership 1 Team (MLT)/Revision of Conference Rules Relating to the Ministry Leadership Team (Chapter 9—9.000- 9.030).

Passed.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND HEALTH BENEFITS

Danna Drum, chair of the Board of Pensions, offered a report on behalf of the Board (see page 178 in this Journal). The Board has worked on developing a proposal for 2018 health insurance for active clergy and lay staff receiving benefits through HealthFlex. We continue to pay out more in claims than we contribute through premiums, which means that our premium rates continue to increase. Danna outlined the changes for 2018. She also summarized the situation for retiree health insurance.

Danna moved the adoption of the health benefits recommendations as found on page 16 of the pre-conference reports (page 180 of this Journal).

Pam Hahn moved that we pull out Recommendation #2 for questions and a separate vote. Seconded.

Defeated.

Voting moved to the adoption of the health benefits recommendations.

Passed.

Danna moved the adoption of the pension and welfare plan recommendations as found on page 17, lines 20-39 of the pre-conference reports (page 180 of this Journal).

Passed.

There was a quick transition as PNW conference members were welcomed into the room.

OR-ID and PNW Shared Session #2

Friday, June 16, 2017

9:20 am

WORSHIP

During a service of worship, the retiring clergy and diaconal minister of PNW and OR-ID were recognized and celebrated. The candidates who were elected into provisional membership for both conferences were introduced, and those to be ordained as elders and deacon were asked the historic Wesleyan questions by Bishop Stanovsky. A mantle was passed from a retiring elder to an elder ordinand, and a pitcher and towel were passed from a retiring deacon to the deacon ordinand.

LAITY ADDRESS

Jan Nelson, lay leader for Oregon-Idaho, and Nancy Tam Davis, lay leader for Pacific Northwest, offered their address together: The Nancy and Jan Report!

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Jan Nelson and Marie Kuch-Stanovsky returned to present information about the amendments.

Lonnie Brooks of Alaska was given permission to speak. He offered a point of information about Amendment V.

After extensive discussion, Alicia Webb moved the previous question. Seconded.

Passed.

Before the voting, the bishop led us in a time of silence and a prayer. The voting was opened and both conferences marked the ballots, which had been distributed by the tellers, and then were collected. Bishop Stanovsky declared the ballot to be closed.

The bishop offered a prayer, and then dismissed Oregon-Idaho members to go to lunch.

Oregon-Idaho Plenary Session #3

Friday, June 16, 2017

1:22pm

The bishop called us back to order with a brief centering prayer.

NOMINATIONS

Lowell Greathouse noted that the addendum to the report is now available. He also made two additions: Page 4, line 11: add Etha Carruthers; Page 12, line 11: add Sharon Bryan. Lowell reminded us that since we adopted the action request related to the make-up of the Ministry Leadership Team, the membership of the group as listed on the Nominations Report will be somewhat different. Lowell moved the adoption of the Nominating committee report, with the addition of the addendum and further updates made by Lowell.

Passed.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Rick Beadnell moved the adoption of the CF&A annual recommendations as printed in the pre-conference reports, page 13, lines 14-49 (page 177 of this Journal)

Passed.

Rick moved the adoption of the 2018 conference budget lines 1-209 (page 302 of this Journal)

Passed.

Rick moved the adoption of the non-budget program support items, lines 224-240 (pages 307 of this Journal).

Passed.

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Warren Light, outgoing Safe Sanctuaries coordinator, and Lydia Henry, incoming Safe Sanctuaries coordinator, showed a video and reminded us that we have differing levels of risk for abuse, depending on who we are. The video highlighted that 1 in 5 people will be sexually abused....and if that statistic referred to an angry bear in a room of trapped people, we would all be upset about the situation. Risk reduction, bystander training, and primary prevention are three important elements of our work together to protect all of us. Warren and Lydia thanked the conference members for their support over the years, and for working to keep our kids and vulnerable adults safe.

LEGISLATIVE WORK

Warren directed our attention to the late legislation.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Mel Phillips moved the adoption of AR-9, Call for a Special Session of the Western Jurisdictional Conference.

