

The Second Day - Monday Evening June 10, 2013

The Service of Commissioning and Ordination was held in the Civic Center at 7:30 pm. Bishop Jonathan Holston presided, preached a sermon titled, "What's Love Got to Do with It?" based on Matthew 22:34-40. Music was provided by the Chancel Choirs of Bethel and John Wesley United Methodist Churches, Charleston, South Carolina. The Extended Cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Clergy Sponsors participated in the service.

During the service, the following persons were Commissioned as Provisional **Deacons**: Adrienne Hamm Fink, Bernett William Mazyck, Martha Ann Nichols, Margaret Hughey Wilkes; and as **Provisional Elders**: Megan Danielle Augustine, Yon Taek Bae, Frances Sarah Connell, Jerry Lewis Dicks, Robert Fitzgerald Gilbert, Jonathan David Harris, Laura Allen Kerlin, Kevin Bruce Lindley, Troy Lane Metzner, Blondell Stephenson Miller, Christopher Lee Thompson, James Elbert Williams, Joseph Alva Wilson, II.

The following persons were received as **Associate Members**: Daniel Ray Smyth, Myrna Kay Westfall.

The following persons were ordained as **Elders**: Laura Ramsey Bratton, Donald Ralph Brown, Michelle Dellinger Cockcroft, Jason Daniel Everson, Fadetra Deonka Harrington, Judith Ann Knox, Alice Elaine MacKeil, David Dean McManus, Jr., Kurt Anthony McPherson, Richard Hancock Reames, Davie Demetrius Sanders, Jr., Frederick Johnson Shephard, Steven Paul Simoneaux, Jr., Scott Walker Smoak, Ryan Greason Spurrier, Calvin Burdell Washington.

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At 7:30 a.m. the Awards Breakfast was held in the Pee Dee room. The following awards were presented by the Reverend J.C. Lane on behalf of Connectional Ministries:

Bicentennial Churches (*Founded 1813*): Nazareth UMC, Saluda, Greenwood District, Emory-Nazareth Charge, Jerusalem UMC, Elloree, Orangeburg District, Elloree Charge, Zion UMC, Prosperity, Greenwood District, Mount Elon UMC, Jefferson, Hartsville District, Jefferson Parish, Center UMC, Mullins, Marion District, Center- Nichols, Tranquil Charge

Centennial Churches (*Founded 1913*): Oak Grove UMC, Swansea, Orangeburg District, Calvary-Oak Grove Charge, Wilkes Chapel UMC, Cheraw, Hartsville District, Wilkes Chapel-Bethesda
Dunean UMC, Greenville, Greenville District, Dunean-Brandon Charge, Cayce UMC, Cayce, Columbia District

The Bishop's 5 Star Award of Excellence, which is an award given to provide incentive for churches to annually embrace new ministries specifically geared toward growth and outreach. It is designed to enable churches of all sizes to receive recognition. Five Star churches meet the following criteria: Increased Sunday School attendance by 5%, developed a new ministry that impacts youth, have a "new work" program that impacts growth, have a 1% increase for members who are received by profession of faith, paid all apportionments in full for 2012 or increased apportionment payments by 25% over those paid in 2011. The award was presented to the following churches:

Church	Pastor
Aaron Temple UMC, Bennettsville	Rev. Sharon B. Weeks
Advent UMC	Rev. Michael A. Turner
Asbury UMC, Shiloh	Rev. Pattie Elaine Gordon
Bethel UMC	Rev. Todd Davis
Bethel UMC	Rev. Cindy S. Shaw
Boone Hill UMC	Rev. Kelli W. Taylor
Broad Street UMC	Rev. Dr. Kitty C. Holtzclaw
Chapin UMC	Rev. Jody Flowers
Cherokee Springs UMC, Liberty Charge	Rev. Brian Arant
Clemson UMC	Keith D. Ray II
Damascus UMC	Rev. Hope Avins
First UMC - Clover	Rev. Tommy Wilkes
First UMC - Laurens	Rev. Alice Mackeil
Greater St. Paul UMC	Rev. Alfonza Jones, Sr.
Hemingway First UMC	Rev. Milton L. McGuirt
John Wesley UMC, Charleston	Rev. Gary Phillips, Sr.
Lake Point UMC	Rev. Jerry L. Dicks
Lawrence Chapel UMC	Rev. Peggy Garland
Lebanon UMC	Rev. Dr. Mark Williams
Liberty UMC, Liberty Charge	Rev. Brian Arant

