

Facilitating Discussion

Welcome to Legislative Section! We thank you for your participation!

If you are a voting member of this section, you will have a special place to sit so we know to count your votes. If you are a visitor, you will sit outside of “the bar,” and do not get to vote on legislation, but you still have the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Every one of you is valuable and has something to contribute. Our job as section leaders is to try to help everyone get an opportunity to participate in the discussion in an orderly and non-biased fashion. We want to remind you that the legislative process and Robert’s Rules of Order is new to many people. There may be times when we need to rule a comment or question out of order during the discussion. Please know that we will do our best to do so with compassion, helping to direct that person share at a time that is in order.

To keep discussion polite and orderly, we ask that all comments and questions be addressed to the section leaders rather than to individuals within the section. If clarification is needed from someone in the body, the section leaders will facilitate that.

Please remember that we will not always agree as we seek to perfect the legislation before us. However, each person here is a Child of God and has value. Thus, keeping to the topic and away from personal attacks will help to honor each one’s individual worth.

In Christ’s Service,
Your Section Leaders

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<p>WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012 NOMINEE JURISDICTIONAL POOL FOR ELECTION TO GENERAL AGENCIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH *(Required)</p>
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE: * WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
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JOB ROLE: *	
ETHNICITY:	<input type="checkbox"/> AFRICAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-RACIAL <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE
AGE GROUP:	<input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH (12-17) <input type="checkbox"/> YOUNG ADULT (18-29) <input type="checkbox"/> ADULT (30-64) <input type="checkbox"/> OLDER ADULT (65 OR OVER)
PERSON WITH A DISABILITY :	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DELEGATE TO THE 2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Clergy/Lay Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy/Male <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy/Female <input type="checkbox"/> Lay/Male <input type="checkbox"/> Lay/Female
JURISDICTIONAL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL STATE: 100 WORDS (Maximum)	

1 Turn in to Secretary's Office Room 200 by 9 PM Friday Night June 8, 2012.

Leadership Recruitment & Nominations Team Report

TBE = To Be Elected

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4	Conference Connectional Network	(Pending Conference Legislation)	
5	Conference Rule 3.2.3		
6	Chair: LOUISE PATTERSON	lappat@verizon.net	
7	Vice Chair: Paul Taylor		
8	Secretary:		
9	Voucher agent:		
10	<u>2014</u>	<u>2016</u>	
11	(10)LOUISE PATTERSON	(04)BARBARA LYNN	
12	(05) ROBERTA PLOHR FARLS	(07) RUTHANN VARRATO	
13	(05) Keith McIlwain	(09) Michelle Wobrak	
14	(10)Paul Taylor	(08) Pam Gardner	
15	(11) KAREN TRASK	(09) Sung Shik Chung	
16	(09) MICHAEL JAMES	(09) Jonathan Fehl	
17	Archives & History	Chair:	Ed Herald
18	Camping & Retreat Ministries	Chair:	Allan Brooks
19	Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns	Chair:	Dai Morgan
20	Church & Society	Chair:	Jeff Conn
21	Communications	Chair:	GRETCHEN UNDERWOOD
22	Conference Sessions Team	Chair:	Barb Moore
23	Disability Concerns	Chair:	Debbie Hills
24	Discipleship	Chair:	MARY LOU LAZEAR
25	Episcopacy	Chair:	David Panther
26	Equitable Compensation	Chair:	Eddie Patterson
27	Ethnic Local Church Concerns	Chair:	Bob Wilson
28	Evangelism	Chair:	Paul Morelli
29	Finance & Administration	Chair:	TBE
30	Global Health Initiative Team	Chair:	Joel Garrett
31	Global Ministries	Chair:	Stephanie Gottschalk
32	Health As Wholeness Team	Chair:	TBE
33	Higher Education & Campus Ministry	Chair:	Linda Cham bers
34	Laity Board (Conference Lay Leader)	Chair:	TBE
35	Leadership Recruitment & Nominations	Chair:	J-LaVon Kincaid, Sr.
36	Native American Ministry	Chair:	Randy Sweet
37	Ordained Ministry Board	Chair:	TBE
38	Parish & Community Development	Chair:	Rita Platt Anderson
39	Pensions	Chair:	TBE
40	Personnel Team	Chair:	TARA PARK
41	Poverty Team	Chair:	GLENNA WILSON
42	Religion & Race	Chair:	Sang Choi
43	Small Membership Church Commission	Chair:	Michael Long
44	Status & Role of Women	Chair:	PEGGY WARD
45	Trustees	Chair:	TBE
46	United Methodist Men	President:	TBE
47	United Methodist Women	President:	BARBARA HESS
48	Young Adult Ministry	Chair:	ANDREW BLYSTONE
49	Youth Ministry	Chair:	TBE
50	Cabinet	Dean:	William Meekins

1 Advisory without vote: Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Greg Cox, Director of Connectional Ministries –
 2 (DCM), PATRICIA MORRIS (Conference Treasurer), AMY BENTZ (Conference Chancellor), John R.
 3 Wilson (Conference Secretary), Kenneth Haines (GBGM Secretary), _____(Director of Discipleship
 4 & Spiritual Formation), Eric Park (cabinet)

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7 **Archives and History**

8 *Discipline ¶641*

9 Chair: Ed Herald edjherald@comcast.net

10 Secretary: DAVID GRINNELL

11 Asst. Archivist: DAVID GRINNELL

12 Voucher Agent:

13 2014

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14 (10)NAOMI HORNER

(08) Nelson Thayer

15 (10)WARREN KINNEER

(08) Anette Gerber

16 (10) Jack Piper

(08) Ed Herald

(08) Ralph Tanner

18 Ex officio: Dale Reese (Memoirs), John R. Wilson (Conference Secretary), Larry Homitsky (General Com
 19 Archives & History), Jack Piper (NEJ Archives & History), (Heritage Landmark Rep.), (Pastor
 20 of Johnstown: First), Jane Ellen Nickell (Liaison Allegheny College) Ex-officio without vote: WILLIAM
 21 WAYBRIGHT (Archivist), DAVID GRINNELL (Consulting Archivist), Norman Young (Church
 22 Historian), (NEJ Commission on A&H)

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25 **Camping and Retreat Team** (Pending Conference Legislation)

26 *Discipline ¶630.1.C*

27 Chair: Allan Brooks abrooks@baldwincommunityumc.com

28 Secretary: Scott Hamley

29 2014

2012

30 (10) Allan Brooks

(10) SALLY RODDY

31 (10)MEGAN KENNEDY

(07) DREW THOMAS

32 (05) CARLA HILL

(08) Scott Hamley

33 (09) Jim Gascoine

(09) ANDY BLYSTONE

34 (10) SUE STROHM

(09) REE ENLOW

35
36 Ex-officio without vote: JESSICA GAMACHE, Camping Coordinator, DENNIS TAWNEY (Camp
 37 Allegheny), LARRY BEATTY (Jumonville), RICK FREDERICK (Wesley Woods), PAUL BURKE
 38 (Jumonville), Dennis Lawton (Wesley Woods), --(camp registrar), Alyce Weaver Dunn (cabinet), Merritt
 39 Edner (pres: Camp Allegheny)

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42 **Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns**

43 *Discipline ¶642*

44 Chair: Dai Morgan daimorgan@msn.com

45 Secretary: RICHARD THOMAS

46 Voucher Agent: Richard Updegraff

47 2014

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48 (08) Rob Hernan

(08) BEVERLY HAZLETT

49 (08) Dave Ealy

(08) Dai Morgan

(08) Steve Tuell

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1 Ex officio: Robert Higginbotham (Christian Associates of SW PA), LOIS SMITH (Christians United in
2 Beaver County), Mary Stewart (Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County), Bob Higginbotham (PA Council
3 of Churches), Joe Patterson (Northwest Ecumenical Council), Alyce Weaver Dunn (South Central
4 Christian Leadership), _____(General Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious
5 Concerns); RICHARD THOMAS (Homosexuality & Unity), Greg Cox (DCM)

6
7 **Task Team on Homosexuality and Unity of the UMC**

8 Co-Chairs: RICHARD THOMAS & TRACY MERRICK

9 RMthomas9@comcast.net & tracym@aol.com

10 JAYE BEATTY, Paul Schradling, Dave Keller, JEFF MILLER, Dale Shunk, Bob Zilhaver

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12 **Church and Society**

13 *Discipline ¶629*

14 Chair: Jeff Conn jeffreyconn@hotmail.com

15 Vice Chair:

16 Voucher Agent:

17 2014

2016

18 (06) Tim McConville

(08) Ed Schoeneck

19 (06) Debra Rogosky

(08) GLENN MATTESON

20 (10)Seth McPherson

(08) Jim Hamilton

21 (06) DOROTHY SHERWOOD

(08) LIZ WOLFSKILL

22 (11) Gretchen Hulse

(08) Jeffrey Conn

23 (10) Dennis Zimmerman

(09) Elizabeth Cochrane

24 (11) Kelly Smith

25 Ex officio: _____ (General Board of Church and Society),

26 Scott Berkley (Peace with Justice), Joan Lucarelli (UMW)

27 Ex officio without vote: Greg Cox (DCM), George Porter (cabinet)

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29 **United Methodist Advocacy in PA**