Defeated.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Ric Shewell moved the adoption of SR-10, We Are a Church for All God's Children.

Passed.

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Jan Nelson moved the adoption of SR-11, One Body in Christ, Affirming LGBTQI Persons.

Passed.

Warren announced the conclusion of our Legislative work together!

CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRY

Todd Bartlett was introduced as our new executive director of camp and retreat ministry! Todd noted that we have hired three new site directors (yes, that's 50%) in the last six months, for our six sites: Troy Taylor at Camp Magruder, Sam Grainger at Camp Latgawa, and Dan Benson at the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center. Todd asserted that Jane & Daniel Petke at Suttle Lake, David & Peggy Lovegren at Wallowa Lake, and Dave Hargreaves at Sawtooth will continue in their excellent leadership. Todd presented a gift of local honey from the Collins Retreat Center to Bishop Elaine.

FRANCIS ASBURY AWARD

Warren Light came forward yet again! As the campus minister in Eugene, he lifted up the Francis Asbury Award, given to one campus ministry recipient in each annual conference. The award for Oregon-Idaho has been presented to Tim Stover, who is retiring this year from campus ministry at Oregon State University.

A WAY FORWARD COMMISSION

Donna Pritchard serves on this Commission, and offered a brief report. More information will be available at the workshops she'll be leading in the morning. The Commission was established by the Council of Bishops, following a request made by the 2016 General Conference, about how our

denomination might find ways forward in our struggle to be in relationship with LGBTQ persons. A video about the Commission was shown to the conference members. At the request of the bishop Donna led us in a prayer for the Commission, then Bishop Elaine prayed for Donna.

GERTRUDE BOYD CRANE AWARD

Karen Morray, the OR-ID president of United Methodist Women, explained a bit about the history of Gertrude Boyd Crane, and noted that this year's scholarship winners are Mia Park and Deena Wolfe.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

The bishop announced that the next session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference will be held June 14-16, 2018. Gwen Drake, Sage district superintendent, and Joshua Bynum, the Sage lay leader, invited all of us to come to Boise, Idaho, for the session. On our behalf, Bishop Stanovsky accepted the invitation.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Jeanne Knepper asked Donna Pritchard how the denomination will come to a place that is in synch with the Commission itself, given that the church will not have been on the same intense and challenging journey that the Commission is currently traveling. Donna reported that the Commission is working on that very issue.

After a final prayer from the bishop, the Oregon-Idaho conference took a short break before the next shared session.

OR-ID and PNW Shared Session #3

Friday, June 16, 2017

2:30 pm

CONNECTIONAL TABLE

Bishop Elaine introduced the Rev. Amy Valdez Barker, the executive secretary of our denomination's Connectional Table, who addressed the joint session. Amy reminded us that we are each investors and beneficiaries of the United Methodist connection.

CONAM

The Committees on Native American Ministries for all three of our Area conferences have been working together for some time now. A number of members of the joint CONAM were seated in front of the plenary space, and were recognized by Kristina Gonzalez. She introduced Coyote Marie Hunter-Ripper (OR-ID) and Charlie Brower (Alaska). Coyote Marie began by saying "hi everyone, how you doin'?" in Cherokee. She noted that she is Cherokee, Choctaw, and Scottish. She also described her clothing, hat, and jewelry, which come from a variety of traditions, and pointed out that her background and wardrobe make her multi-cultural and multi-faith! Charlie pointed out that the turtle on top of Coyote Marie's Sufi hat reminds him of the diversity that we value in the United Methodist Church. He lifted up a summit event called Why Water Matters, to be held November 16-18, 2017 in Minneapolis. Charlie also wondered aloud what will happen in the future when the UMC's three missionary conferences (Alaska United Methodist Conference, Redbird Missionary Conference, and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference) no longer exist, as the General Board of Global Ministries phases out this relationship and support. He is grateful to be in partnership with all of us in the Greater Northwest. Priscilla Gardee spoke briefly to add her sense of caring to the report. Bishop Elaine presented a copy of the book, *Massacre at Sand Creek: How Methodists Were Involved in an American Tragedy*, to Priscilla.