Church	Pastor
Little River UMC	Rev. Stuart R. Smith
Mauldin UMC	Rev. C. E. Kanipe
Mays UMC	Rev. LaSheila Mack Wyatt
Mt. Carmel UMC	Rev. Shirley P. Gordon
Mt. Zion UMC, Bishopville	Rev. Angela Ford Nelson
New Life UMC	Rev. Dwight A. Nelson, Sr.
Saint James UMC	Rev. Charlie Thomas
Shandon UMC	Rev. Julie Songer-Belman
St. John UMC, Shiloh	Rev. Pattie Elaine Gordon
St. John UMC, Sumter	Rev. J. Robert Huggins
St. Luke UMC, Walhalla	Rev. Richard Reams
Surfside UMC	Rev. Dr. Scott H. Watcher
Tabernacle UMC	Rev. Heather B. Humphries
Trenton UMC	Rev. Cheryl D. Toothe
Trinity UMC, Greenwood	Rev. LaSheila Wyatt
Trinity Conway UMC	Rev. Sandra Stevens Poirel
Wesley UMC, Hartsville	Rev. Fran M. Elrod
Wesley UMC, Pinopolis	Rev. Lee C. Bines
Wightman UMC	Rev. Dean Lollis

The Bishop's Award of Excellence is established for the purpose of recognizing congregations and units within the United Methodist Church that extend their ministry to children and youth by creating a faith based environment for children, youth, their families and their leaders to participate in Girl Scouts of the USA and Boy Scouts of America. The United Methodist Men of South Carolina join with Bishop Holston in recognizing Scouting Ministry as an important part of the Church's total ministry because of who is involved, ALL God's children. These children will learn of God's love from those servants who model their faith. Scouting affords many opportunities for ministry from the church's buildings to camping in God's creation. Those involved become part of a worldwide identity in the local community influencing youth positively for Christ. Not only are the youth ministered to, the adults also are afforded ministry to each other. This award was presented to the following churches:

Charleston District

Stallsville UMC

Rev. David James, Pastor

Rolland Fitch, II, Scouting Coordinator

Girl Scout Troop 53

Cub Scout Pack 750

Boy Scout Troop 750

Columbia District

Red Bank UMC

Rev. W. Russell Freeman, Sr., Pastor

Robin Smith, Scouting Coordinator

Girl Scout Troop 2323

Girl Scout Troop 1030

Cub Scout Pack 518

Boy Scout Troop 518

Florence District

Shiloh Charge (Asbury & St. John UMC)

Rev. Pattie E. Gordon, Pastor

Beverly Washington, Scouting Coordinator

Girl Scout Troop 517

Greenville District

Buncombe Street UMC

Rev. Jerry Temple, Pastor

David Stubbs, Scouting Coordinator

Boy Scout Troop 9

Orangeburg District

Trinity UMC

Rev. Larry D. McCutcheon, Pastor

Ernest Nimmons, Scouting Coordinator

Cub Scout Pack 190

Boy Scout Troop 190

The Herbert Hucks Award is presented to local churches and publications who celebrate the history of the church. This year's awards were presented to the following: Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Rev. Heather Humphries, Pastor, Shandon United Methodist, Columbia, Rev. Dr. Michael Guffee, Pastor, Pisgah United Methodist, Aynor, Rev. Jane Pearce, Pastor, Mountain View United Methodist, Taylors, Rev. Judith Alford, Pastor, Asbury Memorial United Methodist, Columbia, Rev. Steve McCormick Pastor, Little River United Methodist, Little River, Rev. Randy Smith. The 2013 Individual Award was

presented to Rev. Franklin B. Buie, and the Publication Award was presented to the Advocate for their book: *In The World, not of the World: 175 years of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate* written by Michael Wolfe.

The Francis Asbury Award recognizes excellence in and support of higher education ministries within The United Methodist Church. This year's recipient is Rev. Lane Glaze

The Denman Evangelism Award, honors people, both lay and clergy, who are effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ. This can involve speaking, personal witnessing, or inspiring the church to be involved in evangelism. Nominees' lifestyles bring honor to Christ and the Church in ways that are in keeping with the United Methodist history and traditions. This award was presented to Davis Crews, Youth recipient, Kit Adkins, Lay recipient, and the Reverend Dr. Robert Howell, Jr., Clergy recipient.

The Joseph B. Bethea Distinguished Service Award is presented to a person who has performed outstanding service in working for racial justice. This award was presented to Mr. Willie McLaughlin.

Barbara Boultinghouse Bridgebuilders Award, which is presented annually to one person or organization of the South Carolina Annual Conference who has built bridges of understanding by promoting the equity and inclusiveness of all persons, without regard to race, gender, age, handicap or economic condition was presented to: Mr. Henry Brunson

Michael C. Watson Volunteer in Mission Award is presented annual to one clergy and one lay person who has exemplified extraordinary volunteer mission service in the South Carolina Conference. The award was presented to: Ms. Sonya Floyd.