30 *(2 appointed by Bishop, 2 by Conference, 2 by Church & Society)*

31 Appointed by

2014

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32 Bishop

(10)Ron Wanless

(10)Kurt Knobel

33 Conference

(10) Kim Greway

(10) Seth McPherson

34 Church & Society

(10) DONNA BURKHART

(10)Dennis Zimmerman

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36 **Communications**

37 *Discipline ¶ 646 & Conference Rule 3.3.9*

38 Chair: GRETCHEN UNDERWOOD

39 Secretary: JACKIE CAMPBELL

40 Voucher Agent:

41 2014

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42 (09) FRANK BLOISE

(11) TIM AUER

43 (08) NANCY JONES

(12) MATT GOSWICK

44 (11) John Zimmerman

(11) Emma Smith

45 (12) GRETCHEN UNDERWOOD

(12) LORI POMEKO

46 Ex officio: _____ (General Commission on United Methodist Communications)

47 Ex officio without vote: Dawn Check (Communications Director), JACKIE CAMPBELL(New &
48 Information Specials), BILL JACKA (staff a/v), Greg Cox (DCM), Thelma Castor

49 Conference Publications

50 John R. Wilson (*Pre Conference Booklet, Official Journal*)

51 Bob Higginbotham (United Methodist Publishing House Board)

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Conference Rules Team

Conference Rule 3.3.15 –Task Team (for Information Only)

Chair: John Wilson conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

2014

(06) KAREN ENOS

2012

(08) Ken Miller

Ex officio: _____ (NEJ)

Ex officio without vote: AMY BENTZ (Chancellor), John R. Wilson (Conference Secretary), Bishop
Thomas Bickerton (cabinet), Greg Cox (DCM)

Conference Sessions Team

Discipline ¶ 605

Chair: Barb Moore pbjmoore@zoominternet.net

Vice Chair: BILL JACKA

Secretary:

Voucher agent: Amy Tucker

2014

(07) ADAM GOSWICK (young adult)

(05) NANCY DENARDO

(12) Gary Pennington

(12) Vicki Stahlman

(11) JESSICA OLSEN

2016

(08) Jonathan Bell

(12) Amy Tucker

(12) Josephine Whitely-Fields

(08) Jude Urso

(08) Barb Moore

Ex officio without vote: Thomas J Bickerton (Resident Bishop), William Meekins (Cabinet) Jackie
Campbell (Communications), PATRICIA MORRIS, (Conference Treasurer), Greg Cox (DCM), John R
Wilson (Conference Secretary), Louise Patterson (CCN Chair)

Conference Sessions Design Team

To be appointed annually by Resident Bishop

Implementation Task Team (for information only)

Arrangements Sub-Team

Chair: William Jacka Bill.Jacka@wpaumc.org

Child Care: Emily Urso

Display Area MATT STEWART

Disabilities Task Force: Debbie Hills

Health Care: Nancy Denardo

Housing & Registrations: Genie Love

Security Officer: Lance Tucker

Technical: William Jacka

Youth: Renaye Hoffman

Hospitality: DAVE KLINK

Legislative Sub-Team

Chair: John R Wilson John.Wilson@wpaumc.org

Credentials: THELMA CASTOR

Floor Manager: Linda Chambers

Privileges & Courtesies: BARBARA HESS, UMW

Rules: AMY BENTZ

Section Leader: Greg Spencer

Episcopacy

Discipline ¶ 637 & Conference Rules 3.3.6 (7-17 members, 20% elected by bishop)

Chair: David Panther shipinfog@zoominternet.net

(11) JOE REASINGER (08) PEGGY KOOSER

(12) Matt Judd (08) JOHN HAINES

(05) David Panther* (08) BRENDA THOMPSON

(05) Tom St. Clair (12) TBE*

Member by Position: _____ (Conference Lay Leader),

Joel Garrett, SHARON GREGORY (NEJ)

**selected by Bishop*

Episcopal Residence Committee

Discipline ¶ 637

2 From Episcopacy Committee

2 From Board of Trustees

2 From Finance & Administration

Equitable Compensation

Discipline ¶ 625 & Conference Rules 3.3.1

Chair: Eddie Patterson mredin1949@hotmail.com 724-446-5495

2014 2016

(07) JANET PRATT (08) Mary Ann Long

(12) Dennis Johnson (08) Eddie Patterson

(08) JIM PARRETT

(12) Corben Russell

Cabinet member by *Discipline* George Porter

Ethnic Local Church Concerns

Discipline ¶ 632

Co-Chairs: William Meekins & Bob Wilson

greensburg.district@wpaumc.org & a49always@alum.bu.edu

Secretary: MELANIE HILDEBRANDT

(08) Annette Bolds (10) LEANNA LAKE

(08) Sung Shik Chung (10) Cindy Bloise

(08) SHARON GREGORY (10) Judith Winston

(08) William Meekins (10) PEGGY WARD

(08) Bob Wilson (12) Renee Mikell

(12) Kellie Smith

Ex officio without vote: Jim Walker (Director of Congregational Development) William Meekins (cabinet)

Anti-Racism Team (for information only)

Facilitators: PEGGY WARD & Debbie Rogosky

OTIS MCALILLEY, MELANIE HILDEBRANDT, DEB STIOKIS, PEGGY WARD

Donna Anderson, Debra Rogosky, Ed Rogosky, Robert A. Wilson, Lola Turnbull, Donald Blinn,

Mary Stewart, James Hamilton

Evangelism Discipline ¶ 630.3

Chair: Paul Morelli clm.indiana@wpaumc.org

Vice Chair: Al Kimmel

Secretary: ROBERTA FARLS

Voucher Agent: John Emigh

2014

(08) John Seth

(08) Doug Burns

(08) John Zimmerman

(04) John Emigh

2016

(08) Al Kimmel

(08) Ken Duffee

(08) Bob Goodnough

(11) ROBERTA FARLS

(10) Paul Morelli

(10) JOANNE MCCARTNEY

Ex officio without vote: _____ (Director of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation) Bill Blair (cabinet) ,
Evangelist Christine Rogan

Evangelists *Discipline* ¶ 629.3.f

General Evangelist Roy Gearhart

Advisory Board:

Gary Donaldson, GAIL DONALDSON, Robert Hinrichsen, HELEN HINRICHSEN, Thomas Brown, John Gerber, Ron Marshall, LOIS MARSHALL, JANICE GEARHART, Roy Gearhart, JAMES LYBARGER, CHRIS LYBARGER

General Evangelist Ellen Bullock Shaped by the Word Ministry

Advisory Board:

JOHN HIBNER, DAVE EDNER, DAVE NELSON, T.J. MCCARTHY, ELAINE SUVAK, ED SECOR, BOB JOHNSON, Bob Zilhaver, RUSS SCHERER, BRENDA GAHR, GARY BORDEN, PATTY STEWART, ELLIE KLEES, LARRY MARTENEY

Finance and Administration, Council on

Discipline ¶ 611-618

Chair: (Officers elected by CFA)

Vice Chair:

Secretary:

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(12) Seth McClymonds (08) Paul Ritchey (09) VANESSA GLEASON

(12) Dick Carlson (09) Tim Bowser (09) JAMES GROSS

(08) DAVID ZIRNSAK (09) TOM GRAMLING (08) Russ Hixson

(12) Don Kephart (08) Ruth Simmons

(12) Dick Carlson

Ex officio: Small Church Membership (General Conference of Finance and Administration); (NEJ)

Ex officio without vote: Thomas J. Bickerton (Bishop); PATRICIA MORRIS (Conference Treasurer); Greg Cox (DCM); DOUG BOLLMAN (Facilities Manager); LARRY BRIDGE (Controller); Sharon Schwab(Cabinet)

Global Health Initiatives Team

Joel Garrett, Chair revgarrett@earthlink.net joelgarrett@hotmail.com

2016

(09) Joel Garrett (09) DONNA VIZZA (09) Paul Taylor

(09) SARA DICKEY (09) DREW HARVEY (09) JIM ZELIFF

(09) CAROLYN KELLY (09) Kimberly Greway (09) TAMMY ZELIFF

(09) DONNA DOUTT (09) ANNAMORE MATAMBANAZO

1
2 Ex officio without vote: William Meekins (cabinet), Eric Park (cabinet), PAT MORRIS (Conference
3 Treasurer), DIANE MILLER, (VIM coordinator), SANDRA MATOUSHAYA (Partnership Coordinator),
4 Bob Higginbotham (Assistant to Bishop)
5 Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Greg Cox (DCM)

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7 **Global Ministries**

8 *Discipline ¶633*

9 Chair: Stephanie Gottschalk revgottschalk@gmail.com

10 Vice Chair:

11 2014

12 (09) LINDA THAYER

13 (10) RICHARD LYLE

14 (09) Duk Hee Han

15 (09) Stephanie Gottschalk

16 (09) Craig Smith

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(08) DEBRA TENNANT

(12) Tom Kennedy

(08) BARBARA BLACKSTONE

(08) Steve Lamb

(07) CAROLE SMITH

(08) Kathy Clark

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18 **UMW representative: NANCY JONES**

19 **Mission Ambassadors – TBE**

20 **Urban Ministries – Keith Kaufold, SHARON GREGORY**

21 **Advance Special & Sundays Promotion – Dale Shunk**

22 **Appalachian Ministry Network – Terry Guiste**

23 **Prison Outreach Ministries –**

24 **Country to Country Partnership Chairs – TBE**

25 **Mission Personnel Chair TBE**

26 Ex officio: (General Board of Global Ministries);

27 Kenneth Haines (Conference Secretary to GBGM);

28 Ex officio without vote: William Meekins (cabinet)

29
30 **Conference Committee on Mission Personnel**

31 Chair:

32 LINDA THAYER, Terry Guiste, TRACEY HENDERSON, David Holste, Robert Klingler, David
33 Stains, RICHARD SCHALL, NANCY JONES, KEN HAINES

