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Florence Civic Center
Florence, South Carolina
Bishop Jonathan Holston, Presiding

CONFERENCE THEME:
"A More Excellent Way: A Story of Giving, Serving and Loving

The First Day – Sunday Evening
June 9, 2013

Registration: Registration began at 1:30 p.m. at the Florence Civic Center. Each registrant received a conference badge, registration booklet including additional reports and other information, information regarding the Florence area, and a bag to carry their conference items.

Clergy Session: The Clergy Session was called to order by Bishop Jonathan Holston at 5:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall. Bishop Holston opened the meeting with a word of prayer. The Reverend Kenneth L. Nelson, chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, reviewed the work of the Board since the last session of Annual Conference. The Reverend Ken Nelson called upon the Reverend Dr. Ted Walter, Chairperson of the Administrative Review Committee, to review the action of Board of Ordained Ministry in placing the Reverend Grady Bernard Ponds on Involuntary Retirement. Dr. Walter declared that the board followed the provisions of Paragraph 358.3 of the 2012 Book of Discipline, thus the recommendation is properly before the clergy session for action.

The Reverend Mel Arant presented the Business Questions on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Clergy members were presented with a full written report for the questions.

Business questions 37, 38, 40, 41, 46e, 47 and 49 were presented as information and moved to record, as no vote was required. The Consent Calendar, which included Questions 25, 26, 29, 34, 36, 43, 44, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57-59 (statistical data questions calculated after clergy session) was presented on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry by Rev. Arant as Motion 1 of the Clergy Session Memorandum. It was approved by more than two-thirds vote of the Clergy Session.

The Clergy Session acted to approve each of the following Business Questions separately: 18b, 21, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39, 42, 45, 46, 48, 50 and 76. Questions 32, 33, and 50 were approved by more than a two-thirds majority. Question 76 was approved by more than a three-fourths majority.

Following the reading of the names of clergy who had died during the past year, as listed under question 48, Bishop Holston offered prayer in remembrance and appreciation of their service to Annual Conference.

There being no further business, The Reverend Jason Everson offered the closing prayer, and Bishop Holston reminded the members of the evening worship session, thanked them for their presence and participation, and declared the clergy session adjourned.

The materials distributed during the Clergy Session are attached for reference.

Lay Orientation: An Orientation Session was conducted for the Lay Members of the Annual Conference by the Board of Laity at 5:00 PM in the Arena of the Florence Civic Center. The session began with a welcome by Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader. All lay members present were provided information and instruction by the Conference Lay Leader and others concerning the agenda, movement, procedures and parliamentary process of the 2013 Annual Conference. Announcements were made concerning the ordination service, the Laity Luncheon, the conference worship services, additional hand-outs, and the Laity Convocation schedule for later in the summer. Opening and closing hymns were sung.

The **Opening Service of Worship** began at 7:30 PM in the Civic Center with the Bishop Jonathan Holston presiding. The Bishop's sermon entitled "Are You Up to the Challenge?" was based on Mark 8:31-28. The sermon challenged each member of the Conference to be a disciple and to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Bishop Holston used the lyrics of an African American Gospel hymn to ask his congregation the following questions: "Have you got good religion? Have you been baptized? Have you met my Savior?" To which the congregation responded: "Certainly, Certainly, Certainly Lord!" Gathering music was provided by the Lake Junaluska Singers.

The Second Day - Monday Morning June 10, 2013

At 7:30 AM, the Conference began in the Civic Center with a service of **Holy Communion**. Rev. Ricky Howell, director of the Wesley Foundation of Winthrop University, was the celebrant for the service. Howell reminded those in attendance that who we serve is more important than who we are as servants.

At 8:30 AM, Bishop Jonathan Holston called the Conference into order. The Florence District Superintendent, Rev. John Hipp, welcomed conference attendees to the city of Florence and the Florence District.