INTRODUCTIONS

Kirsty Jenkinson from Wespeth brought greetings to the shared session, and told three stories about Wespeth's investment values.

Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, the president of Claremont School of Theology, was introduced and spoke to the conferences about the amazing growth that CST has experienced since 2011. He also spoke

candidly about the challenge of keeping CST in its current location. To upgrade the current physical facilities and maintain the Claremont campus would take vast millions of dollars—which could not be spent on students and faculty. Dr. Kuan shared that the school is in the midst of looking for a new site for the seminary, and he invites our prayers in this process.

Shannon Lavrin, who serves as the senior manager of Shared Services for the General Council of Finance and Administration for the UMC, congratulated both annual conferences for paying 100% of our jurisdictional and general apportionments in 2016 and thanked us for our faithful ministry and witness.

Brant Henshaw and Dan Wilson-Fey, conference treasurers for PNW and OR-ID, noted that part of our apportionment giving is directed to Africa University, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year!

READING OF APPOINTMENTS

All the district superintendents and lay leaders came to the platform to join with the bishop in the reading of new appointment changes.

Tim Overton-Harris, the new Cascadia district superintendent, was invited forward. Bishop Elaine also acknowledged Peg Lofsvold and Steve Sprecher, who have served the district well over this past year. Tim and Bishop Stanovsky read the new appointments for Cascadia.

Erin Martin is continuing as the Columbia district superintendent. She and the bishop read the new appointments for Columbia.

John Tucker, the Crater Lake district superintendent joined Bishop Elaine for the reading of the new appointments for Crater Lake.

Gregg Sealey, district superintendent for the Inland district, came forward to read with the bishop the new appointments for Inland District.

Daniel Foster, Puget Sound district superintendent joined with the bishop for the two new appointments to be read for the Puget Sound district.

Gwen Drake, the district superintendent for Sage district, came to the podium to help the bishop with the reading of the new appointments for Sage district.

Rich Lang, district superintendent for the Seattle district, assisted the bishop with the reading of appointment changes for the Seattle district.

Mary Huycke, the new (again!) district superintendent for the Seven Rivers district, was welcomed to her appointment as the DS. The bishop also thanked Juli Reinholz for her important work on the district. Mary and Bishop Elaine read the new appointments for Seven Rivers.

Cara Scriven, Tacoma district superintendent, came forward to assist the bishop with the reading of changes in appointments in the Tacoma district.

David Nieda, Vancouver district superintendent, joined the bishop to read the appointment changes for the Vancouver district.

The deans of the two conferences, Gwen Drake and David Nieda, read together with the bishop the new extension ministry appointments.

The combined district lay leaders read a litany of welcome and commitment for the new appointments. Our conference musicians then led us in a final song together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bishop closed the shared session in prayer. After PNW's plenary session, the conference members gathered together for a banquet celebrating our abundant blessings from God.

Saturday, June 17

With the business of plenary sessions complete, the conference members and guests focused more directly on the work of discipleship. A variety of “Ministry Alive” options were offered throughout the morning, from training opportunities, to discussion groups, to advocacy, and hands-on mission work. At the conclusion, folks were invited to gather at the riverside, where we were led in a celebration of what we had shared together, along with a time to rejoice for the gifts of living water—and in particular for the river that our two conferences share.

Following a shared lunch, new provisional members from PNW and OR-ID were commissioned, as two elders and one deacon were ordained. The Rev. Jeremy Smith was the preacher, and Bishop Elaine Stanovsky presided at communion.

Just prior to the opening of worship, Bishop Elaine asked for (and was granted) consensus that, following the ordination/commissioning service, the 49th session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference and the 144th session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference be adjourned.

Clergy Session Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:30 pm Vancouver First United Methodist Church

Clay Andrew called the Clergy Session to order at 3:30. He introduced those at the head platform: Bishop Elaine Stanovsky; Clay Andrew, BOM chair; Courtney McHill, BOM chair-elect; Julia Nielsen, BOM conference relations registrar; Laura Jaquith Bartlett, conference secretary.