34
35 **Conference Relations with Other Countries**

36 **Chair:**

37 East Africa – NANCY DENARDO

38 Russia – John Flower

39 Nicaragua – RICHARD SCHALL

40 East Germany – Joe Stains

41 South Korea – Larry Homitsky

42 Latin America Encounter – David Stains

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44 **Conference Mission Support (elected by districts)**

45 Chair: LINDA THAYER thayntt@hotmail.com lsthayer@gmail.com

46 Butler LINDA THAYER

47 Connellsville Terry Guiste

48 Erie-Meadville

49 Franklin DENISE MAINS

50 Greensburg Cyndi Bloise

51 Indiana RAY NEIGER

1 Johnstown Arnold McFarland
 2 Kane Craig Smith
 3 Pittsburgh Kim Greway
 4 Washington DEBRA TENNANT
 5 UMW E&I Rep – NANCY JONES
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7 **Cooperative School of Christian Mission Team**

8 Chair: DARA STERLING dara@sterlings.org
 9 Ex officio without vote: Tom Strandberg (cabinet)

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 11 **Disaster Response Coordinators Team**

12 Rick Nelson rick@nelsonrb.net
 13 Conf Assistant Coordinator: Calvin Cook
 14 Training Coordinator Jeff Bobin
 15 VIM Coordinator DIANE MILLER
 16 Mission Barn Director Nelson Thayer
 17 VIM Advisor FRED WATTS

18 **District Coordinators (elected by districts)**

19 Butler Brad Neel
 20 Butler ROBERTA FARLS
 21 Connellsville Art Black
 22 Erie-Meadville RICK GILSON, Beverly Spore
 23 Franklin Craig Peterson
 24 Greensburg Ray Lyon, JIM SABO, KENNETH BOSSART
 25 Indiana Marjorie Lindahl, Arnie McFarland
 26 Johnstown Thomas Moore
 27 Kane DON CLYMER, Don Bloomster
 28 Pittsburgh Wayne Meyer
 29 Washington Sue Sphar-Calhoun
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31 **Volunteers in Mission**

32 Coordinator: DIANE MILLER missionvim@wpaumc.org
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34 **Health As Wholeness Team**

35 Chair:

36 <u>2012</u>	<u>2014</u>
37 Sandra Marsh-McClain	BARBARA SEKEL
38 (09)BARB LEWIS	DARA STERLING
	HARRIET MOORE
	BONNIE HARR
	JOY GRESECK

42 Ex officio without vote: _____(Director of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation),
 43 Dean Ziegler (cabinet)
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45 **Higher Education and Campus Ministry**

46 *Discipline* ¶ 634

47 Chair: Linda Chambers oumcpastor1@verizon.net

48 Vice Chair:

49 <u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u>
50 (10) PAUL WISE	(06) Tom Chacko
51 (10)FRED PARK	(08) J LAVON KINCAID, JR.

1 (10)Linda Chambers (09) Peggy Osborne
 2 (10)JOANNA HASTINGS (09) LORETTA JOHNSON
 3 Ex officio: _____ (General Board of Higher Education & Ministry)
 4 Ex officio without vote: _____ (& Young Adult Coordinator)
 5 Joe Patterson (cabinet)
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7 **Education Society Team (listed for information only)**

8 (05) Sue Hutchins (05) Tom Strandburg,
 9 (06) PATTY BURNS (06) Duane Thompson
 10 (07) Eric Leonard

11 Note: Sue Hutchins has info for scholarship applications
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13 **Higher Education Scholarship Team**

14 Chair: Linda Chambers kenlin424@verizon.net

15 JOANNA HASTINGS

16 GEORGE GEARHART (Transition)

17 **College and Seminary Relationships (For information only)**

18 Alan Morrison (Methodist Theological School)

19 **Church Representatives from College Communities**

20 Karen Salser IUP
 21 Jane Ellen Nickell Allegheny
 22 Steve Tuell Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
 23 PAM OSTRANDER Edinboro
 24 GEORGE (BUD) FICKLEY Slippery Rock
 25 Jerry Belloit Clarion
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27 **Laity, Conference Board**

28 *Discipline ¶ 631 & Conference Rules 3.3.2*

29 Chair:

30 Vice Chair: ROBERT PENROSE indianalayschool@wpaumc.org

31 Secretary:

32 Voucher Agent: RUTH ANN VARRATO

33 Director of Lay Speaking: ROBERT PENROSE

34 Conference Scouting Coordinator: FRANK STILLMAN

35 2014

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36 BARBARA TUTWILER

37 (10)KIM PROVANCE

GABRIEL IRETON

38 (10)_____ (under 30)

SUSAN STAMM

39 Ex officio without vote: Thomas J. Bickerton (Bishop), Bill Blair (cabinet), Greg Cox (DCM), BARBARA
 40 HESS (UMW); (UMM); ANDY BLYSTONE (UM Young Adult President); CALEB FUGATE
 41 (UM Youth President), (Director of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation)
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43 **District Lay Leader Team (elected by District)**

44 Butler DAN MILLER
 45 Connellsville DEAN LYONS
 46 Erie-Meadville DON BLYSTONE
 47 Franklin ELENORA M. MILLER
 48 Greensburg BARBARA PAYNE
 49 Indiana FRED PARK & NIKKI CRAVOTTA
 50 Johnstown CLARICE NOLL
 51 Kane DOUGLAS TYGER

1 RUTH ANN VARRATO
 2 Pittsburgh GUINEVERE GREGORY
 3 Washington LOUISE PATTERSON
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5 **Lay Speaking Ministry Team**

6 *Discipline ¶ 631.6 & Conference Rules 3.3.3*

7 Director of Lay Speaking: ROBERT PENROSE indianalayschool@wpaumc.org

8 Butler TOM MCELRAVY
 9 Connellsville (10)WANDA ROSS
 10 Erie-Meadville (09) AL RICHARDS
 11 Franklin (08) JENNY SHORT
 12 Greensburg (09) BRUCE AND NELLIE WIANCKO
 13 Indiana (08) MARY BETH RINE
 14 Johnstown (01) NYLE HERSHBERGER
 15 Kane JAN REYNOLDS
 16 Pittsburgh SHARON GREGORY
 17 Washington (10) HEATHER BURTCH

18 Ex officio without vote: Sharon Schwab (cabinet)

19 Sub Teams:

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 21 **Laity Scholarships Team**

22 Ex officio without vote: _____(Director of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation)

23 RUTH VARRATO, SHARON GREGORY, BARBARA PAYNE, ROBERT PENROSE,
 24 DONNA BURKHART

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 26 **Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team**

27 Conference Rules 3.3.13

28 *(District Representatives nominated and elected by district conference)*

29 Chair: J-LaVon Kincaid, Sr. drjvon@yahoo.com

30 Vice Chair: DONNA VIZZA vizza612@msn.com

31 <u>District</u>	<u>Laity</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
32 Butler	(08) WENDY POST RAEBURN	(08) Brad Neel
33 Connellsville	(10)_____	(10)Dennis Zimmerman
34 Erie-Meadville	(08) DON BLYSTONE	(10) Mark Hecht
35 Franklin	(08) JENNY SHORT	(08) Ed Gresick
36 Greensburg	(10)_____	(10) Linda Chambers
37 Indiana	(09)COLBERT JONES	_____
38 Johnstown	(08) DONNA VIZZA	(08)_____
39 Kane	(10)_____	(10)_____
40 Pittsburgh	(04) GUINEVERE GREGORY	(07) J-LaVon Kincaid
41 Washington	(08) KIM PROVANCE	(09)

42 Ex-officio: HARRY BARBUS (Conference Lay Leader), Greg Cox(DCM), Bob Higginbotham (cabinet)

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 45 **Native American Ministry**

46 *Discipline ¶ 654*

47 Chair: Randy Sweet sweet.rd@rocketmail.com

48 Randy Sweet; Mary Jane Fullerton, Bruce Mould, Naomi Bowyer, P.J. WINTERHAWK

49 Ex officio without vote: Sharon Schwab (cabinet) DIANE MILLER (Director of VIM)

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1 **Ordained Ministry (Nominated by Resident Bishop)**

2 *Discipline ¶ 635 & Conference Rules 3.3.4*

3 Chair: (Officers elected by BOOM)

4 Vice Chair:

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6 Executive Committee (2012-2013) (For Information Purposes)

7 Chairperson:

8 Vice-Chairperson:

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Secretary:

10 Treasurer:

11 Cabinet Representatives: William Meekins & Thomas Strandburg

12 Call & Recruitment:

13 Candidacy Registrar:

14 Continuing Education Voucher Agent:

15 Conference Sessions:

16 Continuing Formation:

17 Deacon/Special Certification Registrar:

18 Extension Ministries:

19 Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members:

20 Leave & Location:

21 Licensing School:

22 Local Pastor's Registrar:

23 Order of Deacon:

24 Order of Elder:

25 Provisional Program:

26 Registrar:

27 Reorganization:

28 Retired Relations:

29 Seminary Relations:

30 Student Aid:

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32 **2012-2016**

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34 **Clergy – Associate Members and/or Local Pastors (3)**

35 Richard N. Carlson (PL) Franklin 2012

36 Ernest F. DeLuca (FL) Indiana 2004

37 Jean A. Smith (FL) Butler 2012

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39 **Clergy – Deacons (at large) (3)**