The Reverend Barbara L. Reid, speaking on behalf of the Conference Committee on the Episcopacy, welcomed Bishop Holston and his wife, Mrs. Felicia B. Holston, to the South Carolina Annual Conference. The presentation included a video of Bishop Holston's journey thus far in the Annual Conference.

The Reverend Karen Radcliffe, Secretary of the Conference, offered a series of organizational motions:

The first motion was to elect the tellers nominated by their District Superintendents for the 2013 Annual Conference session as nominated without reading and to publish their names in the 2013 Conference Journal. The following **clergy tellers** were nominated and elected: The Reverends Jonathan W. Donald, Scottie R. Bramlett, Shawn G. Armstrong, Benjamin Burt, William Wrighten, Anna Miller, Christopher Greene, Ken Nelson, Bob Vincent, John A. Bolin, Pattie E. Gordon, Angela Etheredge-Manly, Matthew Greer, Diane Boyer, Heather Baird, Mat Brewington, Steven R. Jordan, Kimberly N. Evans, Valerie K. Mireb, Nels Ledwell, Kim Eanes, Anthony Alford, James P. Smith, Arthur Rose Jr., Kathryn Scarborough, Bill McCown, Jacqueline Carter-Harris, Arthur Vick, Robert Allen, David Bauknight, Merritt Wentz, Vivian Lingard, Paul Thomas and Andrew Wolfe. The following **lay tellers** were nominated and elected: Diane Snarski, Shelby Henderson, Paige Wheeler, Myron Middleton, Gary Shealy, Francis Hipp, Tommy Glenn, Doreathea Bailey, Myra Nuttall, Carlie McKain, Ed Stallworth, Sylvia Watson, Christine McCoy, Ray McCoy, Cathy Trevino, Albert Davis, Jeffrey Tadlock, Cornelius Nanton, Pam Ashwood, Michael Chapman, Ray Ardis, Sherry Eisom, Jim Smith, Sandy Sindell, Sylvia Landrum, Ted Fansher, Linda Fansher, Alicia Little and Tom Woodward.

The other organizational motions were: that the attendance registers signed at the time of registration be designated the official roll and record of attendance for the 2013 Annual Conference Session; and that the Conference program printed and distributed in the pre-conference materials, along with such scheduling adjustments and additions which the President and the Secretary

have since made, be adopted as the Agenda for the 2013 Annual Conference Session; provided that the President may further adjust the schedule as necessary to expedite the business of the Session. An additional motion set the bar of the Conference. These organizational amendments were approved.

The Reverend Karen Radcliffe also nominated two additional assistant secretaries, the Reverend Angela Ford Nelson and the Reverend Mary Johnson, for the purpose of producing a daily summary of the events of annual conference. This summary will be posted daily, by 10:00 p.m. on the Conference website.

Mr. Willie Robinson, chair of the **Committee on the Standing Rules**, presented two changes to the standing rules of the Conference:

The first amendment IV.B. would include a line item for conference benevolence in the budget of the commission on archives and history. The second amendment would change Conference Outreach to include the conference secretary of global ministries on the Board of Global Ministries. In addition, the editor of the Advocate and a designated member of the Advocate board would be included as ex-officio members of Outreach Ministries. The purpose of these amendments is to bring the Standing Rules in line with Book of Discipline with regard to the programmatic budget of the Commission of Archives and History and the location of the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries and to have the standing rules reflect the relationship between the Advocate and Connectional Ministries. The changes were approved.

Mr. Robinson also presented a change to Rule 57 which would include a statement that there is "an organic relationship between the Advocate and the South Carolina Annual Conference providing the Conference with a comprehensive communications ministry." In addition the Director of Connectional Ministries and a member of the Conference Connectional Outreach Ministries will be ex-officio members of the board. Also, the editor of the Advocate and a member of the Advocate board will be ex-officio members of Conference Connection Outreach Ministries. In addition, an editor of the Advocate will be a member of the Communications Staff of Conference Connectional Ministries. And, the director of Connectional Ministries will be a part of the interviewing process of an editor but without vote. The rationale for this amendment is to have the standing rules reflect the current relationship between the Advocate and Connectional Ministries. These changes were approved.