Clay led us in a time of devotions, reminding us of our theme, “Do this and you will live”...because church ain’ no grave!

Bishop Stanovsky introduced Rachel Fitzgerald, her new administrative assistant, and asked for permission (which was granted) for her to be in the room for our session.

Warren Light, our Safe Sanctuaries coordinator, asked that Lydia Henry, the new coordinator, be allowed to be present. The group agreed. Lydia and Warren made a short presentation about the importance of this work.

After explaining the various voting categories, Laura Jaquith Bartlett made the following motions:

- a) that ministers of other denominations currently serving within the bounds of OR-ID 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.
- b) that clergy members of other annual conferences, who are currently serving within the bounds of OR-ID (under par. 346.1) be allowed in clergy session, with voice but no vote.
- c) that our sound and video technician be allowed to be present in the room without voice or vote.

Passed.

[Unless otherwise noted, each question below was voted on and approved. For a complete record, see the Business of the Annual Conference report on pages 148 of this Journal.]

The bishop asked this historic question of the members and superintendent of each district:

Q 17. Are all the clergy members/superintendent of the district blameless in their life and official administration?

Sage District: Yes, by the grace of God.

Crater Lake District: Yes, by the grace of God.

Cascadia District: Yes, by the grace of God.

Columbia District: Yes, by the grace of God.

Q28. Who are elected as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school?

- a. Provisional Deacons: Anna Eckelbarger Salas; Jenny Willison
- b. Provisional Elders: Alyssa Baker, Dylan Hyun

Cathy Davis offered a prayer for the newly elected provisional members.

Q32. Who are elected as members in full connection? Jill Plant

Q33. Who are ordained as deacons? Jill Plant

Clay offered a prayer for Jill.

Q53. What members in full connection have been retired this year?

Deacons: Ardis Letey (1/1/17); Brenda Wingfield, Lynn Rabenstein (3/1/18)

Elders: Kathy Boyes (1/26/17), Scott Harkness, Philip Kearse, Jon Langwalter (1/1/17), Peggy Luckman (1/1/17), Karen Nelson, Steve Ross, Timothy Stover

John Mars offered a prayer for the retirees.

Q56. Local Pastors retiring this year (for information only) Doreen Barlow

Q48. Julia lifted up the names of those clergy who have died in the past year:

Retired Elders: Gary Miller, Milo Thornberry, Philip Harder, Eugene Lamb, Kjell Knutsen, Flora “Bee” Hall, Paul Pike

Retired Associate Member: Jeanie Stoppel

Carol Seckel offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Q18. a) Who constitute the Administrative Review Committee? (for information only, since they were elected last year for the entire quadrennium; Brett Strobel announced that he should be removed, so the bishop asserted that a replacement would be found in the fall).

James Parr Philipson, Kim Fields, ~~Brett Strobel~~

Alternate: Deborah Pitney

Q18. b) The Conference Relations Committee (§635.1d)?

Mark Bateman, Jane Hill, Ron Jones, Tim Overton-Harris, Carol Seckel

Q19. Who are the certified candidates? (see list in the BAC)

Drew Frisbie has had his candidacy accepted in another annual conference.

Q21. Who are approved and appointed as local pastors? (see list in the BAC)

Q22 Who have been discontinued as local pastors? Carol Brown

Q25. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments in Oregon-Idaho? (see list in the BAC)

Q26. Affiliate member without vote. Douglas McGaughey

Q38. Who are transferred in from other annual conferences and other Methodist denominations?

We welcomed Adam Briddell (Baltimore-Washington); Arleon Kelley (retired, Iowa); Donna J. Meinhard (retired, Iowa).

Q39. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations? Dana Hicks

Q43. Who are granted Honorable Location?

Andrew Williams

Q46. Withdrawn from ministerial office?

- a) To unite with another denomination: Kathy Abend
- b) Withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office: James Parkhurst

Q50. Who are on leave of absence?