40 Deborah L. Hills Erie-Meadville 2012

41 Janet F. Lord Greensburg 2004

42 Debra L. Pisor Pittsburgh 2012

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44 **Clergy – Elders (at large) (20)**

45 Kathleen J. Barnhart Greensburg 2011

46 Thomas E. Brown (RE) Connellsville 2004

47 Thomas V. Chacko Washington 2004

48 Keith A. Dunn Johnstown 2004

49 Christine A. Groeger (RE) Kane 2004

50 Erik A. Hoeke Butler 2012

51 David S. Lake Greensburg 2004

1	Eric C. Leonard	Franklin	2012
2	Penelope F. Lyon	Pittsburgh	2008
3	Paul B. Morris (RE)	Indiana	2004
4	Eric G. Raygor	Connellsville	2008
5	Arnold A. Rhodes (RE)	Franklin	2004
6	Sarah D. Roncolato	Erie-Meadville	2004
7	Terry G. Shaffer	Indiana	2008
8	Jeffrey St. Clair	Butler	2012
9	Jeffrey D. Sterling	Kane	2010
10	Paul D. Taylor	Greensburg	2012
11	David R. Vaughn	Butler	2004
12	Amy R. Wagner	Pittsburgh	2012
13	Brenda K. Walker	Pittsburgh	2012
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15	Clergy – District Representatives (10)		
16	<i>Discipline ¶ 635.1f</i>		
17	Sang Kong Choi	Washington	2004
18	Anette V. Gerber	Kane	2012
19	Dennis M. Henley	Connellsville	2004
20	David D. Janz	Franklin	2008
21	J. Patrick Lenox	Erie-Meadville	2008
22	Michael E. Long	Johnstown	2012
23	Sandra K. Marsh-McClain	Pittsburgh	2008
24	William D. Mock (RE)	Greensburg	2008
25	James N. Pond	Indiana	2008
26	Jeffrey A. Vanderhoff	Butler	2004
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28	Clergy (Extension Ministries) (1)		
29	<i>Discipline ¶ 635.1</i>		
30	Bruce W. Griffith, Jr.	Johnstown	2012
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32	Laity (11)		
33	<i>Discipline ¶ 635.1</i>		
34	JOHN CRONE	Kane	2008
35	JANICE M. EMBLIDGE	Erie-Meadville	2008
36	FAITH W. GEER	Pittsburgh	2004
37	DAVID HURST	Johnstown	2012
38	THOMAS C. KENDIG	Pittsburgh	2011
39	DEAN LYONS	Connellsville	2008
40	CAROL MORRIS	Greensburg	2008
41	LOUISE A. PATTERSON	Washington	2008
42	CONNIE SUTTON	Franklin	2010
43	PEGGY D. WARD	Pittsburgh	2008
44	SARA J. WRONA	Indiana	2012
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46	Ex officio (5)		
47	<i>Discipline ¶ 635.1</i>		
48	<i>Order of Deacons –</i>		
49	<i>Order of Elders –</i>		
50	<i>Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members –</i>		
51	<i>Cabinet Representatives</i>		

1 William B. Meekins, Jr. Greensburg 2008
 2 Thomas Q. Strandburg Kane 2008
 3 Joan L. Rousseaux Indiana 2012
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6 **Committee on Investigation of Clergy Members**

7 Discipline ¶2703.2

8 Clergy: Howard F. Burrell, Joel S. Garrett, Ronald R. Hoellein, Joan E. Reasinger

9 LAITY: SHARON GREGORY, KAY JORDAN, TRACY R. MERRICK

10 Alternates: Linda B. Chambers, John L. Miller, David L. Morse

11 DONNA BURKHART, LARRY BEATTY
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14 **Administrative Review Committee**

15 Discipline ¶ 635 & Conference Rules 3.3.5

16 Randall W. Bain, Patricia T. Cleary, E. David Streets

17 Alternates: David A. Eversdyke, John W. Seth
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19 **Committee on Investigation of Diaconal Members**

20 Discipline ¶2703.2

21 Clergy: Howard F. Burrell, Joel S. Garrett, Ronald R. Hoellein, Joan E. Reasinger

22 LAITY: SHARON GREGORY, KAY JORDAN, TRACY R. MERRICK

23 Alternates: Linda B. Chambers, John L. Miller, David L. Morse

24 DONNA BURKHART, LARRY BEATTY
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26 **Joint Committee on Incapacity**

27 Discipline ¶ 652 & Conference Rules 3.3.5

28 Chair: David Morse dlmum333@yahoo.com

29 Registrar: Janet Lord

30 Chair: of Pensions : Terry Lyon Secretary of Pensions: Bill Hastings

31 District Superintendent: Donald Scandrol
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34 **Parish and Community Development**

35 Discipline ¶ 633.5

36 Chair:: Rita Platt Anderson revrita6@hotmail.com

37 Secretary: KAREN PHILLIPS

38 Voucher Agent: Jeff Bobin

39 2014

40 (10)John Phipps

41 (08)Tom Bonomo

42 (11) Beth Nelson

43 (08)Christian Whitehead

44 (08) Chris Livermore

45 (09) Jeff St. Clair

46 Ex officio: _____ (Lay Leader)

47 Ex officio without vote: Sharon Schwab (cabinet), Eric Park (cabinet), Jim Walker (Director of

48 Congregational Development & Revitalization)

49 *Small Membership Representative
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2016

(06) Emma Smith

(08) Jeff Bobin

(10) Rick Helsel

(08) KAREN PHILLIPS

(08) Kevin Haley

(08) Rita Platt-Anderson

(12) Mike Long (Pending Legislation)*

Pensions

Discipline ¶ 639 & Conference Rules 3.3.7

Chair: officers elected by Pensions

Vice Chair:

Secretary:

Voucher Agent:

2013

(06) William Hastings

(06) Ralph Culp

(11) JUDITH TOBIAS

(09) CHERYL REAGLE

2014

(09) Larry Homitsky

(08) Gary Grau

(10) E. STEVEN WHITE

(11) DON INMAN

2015

(07) Edward Bailey

(07) TERRY LYON

(11) Tom Parkinson

(11) JIM REESE

2016

(11) BARBARA HOLCOMBE

(09) JOHN MCKEE

(08) ~~FRANKLIN KELLY~~

(10) MICHAEL STUDENY

Ex-officio without vote: PATRICIA MORRIS (Treasurer), Donald Scandrol (cabinet), LARRY BRIDGE (Controller)

Personnel Team

Conference Rules 3.3.12

Chair: TARA PARK tara.park@bnymellon.com

Vice Chair: Rand Edwards

2014

(10) Elizabeth Murphy

(06) Rand Edwards

(06) SHARON GREGORY

(10) TARA PARK

2016

(08) BOBI KINCAID

(09) SANDY HOVIS

(10) Russell Shuluga

(12) LORI DEAL

(12) Ken Miller

Ex-officio without vote: PATRICIA MORRIS (Treasurer), Thomas J. Bickerton (Bishop), Greg Cox (DCM), George Porter (cabinet)

Poverty Team

Chair: GLENNA WILSON glennapgh@yahoo.com

2014

(08) JUDY BAILEY

(08) Cyndi Bloise

(08) Clara Belloit

(08) Cheryl Davis

(08) Terry Guiste

2016

(08) GLENNA WILSON

(08) JAN EMBLIDGE

(08) PAM ARMSTRONG

(08) Kathy Clark

(08) Gretchen Hulse

Ex officio without vote: George Porter (Cabinet)

Religion and Race, Commission

Discipline ¶ 643

Chair: Sang Choi sangkongchoi@yahoo.com

Secretary: Augie Twigg

Voucher Agent: Peggy Ward

2014

(05) Jay Sterling

(05) RICHARD PAYNE

(04) LES HUTCHINS

2016

(08) Joan Lucarelli

(08) Hyung-Suk Joe

1 (05) PEGGY WARD
 2 (05) DAVID YATE
 3 (11) BEV HAZLETT
 4 Ex officio without vote: Dean Ziegler (cabinet)
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6 **Small Membership Church, Commission** (Pending Conference legislation)

7 *Discipline ¶ 645*

8 Chair: Michael Long pastormelong@comcast.net
 9 Secretary: Dennis Johnson
 10 Voucher Agent: Dawn Krishart

11 2014

12 (08) Michael Long
 13 (08) Dennis Johnson
 14 (08) Emma Smith
 15 (08) Dawn Krishart
 16 (10) Rex Wasser

2016

(10) Larry Dunn
 (08) Bill Kemp
 (08) Brenda Shaffer
 (08) Audrey Bell
 (10) Nancy Zahn

17 Ex officio: _____ (lay leader), Sharon Schwab (Cabinet)
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19 **Status and Role of Women, Commission**

20 *Discipline ¶ 644*

21 Chair: PEGGY WARD pdward11@yahoo.com

22 Vice Chair: Lota Jones

23 2014

24 (06) GUINEVERE GREGORY
 25 (10) Lota Jones
 26 (06) ROBIN SLOWKOWSKI
 27 (06) MARY KAY MATTOCKS
 28 (06) BETSY HACKETT
 29 (06) Bonnie King
 30 (06) BARBARA VANDERMER

2016

(06) Lola Turnbull
 (07) PEGGY WARD
 (10) ~~Pam Gardner~~
 (10) Mary Jane Fullerton
 (10) Linda Dinger
 (10) Elizabeth Cooper
 (10) Nancy Shute
 (10) BONNIE WILSON