At 9 AM, **Dr. Viva Fowler** led the conference in a **Bible Study**.

Following a brief break, the session resumed at 9:30. Mr. Joe Heyward and the Reverend Tim McClendon presented four **Constitutional Amendments** that were adopted at General Conference in 2012:

The first amendment would add the word "pray" after "it will" in Division One, Paragraph 6, Article VI. The new amendment would read: This amendment acknowledges God's action in conferring the gift of the Church by including praying for unity among the tasks of the Church.

The second amendment would change Division Two, Section II, Paragraph 14, Article II. The change would be as follows: **After "shall meet" delete "in the month of April or May" and after "duly authorized committees," add a new sentence, "The change in the preceding sentence shall become effective at the close of General Conference in 2016."** This amendment would allow the General Conference to meet at other times during the calendar year on dates better suited for younger delegates and those with parenting responsibilities.

The third amendment changes the 2013 Book of Discipline, Division Two, section VI, Paragraph 32, Article I as follows: **After "director of Lay" delete "Speaking" and add "Servant."** This proposed amendment removes the connotation that leadership training is only about preaching in order to develop skills and enhance the spiritual gifts of the laity.

The fourth amendment would change the 2012 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VII, Paragraph 40, Article I as follows: **Delete the first two words, "Changes in" and following "Episcopal areas," delete "may be effected" and add "shall be determined" and after "and the central conferences" add "The authority of jurisdictional and central conferences provided herein is not circumscribed or limited by the authority provided to the College of Bishops to arrange a plan of Episcopal supervision."** The rationale for this amendment is to give the power of boundary decisions to jurisdictional and central conferences, bodies that include lay persons.

Each amendment was voted on by ballot and the voting on individual amendments was not announced. It will, however, be included with the votes from other Annual Conferences to determine whether each Amendment is approved.

Following the voting, the Reverend Kenneth L. Nelson presented the report of the **Board of Ordained Ministry**. He said that the goal of the Board is to help to produce congregational leaders who have God-sized visions. In addition, he said that laity support is needed to support clergy in these efforts. Rev. Nelson

recognized those who will be commissioned and ordained during the Monday Evening worship service.

During the presentation, the following were licensed as **Local Pastors**: Louis Randolph Ashley, Kevin Richard Bishop, Grayson Louis Blackwell Sr., Wallace Michael Burgess, Tracy Paulette Colleton-Glover, Grady William Corder, Gregory Phillip Davis, Scott Stephen Gilmer, Bette Ann Hedden, Sean Michael Kilpatrick, James Stewart McDowell, Darrell Christopher McNeill, Clarence L. Mitchell, Colin Alfred Moore, James Lawson Morgan, Briant Stanley Mungo, Lynn Griggs Pennington, Michael Steven Phares, Fredericka Whaley Phipps, Justin Lee Ritter, Edward Tyler Strange, Thomas Michael Summerlin, William Lewis Thompson, Steven Matthew Turner, Robert Harry Walker Jr., James Williams and Michael David Wood.

The Policy Guidelines of the Board of Ordained Ministry were distributed to Conference attendees. The guidelines were updated to bring the policies in line with the 2012 Book of Discipline. Rev. Nelson made the motion to accept the guidelines. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the guidelines were approved.

Rev. Nelson recognized the work of Mrs. Bonnie Speas in her work with the Board of Ordained Ministry. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and other gifts in recognition for her faithful service in the position for 12 years, and in honor of her retirement.

At 10:35, the Conference heard a report from Ms. Gabrielle Johnson, a senior at Bennett College, speaking on behalf of the **Black College Fund**. She shared her experiences and the importance of the Black College Fund in her education.

Mr. Curtis Young presented the report of the **Committee on Nominations**. He presented several changes in the list of nominations and opened the floor for additional nominations. The Reverend Roger Gramling raised a concern about the nominations presented on pages 91 and 92 of the Conference Reports. He stated that those nominations do not conform to Standing Rule 47 which requires identifying candidates who are United Methodist. At the conclusion of the report, attendees were reminded that the nominations will be voted on Wednesday. (Nominations will be included in the report from Wednesday).