- A1: Personal, five years or less
Janet Burkhart, Leslie Hall, Melissa Harkness, Brett Strobel
- A2: Personal, more than five years: Steve Mitchell
- A5: Transitional leave: Laura Jaquith Bartlett

Q52. Who have been granted medical leave? Margaret Lofsvold

Q71. Who have taken the retired relationship as diaconal minister? Jane Hill

Q72. Who are the associate members, provisional or full elders approved for appointment to less than full-time service? (see list in the BAC)

Q76. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year? (see list in the BAC)

The work on the BAC was pronounced complete!

In response to a question from Brian Shimer, Bishop Elaine apologized (as she did to PNW earlier this afternoon) for not handling the issue of clergy transfers well. In the process of this transition, and learning new conference systems, this piece has fallen through the cracks, but the bishop pledged to work diligently on this for next year.

Bishop Stanovsky also reported on discussions the Cabinet has had over the past year about difficult situations—including the issue of clergy moving and then continuing to maintain relationships with the previous parish. Through this discussion, the Cabinet has considered a particular covenant statement, but is not bringing the statement to the clergy session at this time (she also noted that the PNW clergy session did adopt that statement at their session earlier this afternoon, after lively discussion). She is committed to working with Oregon-Idaho to find ways for us to deal with such situations.

The bishop, with regret, needed to leave in order to keep up with her schedule. Gwen Drake, dean of the cabinet, took over the presiding duties in her absence.

Clay offered a very brief report on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Kate Conolly, co-chair of the Order of Elders, joyfully proclaimed that she and Todd had no report!

Joyce Sluss, co-chair of the Order of Deacons (with Jeff Lowery), offered a report of the Order. She noted that the Order has included diaconal ministers and deaconesses in its covenant, because these two groups have laid the foundation for ordained deacon ministry. She celebrated Jane Hill, who is the last active diaconal minister in our annual conference, and is now retiring.

Gwen adjourned the session and closed us in prayer at 5:37pm.

This is to certify that Bishop Elaine Stanovsky
of The United Methodist Church
ordained the following person
at the ordination service of the
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference
held at Red Lion at the River
Portland, Oregon
June 17, 2017

Ordained Deacon and received into full connection:

Jill Plant

Elaine J.W. Stanovsky

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Presiding Bishop

Laura Jaquith Bartlett

Laura Jaquith Bartlett
Conference Secretary



Jill Plant is ordained by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, assisted by Conference Lay Leader Jan Nelson.



Bishop Elaine Stanovsky with those to be commissioned from both Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest.

From OR-ID, Jenny Williston (back row, 3rd from left),

Dylan Hyun (middle row, far left),

Anna Eckelbarger Salas (middle row, 3rd from right),

and Alyssa Baker (middle row, 2nd from right).

Heather Riggs (front row, right) was commissioned as a provisional member of PNW, but is currently serving Oak Grove UMC in Oregon-Idaho.

This year's class of retirees from both annual conferences..



Roster of Attendance: Annual Conference Session 2016

Oregon-Idaho Conference Members

Abbey, Cynthia
Abell, Larry
Adams, Teresa
Adams, Shianna
Allen, D. Scott
Anders, Duane
Andrew, Clay
Angell, Cecelia
Angell, David
Armstrong, David
Atkinson, Joy
Ayers, Arnold
Bartlett, Laura Jaquith
Bartlett, Todd
Baskins, Lela
Bateman, Mark
Battema, Evelyn
Beadnell, Rick
Bean, Dave
Beck, Bob
Beckett, David
Benischek, William
Benson, Daniel
Berry, Steven W
Beville, Laura
Beville, Marshall
Blanksma, Daryl
Boe, Roger
Boe, Donna
Boegli, Susan
Boethin, Shermayne
Bonte, Anna
Borgerson, Dorita
Boyes, Kathleen
Brass, Connie
Bruce, Carlton
Bunn, Dawn
Bynum, Jack
Bynum, Irene
Bynum, Joshua
Carey, Rebecca
Carlson, Eric
Carruthers, Etha
Chamberlin, Ruth
Chambers, Sue
Chase, Charles
Childress, David
Cho, Anna
Cobb, Betty
Conkin, Eric
Conolly, Katherine
Cooper, Lura
Coutts, Debbie
Danielson, Dexter
Darling, Paul
Davis, Catherine
Davis, Lauri
Dawson, Lisa