31 Ex officio without vote: George Porter (cabinet)
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34 **Stewardship Team**

35 Fred Leasure (UM Foundation), Greg Cox (DCM), PATTI COLUMBE (credit union)
 36 PAT MORRIS (Treasurer)
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38 **Trustees**

39 *Discipline ¶ 2512 & Conference Rules 3.3.8*

40 Chair: _____ officers elected by board

41 Vice-Chair: _____

42 Recording Secretary: _____

43 2014

44 (06) BARBARA PORT
 45 (10) ROBIN DRESSLER
 46 (09) RAY (ZEKE) STANTON

2016

(08) Jim W Parkinson
 (08) Ed Pope
 (08) Keith Simmons

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 48 2015

49 (09) BOB DELSIGNORE
 50 (09) Bob Howles
 51 (11) BOB GARBART

2013

(08) Bob Martin
 (09) CINDY JONCZAK

1 Ex-officio without vote: Don Scandrol (cabinet), AMY E BENTZ (Chancellor), PATRICIA MORRIS
 2 (Conference Treasurer), DOUG BOLLMAN (staff) , Greg Cox, (DCM)

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 4 **United Methodist Men**

5 *Discipline ¶ 648*

6 President:

7 Vice President: TBA

8 Secretary/Treasurer: HAROLD YANNAYON

9 **District Presidents:**

10	Butler	WILLIAM LEEFE
11	Connellsville	GEORGE HERSHBERGER
12	Erie	_____
13	Franklin	DAN MOORE
14	Greensburg	PAUL MERTZ
15	Indiana	LLOYD BURKETT
16	Johnstown	BOB BRAWLEY
17	Kane	_____
18	Pittsburgh	DONALD IDECKER
19	Washington	EDMOND WEISE

20 Ex officio without vote: Alyce Weaver Dunn (cabinet)

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 22 **United Methodist Women**

23 *Discipline ¶ 647*

24 President: BARBARA HESS barbalg@aol.com

25 Vice-President: GAIL GRAY

26 Secretary: KATHERYN BIBLE

27 Treasurer: SARAH SIEGEL

28 **Mission Coordinators**

29 Education and Interpretation—NANCY JONES

30 Spiritual Growth—PAT LEIPHART

31 Membership Nurture and Outreach—BETTY ROBERTS

32 Social Action— JOAN LUCARELLI

33 Chair Nominations Committee—GUINEVERE GREGORY

34 Communications Coordinator—MARY BUZARD

35 Secretary of Program Resources—CONSTANCE KOCH

36 Cooperative School of Christian Mission Team – DARA STERLING

37 Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission Fund Chair – LINDA THAYER

38 Ex officio without vote: Joe Patterson (cabinet)

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 40 **Cooperative School of Christian Mission Team** (See Global Ministries)

41 DARA STERLING, Dean

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 43 **Young Adult Ministry, Council on ¶ 650 & Conference Rules 3.3.11**

44 Chair: ANDY BLYSTONE andy.blystone@gmail.com

45	Butler	Erik Hoeke
46	Connellsville	_____
47	Erie-Meadville	ELIZABETH SPEAKMAN
48	Franklin	_____
49	Greensburg	_____
50	Indiana	_____
51	Johnstown	JESSICA LONG

1 Kane _____
 2 Pittsburgh _____
 3 Washington
 4 At large: ANDY BLYSTONE
 5 Ex officio: Bob Zilhaver (Division of Ministry with Young People)
 6 Ex officio without vote: Tom Strandburg (cabinet)
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8 **Youth Ministry, Conference Council on**

9 *Discipline ¶ 649 & Conference Rules 3.3.10*

10 Chair:

11 Vice Chair:

12 Secretary:

13 Treasurer: ROBERT ZILHAVER, JR

14 Voucher Agent: RENAYE HOFFMAN

15 Youth Members: AARON SLAVIN, ADAM HENDERSON, ALEX HOFFMAN, CIERRA NOEL,
 16 COURTNEY KUNSELMAN, DAVID HENDERSON, LAURA KILBY, LUKE FUGATE, ROBERT
 17 ZILHAVER, SYDNEY WIDDERSHEIM, TYLER KILBY, TYLER RIGGLE, POLLY ZILHAVER,
 18 AARON FISH, KEVIN JENKINS,
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20 Adult Members: RENAYE HOFFMAN, TRACY PALMER, Bob Zilhaver, SUSAN WINTERS, Seth
 21 McClymonds, CHERIE LOOMIS, ROSS PRYOR, Seth McPherson, Ken West, SHARON
 22 GALLAGHER
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24 2013

25 (05) KEN WEST

26 (05) CHERIE LOOMIS

24 2014

(08) TRACY PALMER

(11) REBEKAH SWINEFORD

(10) Seth McPherson

28

29 Ex officio without vote: Bill Blair (cabinet), RENAYE HOFFMAN (Youth & Young Adult Coordinator)

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***Wesley Woods Board of Directors**

President Dennis Lawton revlawton@yahoo.ie
V President Ken Custer
Secretary Bruce Davis
Treasurer David Anderson

Class of 2012

REV. LINDA DINGER (Term 0)
Joe Keenan (Term 0)
Rev. Ken Custer (Term2)

Class of 2013

Rev. Roy Gearhart (Term 1)
CHRISTENE GRUBBS (Term 1)
Randy Deemer (Term 1)

Class of 2015

Ken Haddix (Term 2)
Rev. Al Kimmel (Term 1)
Rev. Dennis Lawton (Term1)
KATE GILSON (Term 1)

Class of 2014

Rev. Bruce Davis (Term 2)
Gary Olson (Term 0)
Martin Price (Term 0)

Class of 2016

Rev. Seth McClymonds (Term 1)
Scott Holcomb (Term 1)
Thomas Ruth (Term 1)

***Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union**

President: Mark Griffith
Vice President: Arnold Rhodes
Secretary: Deryl Larsen
Treasurer, CEO: PATRICIA COLUMBE

Directors: Tracy Cox, Olivia Graham, Chuck Fowler, Ed Gresick, Dennis Henley, Beth Nelson, Hughie Orsborn. Ex-officio – PATRICIA MORRIS

Committee: SHIRLEY COOPER, Art Gotjen, Stephanie Gottschalk, Chuck Olson

CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changes in your contact information, please enter the new information below, and fax the form to the Director of Connectional Ministries office, 724-776-0214 or send us an email with all the changes to dcm@wpaumc.org

Name _____

New Street _____

New City State Zip _____

New Phones Home _____

Work _____

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New Email _____

New Church _____

Please make note of any corrections related to spelling, terms, or positions, etc. as they are shown in this Nominations Report.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrence – Non-Concurrence -- Abstain

Section 1

RS 102 Juvenile Justice Act 403
139 – 1 – 3

RS 103 Beer Tax (UM Advocacy in PA) 404
120 – 20 – 2

RS 105 Pay Day Loans (UM Advocacy in PA) Daily Journal page 522
134 – 3 – 1

Section 2

RS 201 Conference Restructuring 405
144 – 0 – 0

Page 408, line 46 delete the sentence “Consideration should be given to
inclusiveness.”

RS 202 District Coordinator For Disability Concerns 409
141 – 0 – 0

RS 203 Transferring Responsibilities of Commission on Small Membership 409
143 – 1 – 0

RS 204 Camping & Retreat Ministries/Western PA Conference By-Laws 410
143 – 0 – 0

Page 410 Insert After Line 51
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article IV, Section 4 of the By-Laws of the
Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be
amended by deletion of the following sentence (“2011 Official Journal,” p.409):

~~In addition, with respect to all other matters other than the election of
directors, amendments of By Laws, or dissolution of a Conference Camp
and Retreat Center, the Conference Camp and Retreat Center Corporation
Committee shall exercise all rights and powers which the members of the
Annual Conference may have as members or shareholders of each
Conference Camp and Retreat Center and, shall annually submit written
reports of their actions to the members of the Annual Conference, and shall
safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the Annual Conference.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article IV, Section 4 of the By-Laws of the
Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be
amended by addition:

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2 RS 307 Clergy Housing Allowance 429
3 152 – 1 – 0
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5 P 39 Conference Emphasis on the Family & Board of Discipleship Response..... 430
6 148 – 0 – 1
7 Page 430, line 50 after "...children" delete "and to provide programming..."
8 Page 430, line 51 after "...families" before the period add "and that this
9 conference wide emphasis on the family be referred to the Board of
10 Discipleship for implementation"
11 Page 431 delete lines 1-17 in its entirety.
12
13 **Section 5**
14 RS 501 Rental / Housing Allowance..... 432
15 155 – 0 – 2
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17 RS 502 Clergy Retirement Security Program Pre-1982 Pension Funding Plan 433
18 132 – 0 – 0
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20 RS 503 Clergy Retirement Security Program 435
21 130 – 0 – 0
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23 RS 504 CRSP Benefit Reserve Fund 435
24 128 – 0 – 0
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26 RS 505 Retired Clergy Day..... 436
27 127 – 1 – 0
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29 **Section 6**
30 RS 601 Christian Education Sunday 436
31 103 – 0 – 0
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33 RS 602 Golden Cross/Red Stocking Sunday..... 437
34 103 – 0 – 0
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36 RS 603 Rural Life Sunday 437
37 103 – 0 – 0
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39 RS 604 Disability Awareness Sunday..... 437
40 103 – 0 – 0
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42 RS 605 Doors Ways to Hope at Home..... 438
43 103 – 0 – 0
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45 RS 606 Camping Sunday 438
46 103 – 0 – 0

