

THIRD DAY

Saturday June 12, 2010

MORNING SESSION

BIBLE SESSION – The conference gathered at 8:00 AM for the morning Bible study. Steve Cordle spoke about the need to be a “Rescue Can” Christian and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in opportunities to share a witness about Jesus with others. Four steps to follow include: Look for opportunities; Stay spiritually charged; Run to pain; Risk spiritual conversation.

ORDER – After a brief break the conference came to order at 9:15 AM.

RETIREMENT MOMENT - Bishop Bickerton presented retiring pastor Dean Byrom with a certificate and pin in recognition of his years of service as a pastor. Dean, accompanied by his wife Dawna, offered words of appreciation to the conference.

COURTESIES – Carol Burkhart introduced Yasmine Bowen representing the Black College Fund.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – Kellie Wild presented the Consent Calendar and gave instruction on how to remove items from the calendar for debate and to insert correction. Motion was made to approve with corrections. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Kellie Wild moved to adopt the daily proceedings as amended and printed in the Daily Journal and to grant permission for the Conference Secretary to make corrections and approve the minutes for the Saturday and Sunday Session of the conference. Motion was approved.

CAMPING – Ken Custer presented the importance of camping highlighting that it is an essential opportunity for our youth to feel they are a part of the conference.

PRAYER FOR MILITARY – Ed Gresick prayed for our military and recognized our veterans present at Annual Conference for their service and dedication.

NOMINATION OF LAY DELEGATES FOR 2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE – Nominations were made for laity delegates by laity following conference rules. LARRY BEATTY(CV), JACK BENNETT(IN), KIMBERLYN BLOISE(GB), DONALD BLYSTONE(EM), DONNA BURKHART(EM), IRWIN "LEE" COLEMAN(EM), SHIRLEY COOPER(BU), RANDY DEGENKOLB(IN), ERIC DUDA(EM), JOE EMIGH(EM), ANNIE FIFFICK(JT), FAITH GEER(PB), SHARON GREGORY(PB), DOROTHY "DEE" HAYES(KA), RICH HOFFMAN(GB), ROBERT JOHNSON(IN), JANE LARSON(??), MICHELE MCMINN(KA), TRACY MERRICK(PB), DIANE MILLER(BU), PAUL MORELLI(IN), PAT MORRIS(BU),

KEITH NITSCHKE(EM), LEAH ONGLEY(?), LOUISE PATTERSON(WA), GARY PENNINGTON(GB), JOEL PETERSON(CV), CATHY PRESTON(EM), TODD REAGAN(CV), JOE REASINGER(PB), DAVE REMBOLD(FR), ROBERT ROXBURY(PB), BRENDA RUSSELL(IN), JULIE SIPPEL-SILOWASH(GB), LORI SLAGLE(PB), JIM SMITH(IN), ROSEANN SMITH(WA), VICKI STAHLMAN(IN), REBEKAH SWINEFORD(KA), ROGER THOMAS(PB), PEGGY WARD(PB), DEBORAH WEBB(PB), DENNIS WESTBROOKS(GB), TINA WHITEHEAD(GB), CHERI WILSON(FR)

RETIREMENT MOMENT – Bishop Bickerton presented retiring pastor Jay Cook with a certificate and pin in recognition of his years of service as a pastor. Jay, accompanied by his wife Mary Beth, offered words of appreciation to the conference.

P 104 EVOLUTION AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN: A CALL FOR OPEN DIALOGUE - Mark Stewart, chairperson Legislative Section One, moved concurrence as amended by the section 79-16-4. After discussion and prayer P 104 was not approved.

The leadership of the section was introduced and report was given on other legislative action taken by the section

LEGISLATIVE SECTION TWO REPORT – Michelle Wobrak, chairperson of Legislative Section Two introduced the leadership team of the legislative section and gave a report on the actions of the section.

LEGISLATIVE SECTION THREE REPORT – Rob Wilson, chairperson Legislative Section Three introduced the leadership team of the legislative section and gave a report on the actions of the section.