At 10:55 am, the Reverend Karen Radcliffe, Secretary of Conference, made a report on the **Consent Calendar**. She indicated that those who wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar need to complete a form prior to Wednesday. On Wednesday, the Consent Calendar will be voted on.

The Reverend David C. Surrent made the report for the **Council on Finance and Administration**. He reported that Bishop Holston charged the council with

the goal of improving the percentage of apportionments paid by five percent in 2013. He presented the overall budget recommendation for 2014. The total budget is \$16,602,092 which is a 1.5 percent decrease from 2013. Report 2 on the Conference Benevolence Fund and Report 3 on the Conference Administration Fund also show decreases over the 2013 numbers.

In Report 4, the recommended salary for district superintendents is \$94,217. In addition, a change was made in the office (\$30,000) and parsonage (\$45,000) for the Greenwood District to reflect the purchase of new facilities. Report 5 recognizes Special Days in the church. In addition, the report includes additional opportunities to give above and beyond apportionments to support ministries.

Report 6 shows a decrease in budgets for Senior College Scholarship Fund, Spartanburg Methodist College and Methodist Homes Residents' Assistance Fund. An additional \$13,200 is included in the asking for Campus Ministry. Report 7 shows that the Council on Finance and Administration has approved a goal of moving toward a reduced total Annual Conference Budget of 15 percent of the Total Conference Average Net Funds by budget year 2015.

On Wednesdays, these reports will be voted on.

Rev. Dr. Marvin Caldwell presented the report of the **Committee on Resolutions and Appeals**. He presented the resolutions that were included in the pre-conference materials and announced two additional resolutions: (1) Eradicating Poverty in South Carolina and (2) Responding to the Proposed Changes to High School Equivalency Tests. He stated that additional resolutions can be presented during Annual Conference but 2000 copies of the resolution are required for distribution. In addition, the "Resolution on Minimally Adequate Education," that was included in the pre-conference materials, has been replaced with an updated version. On Wednesday, these resolutions, and others, will be voted on.

The Reverend John Culp announced that a trip is being planned to visit Africa University. The trip is planned for January 13-20, 2014. Reverend Culp invited everyone to get involved with Africa University.

Bishop Holston reported that one of the nominations that was received earlier changed the balance of clergy and lay representation on a committee. Additional nominations were taken for a layperson to fill this position.

Reverend Karen Radcliffe announced that Cokesbury has a store at the Annual Conference this year. In addition, she reminded delegates that the Conference is streaming live this year.

Following a prayer offered by the Reverend Joe Long, Bishop Holston adjourned the session for a lunch break.

Monday Afternoon, The Second Day

Bishop Holston called the afternoon session into order and opened the session with prayer.

Rev. Jeremy Howell presented the report from the **Commission on Equitable Compensation**. In Report 2.A, the Commission is asking for a line item of \$425,000, which represents a reduction over the previous Year. Howell made a motion to adopt the report. Bishop Holston called for a vote and it was approved.

Rev. Howell also introduced Report 2.B. on the minimum compensation for clergy. The proposed pastor salaries represent a 2.5 percent increase and it is the first increase in several years. Howell moved for the adoption of the report. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

In Report 2.F., the Commission added language to clarify the presentation of grants. In Report 2H, the Commission made some minor changes to the language of the information for cooperative parishes. In **Report 2.K.**, the Commission asked to change the “floor” of the reserve fund from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Rev. Howell moved for the adoption of **Report 2** in its entirety. Bishop Holston called for the vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Howell moved for the adoption of **Report 3** in its entirety. Bishop Holston called for the vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Howell moved for the adoption the report of the Commission on Equitable Finance with the exception of the arrearage policy. Bishop Holston called for the vote and the report was approved.