1 RS 607 Youth Service Fund Sunday 439
2 103 – 0 – 0
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4 RS 608 Volunteers In Mission Recognition 439
5 103 – 0 – 0
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7 RS 609 Bread for The World 440
8 103 – 0 – 0
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10 RS 610 Cinco de Mayo Sunday 441
11 131 – 0 – 1
12 Page 441, line 34, change “Cinco de Mayo Sunday” to “Encounter With Christ
13 Sunday”
14 Page 442, line 8 delete “(Designated the “Cinco de Mayo” offering)
15 Editorial Note: Change spelling from “WHERAS” to “WHEREAS” throughout
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17 RS 611 Corporation Nominations Daily Journal page 517
18
19 CAMP ALLEGHENY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
20 103 – 0 – 0
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22 JUMONVILLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
23 103 – 0 – 0
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25 LMSTED MANOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
26 103 – 0 – 0
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28 WESLEY WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
29 103 – 0 – 0
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31 RS 612 Camp Allegheny Bylaws Amendments..... Daily Journal page 507
32 130 – 0 – 1
33 Page 508, line 24 add a comma after the word “total” delete “is” and insert “or
34 13 years if...”
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36 **Section 4**
37 RS 403 Funding For Regional Ministries..... 442
38 134 – 2 – 4
39 Page 442, line 47-48 After “by lending financial support”, delete “from funding
40 for ministry dollars by creation of a budget line Regional Ministries.”
41 and insert “through Global Ministries Committee.”
42 Page 442, line 49 and 50, delete in its entirety.
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44 RS 402 Endowment & Other Income Disbursal Directives 454
45 126 – 0 – 0
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NON-CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrence – Non-Concurrence -- Abstain

RS 101 Racial Justice Act 402
102 – 37 – 2
Page 402, delete lines 43-49 in its entirety.
Page 403, delete lines 1-3 in its entirety.

P 106 African Central Conferences College of Bishops Daily Journal page 518
39 – 85 – 19
Page 521, starting on line 4, after “Conference” delete “write a letter to or notify electronically each Bishop who is a member of the Africa Central Conference College of Bishops” and insert “contact through certified letter with copies to all active United Methodist Bishops”
Page 521, starting on line 16, after “Conference” delete “write a letter to or electronically communicate to all of the annual conferences of the USA through their Bishops” and insert “contact through certified letter with copies to all active United Methodist Bishops”

RS 205 Increasing Consent Calendar Petition Signatures 411
95 – 36 – 1

P 38 Celebrating the Nurturing Community 2012 430
107 – 38 – 10
Page 430, delete lines 29-30 in entirety.

RS 401 Connectional Apportionment 2013 Budget 443
113 – 12 – 10
Page 445, line 170 change “\$254,000” to “\$200,000”

June 6, 2012

Hon. P. Michael Sturla
Chair
Democratic Policy Making Committee
PO Box 202096
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2096

Racial Justice Act

Dear Chairman Sturla,

Thank you for calling a hearing on the Racial Justice Act, HB2256.

The purpose of the Racial Justice Act is to allow evidence of racial profiling into Court. The Bill sets out specific criteria for the evidence:

*“Evidence relevant to establish a finding that race was a significant factor in the decision to seek or impose the sentence of death in this Commonwealth at the time the death sentence was sought or imposed may include **statistical evidence** or other evidence, including, but not limited to, **sworn testimony** of attorneys, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, jurors or other members of the criminal justice system or both.”*

If there was racial profiling in the case, the sentence is changed from Death Row to Life Without the Possibility of Parole in General Prison Population. The verdict stands, but the sentence is changed. The offender is not released onto the street.

There is abundant evidence of racial profiling in Pennsylvania’s criminal system. Blacks make up 11% of our population and 44% of our prison population. Blacks are 7 times more likely to be stopped and frisked than Whites. 91% of Blacks are challenged off juries as compared to 12.5% of Whites. There are District Attorneys who train their deputies in how to make these challenges. They have even developed a training film on this practice. This information should be admissible in Court.

53% of Pennsylvania’s homicides are by Blacks, 45% are by Whites, and 2% by others. Yet our Death Row is 57% Black (118 inmates), 33% White (65 inmates), 9% Latinos (19 inmates) and .09% Asians (2 inmates). Only Texas has a higher Black/White ratio. If the death sentences were race neutral, 108 (53%) inmates would be Black, 92 (45%) would be White and 4 (2%) would be Latinos or Asians. Blacks are 5% over-represented on our Death Row, Whites are 12% under-represented, and Latinos and Asians are 6% over-represented.

Philadelphia has 100 people on Death Row; 6 of whom are White. Pittsburgh, with a similar population and demographic, has 11 people on Death Row; 3 of whom are White. Every county with 10 or more people on Death Row shows a similar pattern.

Dr. David Baldus’ pioneering study of sentencing patterns was admitted into the US Supreme Court in 1986. Redundant studies since that date continue to verify his findings. Specific studies have focused on just Pennsylvania. Three studies funded by Pennsylvania have each called for adoption of the Racial Justice Act.

I celebrate that you are holding a hearing on the Racial Justice Act. It is my hope that you will give it an affirmative recommendation, and help pass it through the House Judiciary Committee.

In Response to RS 101 (Page 402)
Please return signed letters to Roger Thomas (Section 2, Row M, Seat 1)

VI. Daily Proceedings

DREAMING GOD-SIZED DREAMS

FIRST DAY
Thursday, June 7, 2012

CLERGY SESSION

ORDER – Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton called the Clergy Session to order at 9:30 AM.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING – Received on motion of Janet Lord, Registrar for the Board of the Ordained Ministry, according to ¶324.41: Timothy James Goodman, Gary Lee Hilton, Julie Sparks Kolacz, Scott Alan Shaffer, and Erica Beth Wellner.

FULLMEMBERSHIP AND DEACON'S ORDERS – Received on motion of Janet Lord according to ¶330: Donna Byrd Gabler.

FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ELDER'S ORDERS – Received on motion of Janet Lord according to ¶335: Pamela Sue Armstrong, Wade Reitz Berkey, Susan Lyn Moudry, Joseph Benton Short, Kelly Jean Smith, and Beverly Ann Spore. On motion of Jim Parkinson according to ¶335: Thomas John Parkinson.

RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS – On motion of Patricia Nelson, Secretary of the Board of the Ordained Ministry, according to ¶347.3a: Kathleen McCoy-Schoeneck (Presbyterian Church USA) and John L. Miller (National Association of Christian Churches).

COURSE OF STUDY GRADUATES – Patricia Nelson introduced the 2011 – 2012 Course of Study graduates: Robert Kifer, Robert Martin, Matthew D.A. Blake, Sr., Wade Barto, Kimberly King, and Stephanie Thompson.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, VOLUNTARY – Granted on motion of Patricia Nelson according to ¶354.2a: Gary C. Bailey (FE) 1st year, Andrew P. Spore (FE) 1st year, Lynn Yeso (FE) 1st year, Stephen A. Tiffany (FE) 2nd year, Chul S. Park (FE) 3rd year, and Ernest L. Perry (FE) 4th year. According to ¶354.2a Ronald E. Thomas (FE) 12th year, David R. Lewis (FE) 14th year, and Gordon Barry Davis (FE) 18th year. According to ¶354.2b: Vicki L. Oliver (PE) 3rd year and William M. Pieringer (FE) 1st year. According to ¶354.2b: Barbara A. Turpish (FE) 9th year and Deborah A. Ackley-Killian (FE) 15th year. According to ¶354.2c: Personal: Shawn L. Goodwin (FE) 1st year Austin P. Hornyak (FE) 1st year, S. Bruce Mould (FE) 1st year; Family: Robert Moffat (FE) 1st year and Arnold T. McFarland (FE) 1st year; Transitional: Lynn Yeso (FE) 1st year and In Ki Lee (FE) 1st year.

LESS THAN FULL TIME SERVICE – Approved on motion of Patricia Nelson according to ¶¶338.2, 342.2, 1506.4b: Willard C. Adkins AM ¼ time year 10, Clara W. Belloit FE ½ time year 13, Jerry D. Belloit FE ¼ time year 17, Kenneth Bossart FE ¾ time year 3, Emily A. Byrd FE ½ time year 2, Harold J. Dangel AM ¾ time year 2, Todd M. Davis FE ½ time year 5, Allen O. Grimm, III FE ½ time year 5, Sharon M. Hamley FE ½ time year 4, Patricia S. Harbison FE ½ time year 2, J. Mark Hurst FE ¾ time year 8, Tina G. Keller PE ½ time year 4, Katrina M. Laude FE ¾ time year 2, Alice M. McClymonds AM ½ time year 7, Seth A. McClymonds FE ½ time year 7, Darlene Ryniec AM ½ time year 7, Bruce E. Stollings FE ¾ time year 18, Jay P. Tennies FE ¾ time year 2, and John R. Wilson FE ¾ time year 19.

APPOINTED TO SERVE IN OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES – On motion of Patricia Nelson according to ¶331.8 and 346.1: David M. Biondi FE West Virginia, Jackie Condon PL Susquehanna, Allen O. Grimm, III FE New England, Tracey L. Henderson FD West Ohio, and Gary W. Jones FD East Ohio.