THE ADVANCE – Bruce Griffith, a clergy member of the conference, representing the General Board of Global Ministries spoke about the work of The Advance. Bruce presented Bishop Bickerton with a plaque recognizing Western Pennsylvania for the highest increase in church participation in The Advance in 2009 in the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

YOUTH PRESENTATION – Ben Todd, president of Youth Ministry Team, led the presentation. He announced that the youth SPARK event for 2011 will be held January 14-16 at The Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh. Polly Zilhaver presented The Pineapple Award to Dee Knupp from the Cooper Avenue United Methodist Church in Johnstown. Dale Barnhart described the youth prayer wall ministry and Bishop Bickerton led in prayer with special prayer offered for Terry Kruse, Mackenzie Kruse, the family of Seth McClymonds and Karen West. Emily D'Armond, chairperson of youth caucus presented Bishop Bickerton with a gift of a bottle of clean water and asked members of the conference to contribute towards clean water projects in Africa. In the spirit of Chabadza the Bishop was presented with seven garden hoes in case somebody should want to “work in our field.” Caleb Fugate announced that Saturday is Tray Day and encouraged members of the conference to contribute to the Youth Service Fund.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS MINISTRY TEAM RECOGNITION –Members of the Conference Sessions Ministry Team were invited to the platform and the conference showed their appreciation for their tireless service in preparing for the sessions of Annual Conference. Mark Goswick, Conference Business Manager, presented gifts of a hanging basket and a loaf of bread on a commemorative tray from Wendell August Forge to Bishop and Mrs. Bickerton. Jude Urso presented Steve Morse with a gift in recognition of his years of leadership of conference worship services.

WHOLISTIC SELF-CARE MOMENT – Erin Modliszewski from Highmark led the conference in meditation and relaxation techniques demonstrating that with just 10 minutes a day you can be centered and improve your health.

RETIREMENT MOMENT – Bishop Bickerton presented retiring pastor Terry L. Guiste with a certificate and pin in recognition of his years of service as a pastor. Terry offered words of appreciation to the conference.

RECESS – After prayer the conference was in recess at 12:05 PM.

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Afternoon Session

CALL TO ORDER – Bishop Bickerton called the afternoon session of conference to order at 1:33 PM.

RETIREMENT MOMENT – Bishop Bickerton presented retiring pastor Tom Brown with a certificate and pin in recognition of his years of service as a pastor. Tom, accompanied by his wife Sharon, offered words of appreciation to the conference.

RS 401 FUNDING FOR MINISTRY FOR 2011 – Gary Grau moved concurrence by the section 91-5-0. RS 401 was approved as amended by Joe Stains.

Motions:

Joe Stains, page 418, to amend the title by addition of a “hyphen” and the words “Zimbabwe Partnership” after the words “Global Health”. Approved.

Jeff Bobin – page 413, line 34, Therefore be it resolved that CF&A will present one piece of legislation in 2011 so that there can be meaningful discussion on the full budget. Defeated.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Paul Ritchie announced the audit is complete for 2009 and the conference is in the positive. The audit

is available to pick up at this conference and will be included in the 2010 Conference Journal for reference.

Motion:

Paul Ritchie – That we once again secure the services of the McCall, Scanlon and Tice Auditing Agency to perform the audit for the 2010 Budget. Approved.

GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD – The Golden Sneaker Award was presented to the Kane District for outstanding effort in walking to improve overall health and wellness.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS – Lisa A Grant, Director of Connectional Ministries, invited conference members to participate in one of the five workshops available this afternoon that coincide with our five areas of focus for ministry.

RETIREMENT MOMENT – Bishop Bickerton presented retiring pastor Merrit Edner, and retiring pastor H. Randolph “Rand” Edwards, with a certificate and pin in recognition of their respective years of service as pastors. Merrit, accompanied by his wife Carol, and Rand, accompanied by his wife Leslie, offered words of appreciation to the conference.

RECESS – After prayer the conference was in recess at 2:38 PM.

EVENING SESSION

THE CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY – The conference gathered at 7 PM for The Celebration of Ministry of the Western Pennsylvania Conference. Bishop Bickerton led in worship and Bishop Eben Nhwatiwa of the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area was the preacher. Assisting in the service were William Starr, Robert Penrose, Erwin Kerr, Sharon Schwab and the Conference Choir.

Bishop Bickerton recognized La Mar Carlson during his continuing journey of recovery. La Mar and his wife Rachel were able to be in attendance this evening.

The District Lay Leaders and Certified Lay Ministers were recognized and affirmed. The 2010 Class of Retirees was formally recognized. After being examined through the “Historical Questions” the 2010 Class of Provisional Members were received into membership in the annual conference.

BISHOP’S RECEPTION - Conference members enjoyed fellowship at the Bishop’s Reception in Honor of Bishop Nhwatiwa, Ordinands and Retirees at 9:00 PM.