Following the vote, Rev. Howell presented the **Arrearage Policy for the South Carolina Annual Conference**. This policy lays out a procedure for situations when a church is unable to meet the salary obligation of a pastor. Rev. Howell moved for adoption of the policy. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the policy was approved.

Herman Lightsey presented the report of **Pensions and Health Benefits** and proposed changes in the clergy pension program. This represents a change for both full-time and part-time clergy. He reported that health insurance costs were expected to rise by 8 percent and the deductible would be raised from \$750 to \$1,000 to offset these costs. The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits is asking the conference for permission to make changes in the interim

between Conferences. In addition, changes will be made in the retiree health care plans in an effort to reduce the unfunded liability to the conference.

Rev. David Anderson then presented the individual reports for Pensions and Health Benefits. **Report One.A.** would fix \$720 per service year as the rate for annuity payments to retired ministers under the Supplement One of the Clergy Retirement Security Plan. **Report One.D.** states that pastors must contribute one percent in the United Methodist Personal Investment Account to receive the three percent defined contribution portion. Rev. Anderson moved to adopt the report. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Anderson then made the presentation of reports for the Group Insurance Section. **Report One** sets those who are eligible for coverage in the insurance plan. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Following the vote, Rev. Anderson presented **Report Two** which deals with Major Medical Insurance Benefits. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Report Three stated that the Conference will offer Post 65 retirees two group Medicare supplement options through the AmWINS group. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Anderson presented **Report Four** on Administrative Procedures. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved. **Report Five** offered the Group Health Insurance Operating Budget. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Anderson then presented **Report Six** which presents the 2013 Group Health Costs. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Conference delegates then received a report on the **Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan**. South Carolina is one of the first three conferences to have this program approved by the General Board's Pension and Benefits Committee. Rev. Anderson made the motion that this report be approved. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Anderson then made the motion that the entire report be approved as presented. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Following this report, at 2:50 pm, the Conference watched a video from the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits concerning its programs and partnerships.

Bishop Holston recognized Dr. James Blassingame, president of the Baptist E&M Convention in South Carolina, who is in attendance at the Conference. Bishop Holston also recognized the Deaconess movement.

Dave Braddon made a report to the conference on the **United Methodist Publishing House**. He stated that it was an interesting time to make this report since the Publishing House is undergoing changes. He stated the Publishing House is the oldest of our General Agencies. Braddon reported on the decision to close Cokesbury's brick and mortar stores and to focus on other distribution channels. Cokesbury is now concentrating on catalog sales, Web sales, community resource consultants and special events. Bishop Holston asked the Conference to receive the report as information and it was approved.

Following a brief recess, the Conference reconvened at 3:15 pm. Following the break, delegates watched a video from the Native America Committee.

Following the video, Rev. Paul Harmon presented the report of the **District Study Task Force**. He stated that as this committee began its study there was a wide range of views on the number of districts and superintendents. The committee studied a wide range of situations in Conferences across the United States and particularly in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The task force recommends that no changes be made to the current arrangement of districts in South Carolina. In addition, the task force recommends that the Bishop and Extended Cabinet continue to pursue ways in which the District Offices can be more effective in helping local churches make disciples. Rev. Harmon made the motion that the report be accepted. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Rev. Dickie Knight and Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray presented the **Cabinet Report**. Rev. Knight began by recognizing the members of the Cabinet and Extended Cabinet. Rev. Knight thanked Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor for her work as Bishop for eight years in South Carolina. Rev. Leonard-Ray recalled the election of Bishop Holston on the first ballot at Jurisdictional Conference. She described Bishop Holston as a servant-leader and the excitement that came with news that he was assigned to South Carolina as Bishop.

Rev. Knight stated that Bishop Holston has worked to connect with South Carolina Methodists since his arrival. Listening sessions with Bishop Holston have been held in every district.