The following **Students In Mission (SIM)** were recognized: Alice Griffeth, Erica Lowery, Antonio Martin, Javon Etheredge, Keifer Whitt, Jennifer Hall, Sean Thrasher, Octavio Goio.

Bishop Holston called the session into order at 9:00 am.

A motion was made to suspend Standing Rule 71 to allow for the distribution of an update of the **Resolution to Prohibit Guns at Church-Sponsored Activities**. Bishop Holston called for a vote and the motion was approved to allow tellers to distribute the new resolution.

Ms. Cynthia B. Williams, Conference convener, and the Reverend Kathy James presented the report for **Connectional Ministries**. The report included a

glimpse of the ministry and opportunities available through Connectional Ministries including basketball tournaments, Salkehatchie summer service, campus ministries and many others. The Reverend Emily Scales Sutton and the Reverend Richard Reames spoke on behalf of efforts for immigration reform and challenged delegates to get involved.

Ms. Williams reported on the actions of UMCOR and UMVIM and the efforts to respond to disasters. This year has been a year of training and working toward a disaster response plan, Ms. Williams stated.

Ms. Williams reported on the Special Days for 2014 and The South Carolina Advance Special Ministries for 2014. A new addition this year is P.A.T.H. (People Attempting to Help), a mission to help those in need in York County.

Ms. Williams reported on the role of Congregational Specialists who have the task of assisting local churches to make disciples for the transformation of the world. The delegates heard reports from those who have worked with Congregational Specialists. The Reverend Barry Cannon Edgefield UMC and Mr. Ron Young of Augusta Road UMC in Greenville shared their experiences.

Ms. Williams made the motion to accept the report.

The Reverend John Culp made a motion that the Conference give \$65,000 with \$5,000 going to each of the following missions: Alston Wilkes Society, the Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry, Bethlehem Community Center-Columbia, Bethlehem Community Center-Spartanburg, Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center, Interfaith Community Services Inc., Killingsworth Inc., Rural Mission Inc., The Cooperative Ministry, The Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, United Ministries of Greenville, and Wallace Family Life Center. These funds would come from Emerging Ministries' line item with the distribution beginning June 24, 2013. The Reverend Culp spoke in favor of the effort and importance of supporting these ministries.

The Reverend Charles Johnson made the motion to refer the motion to the Connection Ministries and allow them to address it. The motion was seconded.

Ms. Ann Walter spoke against the motion from Rev. Johnson and asked for the delegates to consider the motion made by Rev. Culp.

The Reverend Larry McCutcheon asked for an explanation of the Emerging Ministries fund. The Reverend Kathy James explained that this fund includes some unused program funds and she said there are some plans to use some of these funds. The Reverend Jack Washington spoke against the motion from Rev. Johnson.

The Reverend Francis Connell questioned the order of the motions before the conference. She questioned the order of the motion to accept the report prior to the motion from Rev. Culp. She also questioned whether Rev. Culp's motion could be discussed since budget questions are to be addressed on Wednesday. Bishop Holston explained that all motions are properly before the Conference.

Mr. Parker Everett questioned whether the motion to refer could be acted upon. Rev. Culp asked the delegates to take action now and not refer it back to committee.

The Reverend George Olive spoke in motion of the motion to refer. The Reverend Connie Barnes spoke against the referral.

Bishop Holston called for a vote on the motion to refer and it is defeated.

The Reverend David McManus spoke in favor of using the funds to help those who need these ministries and missions. The Reverend Diane Moseley, the director of Killingsworth Home, spoke in favor of Rev. Culp's motion. A question was asked as to which ministries would be excluded from the motion since 15 are listed in Conference reports.

Ms. Emily Rogers spoke against the amending stating that the Conference has a budgeting process. The Reverend Amari Hooker asked how groups that are approved as emerging ministries would receive less funding because of this motion.

The Reverend Keith Ray offered a substitute motion that directs Connectional ministries to work in consultation with CF&A to find a way to present to the annual conference each year a way to gift up to half of the Emerging Motions fund each year to ministries. The Reverend Ray said that he wanted to seek a longer term solution that offers more than just a one-time gift.

The Reverend Culp spoke against the substitute motion and called for action now to help these ministries and missions.

Bishop Holston called for a vote on the substitute motion and it is defeated.

The Reverend Mike Henderson spoke against the motion and urged local churches to get involved in supporting the ministries listed in Reverend Culp's motion.