Dearth, Cherie
DeForge, Clay
DeLaunay, Janine
Deuber, Sheila
Dillard, John T
Dirren, Christy
Dodge, Charles
Downs, Mafi
Drake, Gwendolyn
Drum, Danna
Durrant, Tia
Dyrnes, Marj
Eckelbarger Salas, Anna
Eddy, Wanda
Egli, Roberta
Eichelberg, Gerald
Ellis, Beverly
Erbele, Terence
Eriksen, Frances
Estrada II, Mario
Farrell, Janet
Feiger, Sherry
Felton, Jody
Fleisher, Beth
Ford, Janet
Ford, Harold
Fothergill, June
Franklin, Robin
Freund, Linda
Frisbie, James
Frisbie, Rinya
Fuellas, Linda
Gangan, Celso
Garoutte, Francis
Garver, Kaye
Gentle, Constance
Go, John
Grandey, Hannah
Gratton, Janice
Greathouse, Lowell
Gregor, Michael
Griffin-Henderson, Jordan
Grimsted, John
Hahn, Pam
Haines, Donna
Hajdu-Paulen, Jeremy
Halse, Brent
Harkness, Scott
Hart, Theresa
Hastings, Pat
Hauer, Marcia
Hauser, Joshua
Hayhurst, Richard
Heisel, Carol
Henry, Lydia
Hernandez, Karen
Herrett, Wendy
Hickey, Elizabeth
Hill, Jane
Hodges, Penny
Hoefner, Lisa Jean
Hohnbaum, Rick

Hollomon, Michael
Holloway, Michele
Houck, Marie
Hunter-Ripper, Coyote
Marie
Hurd, David
Hurd, Jim
Hurley, Linda
Hyun, Dylan
Johnson, Connie
Johnson, Eva
Johnson, Judith
Johnson, Kathleen
Johnson, Ken
Johnson, Larry
Jones, Sally
Jones, Azzie Lee
Jones, Marvin
Katoa, Kalina S
Keese, William
Kempton, Jimmy
Kenyon, Vera
Kershaw, Nancy
Kidner-Miesen, Lura
Killett, Rochelle
Kimbrow, John
Kimbrow, Sandra
King, David
Knepp, Shirley
Knepper, Jeanne
Kroen, Emilie
Laddusaw, Amber
Lamberson, Janet
Lancey, Timothy W
Lancey, Theresa
Langenwalter, Jon
Larsen, Bonnie
Lawrence, Ralph
Lawrence, Audrey
Lawrence, Barbara
Ledden, Robert
Lefler, Davey
Leonard, Erin
Letey, Ardis
Light, Warren
Light, Isabelle
Long, Karla
Long, Mike
Longworth, Kolette
Loos, William
Lovenstein, Sue
Lowery, Eilidh
Lucas, Erin
Lupton, Gail
Mac Leod, Cynthia
Madden, David
MakePeace, Tillie
Manning, Mark
Markus, Rhoda
Marple, Gloria
Mars, John
Marsh, Ruth

Martin, Erin
Mason, Judi
Matthews, Patricia
Mayhue, Cormac
Mazur, Rynn
McClure, Larry
McClure, Claire
McGowan, Leslie
McGrath, Erin
McHill, Courtney
McNary, Robert
Medicine Crow, Duane
Meese, Pam
Merrell, Dan
Milton, Loretta
Mitchell, Steve
Mitchell, Gregg
Moli, Tauleata
Monk, Larry
Morray, Karen
Moseler, Daniel
Mountain, Mary
Myers, Thomas
Neal, Terry
Nelson, Greg
Nelson, Jan
Nelson, Karen
Nelson, Kylie
Nelson-Munson, Pamela
Neser, Lorynn
Newby, Larry
Nielsen, Julia
Nixon, Barbara
O'Day, Joyce
Oh, Kwang Seog
Oh, YooNa
Olguin, Timothy
Osmin, Cara
Overton-Harris, Amy
Overton-Harris, Timothy
Page, Victoria
Park, Eunsoo
Patterson, Rebecca
Payton, Lisa
Pearson, Robert
Persad, Samantha
Pesti-Strobel, Craig
Phillips, Mel
Pierce, James
Pierce, Cindy
Pitney, Daniel
Plant, Jill
Platt, Rebecca
Potterf, Margaret
Powell, Michael
Pritchard, Donna
Purdy, Wendy
Rabenstein, Lynn
Raines, Dave
Raines, Kathy
Rankin, Pat
Rannels, Joanne