INCAPACITY LEAVE – On motion of Patricia Nelson according to ¶357.2: Austin P. Hornyak effective (5/01/2012), Shawn L. Goodwin effective (5/01/2012). According to ¶357.1: Jaime P. Alvarez FE 09/01/2003, Raymond H. Beal, Jr. FE 07/01/2007, LaMar E. Carlson FE 12/31/2008, Mark A. DeBaise FE 03/01/1996, Debra Anne Groeger FE 02/01/1997, Floyd A. Hall FE 07/01/2007, Connie B. Hoeke (without benefit) FE 07/01/2000, Earl C. Killian II PE 03/01/1997, Bonnie Tyack Friend King FE 07/01/2006, Thomas J. Michalko FE 03/16/2007, Stanley D. Nixon AM 02/01/2005, Kenneth J. Peters FE 01/31/2007, Randall R. Roda FE 03/01/2005, Thomas F. St. Clair FE 11/01/2009, Susan E. Sphar-Calhoun FE 11/23/2009.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MINISTERIAL OFFICE – On motion of David Morse, Chairperson of the Board of the Ordained Ministry, according to ¶360.2, 4: Donald O. Hornsby effective 07/01/2012, Lee A. Moore FE effective 05/01/2012, and Elizabeth A. Cochrane PD effective 7/01/2012.

REPORT FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON INCAPACITY – At the 2011 Clergy Session the following action was taken: “On motion of Robert Zilhaver, the Clergy Session approved: “The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference Clergy Session set Andrew Spore’s status as Incapacity Leave Resulting from Health Matters and Disabling Conditions ¶357, and that this matter be immediately referred to the Joint Committee on Incapacity for review to insure that the exclusions of ¶3.11 of the UM Life Options Plan of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church have been honored.”

David Morse reported on behalf of the Joint Committee on Incapacity the matter has been reviewed and the actions taken are in order.

RETIREMENTS – On motion of Jim Pond according to ¶¶358.2a,b,c: Deacons: Patricia E. Ciampa. Elders: Ellen L. Bullock, James P. Fogg, Margaret J. Foreman, Charles R. Fowler, Kathy K. Higgins, David S. Jack, David F. Keller, J. H. Langley, Robert K. Moffat 1/1/2012, M. Patricia Mollick 8/25/2012, David L. Parker 5/1/2012, Charles G. Prince 1/1/2012, John K. Smith, G. H. Trumbo, Richard D. Updegraff, Ronald A. Wanless. Associate Members: Julie L. Applegate, Joan L. Rousseaux. Probationary Members: F. Jayne Verner. Local Pastors: David L. Acker, Sherry L. Cook 3/1/2012, Bryce D. King, William H. Wepleman 1/1/2012, Robert S. White, Jr. 12/31/2011, and Lorraine E. Williams.

PENSION CREDIT – On motion of Gary Grau, pension credit was granted to Richard D. Updegraff from 7/1/1975 to 6/30/1976.

APPROVAL OF CHARACTER – Each of the District Superintendents approved the character of the pastors serving on their respective districts.

EPISCOPAL COMMENTS – Bishop Bickerton read a letter of appreciation to David Morse for his service as Chairperson of the Board of the Ordained Ministry. The Bishop also presented him with an etched crystal memento. The Bishop thanked the Board of the Ordained Ministry for their tireless and often difficult service to the Annual Conference. The Bishop complimented the Cabinet for their high character and integrity and their exceptionally professional manner in supervision. Finally, the Bishop thanked God for each of the clergy and encouraged them in continued faithfulness and joy in ministry and disciple making.

COMPREHENSIVE MOTION – On motion of David Morse members of the Clergy Session approved a comprehensive motion to receive and approve the report of the Board of the Ordained Ministry.

RECESS – After prayer and a hymn the Clergy Session adjourned at 11:00 AM.

AFTERNOON SESSION

OPENING WORSHIP - At 1:00 p.m., Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton led the opening worship service. The Otterbein UMC (Kane District) praise band led music and the Pam Gardner, Slippery Rock UMC, shared the message.

CALL TO ORDER - Following worship and the celebration of Holy Communion, Bishop Bickerton called the conference to order at 2:45 p.m. After the introduction of floor managers Joan Reasinger and Louise Patterson, the Bishop reviewed Colossians 3:12-16a, 17 and the “Guidelines for Holy Conferencing.” Dr. Richard Jewell, President of Grove City College, welcomed the conference and noted that 2012 marks the 45th consecutive year that Grove City College has hosted the United Methodist Conference.

SESSIONS COMMITTEE – Barb Moore, chair of the Conference Sessions Committee, highlighted logistical information to make this week a more pleasant experience for everyone.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE - John R. Wilson, Conference Secretary, moved that the “bar of the conference” be set to include “all who are seated at the tables.” Wayne Cleary offered an amendment by adding: “that the barrier be removed that currently separates the tables (with members) from the visitor section.” After discussion, the J. LaVon Kincaid called for the question. The call was approved and the conference voted on the Cleary Amendment. It was NOT APPROVED. Wilson motion to set the bar was then APPROVED.

ROLL CALL - Conference Secretary John Wilson then explained the roll call of members. Members were guided through the completion of the seating card, the directory information card, and the survey regarding the usage of the printed and electronic forms of our annual *Journal* and *Directory*.

ELECTION OF TELLERS - The conference then voted for tellers to serve during this year’s annual conference, as listed in the pre-conference journal (p. 505). They were ELECTED.

EPISCOPAL COMMENTS The bishop expressed his personal appreciation for those who serve on our security team by checking credentials. He also thanked Wayne Cleary for highlighting the discomfort many feel when having to show credentials in order to gain access to the plenary area. He also emphasized the need for grace and hospitality amongst all in attendance, especially in this important area.

AGENDA - The Jude Urso, Agenda Coordinator, moved for the setting of our published agenda. APPROVED. Greg Cox, Director of Connectional Ministry, explained the special offerings that will be taken during our conference sessions this week: Thursday worship: offering for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund. Friday evening: offering for our “New Places for New People” ministry. Saturday evening: offering to help provide scholarships for those serving on Volunteer in Missions (V.I.M.) teams. Sunday morning: offering for the Conference approved missions agencies.

CONFERENCE RULES - Amy Bentz, Conference Chancellor, recommended the conference suspend conference rule 2.3.8.1.1 (2011 *Journal*, p. 386) in order to allow late legislation to be considered by the body. APPROVED.

ELECTION OF QUADRENNIAL OFFICES - The Bishop led the conference in considering, and electing, the required quadrennial leadership for service in 2012-2016. Elected were: Conference Chancellor - Amy Bentz; Conference Secretary & Statistician – John R. Wilson; Conference Treasurer - Patricia Morris; Conference Lay Leader – Sharon Gregory; and Conference Secretary of Global Ministries – Kenneth Haines.

RECOGNITION OF CONFERENCE LAY LEADER - Bishop Bickerton recognized outgoing conference Lay Leader Harry Barbus for his service over the past six years (2006-2012). The Bishop also presented him with an etched crystal memento.

STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT – Bishop Bickerton presented his “State of the Church” report. The Bishop spoke of the importance of “Dreaming God Sized Dreams.” Highlighting Romans 8:11 and a variety of Biblical leaders who found themselves caught up in God Sized dreams, he called for each of us to seek participation in God’s dreams for us, our congregations, and our conference rather than settle for our own smaller, individual dreams for those areas. The Bishop introduced Conference Center staff members: Diane Miller (V.I.M. Coordinator); Pat Morris (Treasurer); Jim Walker (Director of

Congregational Development and Revitalization); Renaye Hoffman (Youth Coordinator); Dawn Lynn Check (Communications Officer); Gregory Cox (Director of Connectional Ministries); Sandra Matoushaya (Zimbabwe Partnership Director); Jessica Gamache (Camp Coordinator).

APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET - Bishop Bickerton introduced the members of the extended Cabinet and appointed the District Superintendents to their respective districts for the coming year. The Bishop announced William B. Meekins, Jr. is elected Dean of the Cabinet, Thomas Strandburg is the Secretary, and Alyce Weaver Dunn is the Treasurer.

RECESS – The conference was in recess at 4:45 p.m.

COSROW Monitoring Report Thursday, June 7 2012

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW continues its call to encourage and challenge our conference to live out God's call for the full and equal participation of women in the total life and mission in the church. The 2011 COSROW report is available for request from cosrow@wpaumc.org.

COSROW and the Anti-Racism Team (ART) and other loyal volunteers, have combined for the second year to resume their observations of the legislative proceedings, plenaries, worship and special observances. As we monitor we are able to evaluate how well we are improving in bringing people of diverse gender, races, ages and abilities together to share God-sized Dreams as we follow God's will for the Western Pennsylvania Conference.

Each *Daily Journal* will reflect our observations and we will address the conference body on Saturday afternoon.

John Wesley's call to Holy Conferencing was reflected in the warm greetings of old friends and colleagues of all genders, races and ages. There was an underlying mood of let down for some regarding recent challenges at General Conference.

What a difference a year makes as the registration forms included ethnicity and gender which will greatly enhance our ability to determine who we are as a gathered report.

Opening worship featured the conference staff leading liturgy. They were a mixture of younger and older, mainly laity and female, and a Person of Color. The liturgy was uplifting, joyous and challenging. Though we continue to struggle with inclusive language, especially in the traditional songs, hymns, and prayers, there was some balancing liturgy that was more neutral. The Bishop led by example as he used God language over gender specific language in a natural, worshipful way. The sermon, by one of our own female clergy, sent a powerful affirmation of God's message delivered through all.