Rev. Knight presented some of the issues that churches and the Conference are facing: (1) issues related to direct billing; (2) the development of a plan of ministry for South Carolina; (3) the effectiveness of clergy and congregations; and (4) challenging our pastors and congregations to reach 92 percent of apportionment giving. Bishop Holston has stated our goal is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Leonard-Ray reported on the changes in the Book of Discipline as related to function of District Superintendents. District Superintendents are now called to be the chief mission strategists of the district.

Rev. Knight challenged the delegates to be in prayer for the Conference, for our Bishop and for what is happening in South Carolina.

Rev. Knight made a motion to move the report of the Cabinet into the record. Bishop Holston called for the vote and it was approved.

Rev. Sara White and Rev. Ken Owens presented the **Report of Congregational Development**. Rev. Owens talked about the exciting opportunities and dreams of congregational development.

Rev. White shared information on the proposed programs that have been presented to the office of Congregational Development. Those programs include new shared ministry pairings, possible new congregation starts and leadership development opportunities, among others.

The committee, in its report, is working to create “New Places for New People.” It describes its work as serving as an intentional partner with local churches. According to its report, two projects of Congregational Development have reached the end of their funding and remain strong United Methodist presences in their communities.

Rev. White made the motion that the report be approved by the Annual Conference. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the report was approved.

Following the vote, delegates watched a video on the **Rural Mission** in South Carolina.

Royya James presented a report from United Methodist Communications on **Rethink Church**. James stated that the Rethink Church effort is now in its fifth year and the program is using current technology to share the message of the church. Efforts during the seasons of Lent and Advent have attempted to meet people where they are and encourage them to explore faith. James presented

information on outreach programs and event grants that have encouraged thousands of people to Rethink Church.

James Salley offered a report on **Africa University**. He reported that the Conference “invested” 90 percent of its apportionment to Africa University funding in 2012. He stated that the apportionment for Africa University accounts for approximately 29 cents per member of the Conference each year. Salley shared stories of how the investment in Africa University is changing lives.

Following the report from African University, the delegates viewed a video on the **United Methodist Men’s National Gathering**.

Rev. Tim McClendon reported on **Charge-Line Changes** as follows:

- **Anderson District:** Dissolve the Hopewell-Zion Charge and make each church a station church.
- **Columbia District:** Dissolve the Gilbert Charge and make Gilbert and Rehoboth station churches.
- **Florence District:** Dissolve the Ebenezer-Old Johnsonville Charge and make each church a station church.
- **Greenville District:** Dissolve the Dunean-Brandon Charge and make each church a station church.
- **Greenwood District:** Discontinue Calvary from the Calvary-Mt. Carmel-Ninety Six Charge and make Mt. Carmel a station church.
- **Hartsville District:** (1) Dissolve the Ruby Charge, attach Beth to Ebenezer and attach Friendship to Mt. Croghan to form new charge. (2) Dissolve the Pine Grove-Epworth Charge, make Pine Grove a station church, make Twitty a station church and attach Indian Branch to Epworth to form a new charge.
- **Marion District:** (1) Dissolve the Blenheim Circuit and make Parnassus a station church, attach Manning Chapel to Oakland to form a new charge. (2) Discontinue Old Galilee from the Bennettsville Parish. (3) Dissolve the Antioch-Poplar Charge, make Antioch a station church and attach Poplar to Salem to form a new charge. (4) Dissolve the Joseph B. Bethea-Salem Charge, make Joseph B. Bethea a station church and attach Salem to Poplar to form a new charge. (5) Dissolve the Ebenezer-Wampee Charge and make each church a station charge. (6) Dissolve the Lake View Charge, make Hopewell a station church and attach Lake View to Union to form a new charge.
- **Orangeburg District:** Dissolve the Franklin-Orange Grove Charge and make each church a station church.
- **Spartanburg District:** (1) Dissolve the St. Luke-Beaumont Charge and make each church a station church. (2) Realign the Foothills Charge and create the Chesnee-Fingerville Charge.

Each of the district charge line changes was approved by the Conference.

Following the vote on charge lines, delegates watched a video on **Killingsworth**.

The Monday afternoon session was adjourned by Bishop Holston at 4:45 PM.