Rannells, Thomas
 Reasoner, Robert
 Reed, Michael
 Remington, Wanda
 Renfrow, Douglas
 Richard, Sarah
 Robbins, Pamela
 Roberts, Claudia
 Rodriguez, Jorge
 Rodriguez Vasquez, Jorge
 Ross, Stephan
 Rueda Barrera, Maria
 Sadler, Paula
 Sagara, Mary
 Sargent, Rand
 Scheirman, Linda
 Scheuermann, Cesie Delve
 Schmidt, Scott
 Schoot, LeRoy
 Schumann, Julia
 Scott, Ryan
 Scranage, Ben
 Scranage, Karen
 Seagren, William
 Seckel, R. Kevin
 Seckel, Carol
 Sene, Brenda
 Shewell, Richard
 Shields, Becca
 Shimer, Karen
 Shimer, Brian
 Shinkle, Sandie
 Shipman, Joseph
 Shively, Jerry
 Shively, Ann
 Silfies, Jeri
 Sluss, Joyce
 Smith, Jeremy
 Snyder, Susie
 Spencer, Cathy
 Spencer, Ross
 Spencer, Jo
 Sprecher, Steven
 Stark, Anne
 Steele, Elaine
 Stolz, Kristine
 Stover, Timothy
 Strobel, Brett
 Sullivan, Carole
 Sutton, Lee
 Sutton, Charlotte
 Taufoo, Fungalei
 Tharp, Doug
 Thompson, Christina
 Thompson, David
 Thompson, Carol
 Thompson-Aue, Daniel
 Trachsel, Allen
 Truby, Tom
 Trumbull, Walter
 Tuck, Sharon
 Tuck, Julian
 Tucker, Linda
 Tucker, John

Van Gelder, Kendra
 Walker, Beverly
 Wallace, Charles
 Wallace, Debbie
 Walloch, Marisa
 Ward, Donna
 Wardenaar, Suzanne
 Watanabe, Teri
 Wattman-Turner, Marshall
 Webb, Alicia
 Webb, Kathy
 Wells, Laurel
 Whistler, Pearl
 Whitcomb, Leona
 White, Valerie
 White, David
 Willis, Marc
 Willison, Jenny
 Wilson, Robert
 Wilson-Fey, Daniel
 Wimer, Ted
 Witt, Kevin
 Wolfe, Deena
 Wolff, Steven
 Woodworth, Wendy
 Woodridge McLain,
 Caelyn
 Yarber, David
 Yim, Robin

Clergy Members With Excused Absence (excluding retired members)

Burkhart, Janet
 Fuss, Richard
 Haftorson, Ken
 Hartley, Ben
 Hays, William
 Lofsvold, Margaret
 Lowery, Jeff
 Quantstrom, Linda
 Salyer, Teresa
 Williams, Andy
 Wingfield, Brenda

Clergy From Other Annual Conferences and Other Denominations Seated Within the Bar

Bridzell, Adam
 Clark, Josh
 Clark, Karlene
 Davis, William
 Davis, Isabelle
 Donohew, Emma
 Graunke, Terry
 Hicks, Dana
 Johnson, Carolyn
 Klosterman, Christa
 Larson, Desi
 Geisel, Martin
 Medley, Joseph
 Prichard, Carol
 Scarlett, Michael
 Thompson, Margot R
 Tindell, John
 Wieringa, Rebecca
 Willims, Marty
 Winslea, Timothy
 Winslea, Elizabeth

Making and renewing relationships is one of the
 best parts of Annual Conference!