This continued later as the Bishop challenged us that, though we live in a racist world we are not a racist church and that we are not a denomination that will not accept female clergy leadership.

We were reminded how we are to treat each other during our time of holy conferencing together.

We are anxious to see if we can surrender ourselves to a time together where the God-sized Dream of all God's people come together as the people who love.

DAY TWO
Friday, June 8, 2012

MORNING SESSION

BIBLE STUDY – The conference convened at 8:00 AM for morning Bible study. Dr. John C. Holbert was the Bible study leader speaking on the topic, “Moses is Not Charlton Heston.” Moses is no different from those who preceded him. Moses is all about dreaming the dreams of God.

ORDER – The morning session came to order at 9:06 AM. Bishop Bickerton affirmed his love for the delegates and cherishes the opportunity to spend the day together as we work as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Bishop led in prayer with special remembrance offered for Maxine Byers and the family of Barb Evans.

RETIREMENT MOMENT – After a video presentation by retiree Patsy Ciampa, she led in a moment of prayer. Bishop Bickerton presented Patsy with a certificate and retirement pin.

AFFIRMING OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT – Bishop Bickerton read the names of pastors appointed to the Washington District for the coming year. As names were read, the pastors came to the front of the room and greeted each other and Washington District Superintendent Eric Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Kellie Wild presented the Legislation and Corporation Consent Calendars and gave instructions for removing items from the calendars for debate.

BALLOTING FOR EPISCOPAL CANDIDATES – Tracey Merrick, representing the delegation to Jurisdictional Conference briefed the conference concerning the process of nominating Episcopal candidates from Western Pennsylvania to the 2012 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Peggy Ward briefly introduced Episcopal nominees Eric Park and William B. Meekins, Jr., Sharon Gregory and Alan Brooks respectively read statements authored by the nominees.

On motion of Tracey Merrick conference rule 2.3.10.7 was amended in order to allow members of the conference to vote for up to two nominees on each ballot.

Bishop Bickerton briefed the conference on the rules regarding the balloting process. After prayer the first ballot for Episcopal candidates was cast. The ballot was closed at 10:01 AM.

KEYSTONE UNITED METHODIST CREDIT UNION – Patty Columbe, Director of the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union spoke to the conference about how the credit union can teach the foundations of basic money management. Mark Griffith, President of the Board of Directors presented Bishop Bickerton with a check for \$4,000 to be used for new church starts. The check is 10% of the proceeds from the Mission Visa Card offered through the credit union.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT – Eric Park, Chairperson of the General and Jurisdiction Conference delegations led in the report. Eric described the work of preparation for General Conference throughout the previous year. In spite of the cynicism about General Conference accomplishing nothing it did adopt a \$603 million missional budget, reduced the size of general boards and agencies for greater accountability, and entered into full communion with historically Black Methodist denominations. Attention was called to the heart-breaking conversations surrounding human sexuality with the realization these issues will not be legislated away. With the attention of the delegation now directed to Jurisdictional Conference Eric invited the conference to express their appreciation and support for the work performed and the work to come. The report concluded with a video highlighting many of the experiences and decisions of the 2012 General Conference. Bishop Bickerton added words of appreciation and pride in the excellent attendance and work of the delegation.

JURISDICTIONAL POOL – William B. Meekins, Jr. referred delegates to page 525 of the Pre-conference Journal inviting delegates to complete the form if they are interested in serving the church on general boards and agencies.

OLD RECTORY PRESENTATION – Bishop Bickerton introduced Clare Potter, British Methodist Minister and Development Manager of Old Rectory in Epworth. Clare spoke of the privilege and experience of working where John Wesley received so much of his inspiration. Clare spoke of plans for restoration and renovation at Old Rectory and explained how those interested can participate.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – Paul Ritchey representing the Conference Council of Finance and Administration offered a report on behalf of the council and presented the proposed budget for 2013.

RESULTS OF FIRST BALLOT FOR EPISCOPAL CANDIDATES – Bishop Bickerton reported the results of the first ballot for Episcopal candidates. There were 1114 ballots cast, 3 invalid, 556 needed for election, (41 Elders received votes), there were two elections: Eric Park and William B. Meekins, Jr. Eric and William each expressed appreciation to the conference.

MOTION TO DISCONTINUE BALLOTING – On motion of Robert W. Higginbotham no additional ballots for Episcopal candidates were cast.

ALDERSGATE RENEWAL MINISTRIES – Jonathan Dow, Executive Director of Aldersgate Renewal Ministries spoke to the conference concerning opportunities for renewal.

RECESS – After prayer by Jonathan Dow the conference was in recess at 11:28 AM.

AFTERNOON SESSION

ORDER – the conference came to order at 1:00 PM.

RETIREMENT MOMENT - After a video presentation by retiree Chuck Fowler, he led in a moment of prayer. Bishop Bickerton presented Chuck with a certificate and retirement pin.

AFFIRMING OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE KANE DISTRICT – Thomas Strandburg spoke to the conference about exciting ministry taking place in the Kane District. Bishop Bickerton read the names of pastors appointed to the Kane District for the coming year. As names were read, the pastors came to the front of the room and greeted each other and Kane District Superintendent Thomas Strandburg.

PRIVILEGE – Terry Shaughnessy and Jim Parkinson, accompanied by Linda Brown Chambers, led in prayer for Ed Sturdevant who is in critical condition. Ed and his wife Sue had previously been given the Youth Worker of the Year Award.

CABINET REPORT – Donald Scandrol, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh District, spoke on behalf of the Cabinet about the supportive role of the superintendents to both laity and clergy. Appreciation was expressed to Bishop Bickerton and wife Sally for their sacrificial love and support of the Cabinet as well as clergy and laity of the conference. Bishop Bickerton affirmed the Cabinet in their leadership.

RS 101 RACIAL JUSTICE ACT – Rita Platt, representing Section One moved concurrence as amended by the section 102-37-2. It was approved.

P 106 – AFRICAN CENTRAL CONFERENCE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS – Rita Platt moved non-concurrence as amended by the section 39-85-19. On a sustained call for the previous question by Lori Slagle, and after prayer, P 106 was approved as amended by Robert Zilhaver.

Substitute motion by Robert Zilhaver: Approved.

I move that the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference petition the Judicial Council to hear and determine the legality of the following actions in regard to Petition 106 in accordance with ¶2609.5 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*.

1) Were the funds given by the Pittsburgh East District of the Western Pennsylvania Conference to the East African Annual Conference used in accordance with ¶258.4.f?

2) Were the funds given by members of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference in the payment of Isaac Sebit in compliance with ¶ 258.4.f and ¶613.13?

3) Was the complaint filed by one member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference (Nancy Denardo) properly dealt with in accordance with ¶413 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*?

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA – Donald Green, Executive Director of Christian Associates of Southwestern Pennsylvania spoke to the conference about how Christian Associates have spent the last year mediating conversations between the communities of faith around contemporary issues of Religious Freedom and women’s reproductive rights while striving towards God’s big dream of unity for the church.

UM COMMUNICATIONS – Vickie Wallace, representing UM Communications, introduced a video highlighting the work of UM Communications. UMCOM is striving to find ways to assist the church communicate in the most relevant ways possible so the church will be in ministry with the community not to the community.

GLOBAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY – Hi Rho Park brought greetings from the board and from Kim Cape, General Secretary of GBHEM, and spoke briefly about the work of the board.

AFFIRMING OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUTLER DISTRICT – Dean Ziegler spoke to the conference about exciting ministry taking place in the Butler District. Bishop Bickerton read the names of pastors appointed to the Butler District for the coming year. As names were read, the pastors came to the front of the room and greeted each other and Butler District Superintendent Dean Ziegler.

AFFIRMING OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT – Bill Blair spoke to the conference about exciting ministry taking place in the Connellsville District. Bishop Bickerton read the names of pastors appointed to the Connellsville District for the coming year. As names were read, the pastors came to the front of the room and greeted each other and Connellsville District Superintendent Bill Blair.

DISABILITY CONCERNS – Debbie Hills, thanked COSROW and the Disabilities Concerns Team for providing t-shirts for pages. Debbie challenged the conference concerning how we view outwardly those who have disabilities. People with disabilities lives are just as valuable as people who do not have them. What does God see?

BOARD OF PENSIONS – Frank Kelly offered an update on denominational pension costs. Edward Bailey presented information on changes in the conference health insurance program. Terry Lyon informed the conference on other changes in the clergy health and benefit program.

PRIVELEGE – Stephanie Gottschalk, Chairperson of Conference Board of Global Ministries introduced Rich Mrocza, an individual Volunteer in Mission about to embark on a six month mission to Nicaragua. Bishop Bickerton led in prayer.

AFFIRMING OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT – Donald Scandrol spoke to the conference about exciting ministry taking place in the Pittsburgh District. Bishop Bickerton read the names of pastors appointed to the Pittsburgh District for the coming year. As names were read, the pastors came to the front of the room and greeted each other and Pittsburgh District Superintendent Donald Scandrol.

FLASH MOB – Dancing to Michael Jackson’s “Black and White” conference youth delegates and pages created a flash mob. Chris Morgan and Robert Zilhaver were advised not to quit their day jobs.

RETIREMENT MOMENT - After a video presentation by retiree David Keller, he led in a moment of prayer. Bishop Bickerton presented David with a certificate and retirement pin.

RECESS – The conference was in recess at 4:16 PM