The Reverend John Hipp questioned whether an amendment was in order and asked whether the Conference is voting on 13 ministries for \$65,000 or 15

ministries for \$75,000. The Reverend Kathy James stated that there are actually 14 Advance Special ministries.

Bishop Holston called for a vote on the motion from Rev. Culp. The motion was approved.

Bishop Holston called for a vote on the Connectional Ministries report and it was approved.

The motion is that the South Carolina United Methodist Conference give \$65,000 to the Advance Special Ministries of the South Carolina Conference designating \$5,000 to each of the 13 ministries. This \$65,000 will come from Emerging Ministries (31545) of the Council on Ministries. The distribution of the \$65,000 will begin June 24, 2013.

The Reverend John Hipp closed the session with prayer.

After a brief recess, the Conference held the **Retirement Recognition Service** presided by Bishop Jonathan Holston. The service included a video message from several of the retiring pastors. Those retiring included: Alton Melton Arant, Sr., Philip Loren Bostrom, Twitty Lee Bryant, Jr., James Bowen Carter, Philip Evan Chandler, Joe Darsey Durham., George Ronald Gain, Joyce Arlene Hendry, John Emory Holler, Jr., Larry Richard Hyder, William Simon James, Elizabeth Jane Driver Jenkins, Angelin Jones Simmons, Roberta Cabbagestalk Josey, Phil Clyde Lavender, Carolyn Rampley Malphrus, Edward Homer McDowell, Jr., James Rochelle McGee, John Walter, Mims, Louis Marion Mims, Jr., Forest Dean Mixon, James Elliott Moore, Steven Douglas Morgan, James Michael Morris, George Everette Olive, Carol McGinty Rawlinson, Jimmy Michael Ridenhour, George William Scott, Mary Ann Snowden, William Henderson Tanner, Jr., Samuel Simpson Warwick. Ad-Interim Retirees included: John Melvin Bell, Katherine Halsey Bostrom, Curtis Edsel Wells, Toni Louis White. Honorable Location Retiree included: George Mowry Workman. The Reverend Angelin Jones Simmons (Retiring) and the Reverend Scott Walter Smoak (Entering) represented the classes in the service of "Passing of the Mantle."

Following the lunch break, the Annual Conference reconvened at 2:00 pm with **the Memorial Service**. The Liturgist for the service was Bishop Holston. The Opening Song was "How Firm a Foundation." The Reverend Lillian H. Washington preached the sermon entitled, A Celebration of Life, based on Philippians 1:12-21. The following deceased ministers, spouses and others were remembered during the service:

Active Ministers: Jerry Mitchell James. **Retired Ministers:** D. Anita Bozardt, James Monroe Bradley, Jr., James Wakefield "Jim" Covington, Iverson Graham,

Jr., James Arthur Graham, Sr., Charles Ariel Graves, William Thomas Holroyd, Edward Lawrence Mainous, Edward Crosland McLeod, Thomas Leonard McMinn, Jr., George Clay Owens, Charles Gate Pfeiffer, Thomas Glenn Rogers, Mary Alice Eskew Rowell, Robert Bradford Way, George Wightman Whitaker, Jr., Lewe Scott Woodham. **Spouses:** Margaret Ann Williams Dudley, Mildred Ammons Fields, Betty Ellen Hucks Harris, Cynthia Yvonne Reynolds, Betty Roper Strother, **Surviving Spouses:** Bliss Janette Stanton Amspacher, Clara Bright Cole, Thelma Lloyd DuBois, Gwen Sanders Gosnell, Carol McDaniel Hipp, Susan Lallage Blanton Jones, Alma Combs Shepherd, Lillie Mae Shumpert, Mary Ellen McKee Turner, Dorothy Eileen Zoller. **Others:** Alonzo Clark Jenkins.

Tuesday afternoon -- The Third Day

Bishop Holston called the afternoon session into order at 3:30 PM. At the opening of the session, Bishop Holston recognized Bishop Jack Meadors who is in attendance at the Conference.

Bishop Meadors greeted the Conference and said it was a pleasure to be back in Conference where he was raised.

Barbara Ware presented the **Conference Lay Leader and Lay Leadership Committee Report**. Ms. Ware reported that the Conference is already experiencing the fruits of the new connectional ministry structure. Lay Leadership covers four areas of focus: Lay Servant Ministries, Leadership Development, Spiritual Formation and Stewardship.

Mr. Donald Love reported on the success of the luncheon at Annual Conference to honor local church ministries. He said that 24 churches reported missions and were recognized during the luncheon. Mr. Love recognized Ms. Brenda Hook for her service in lay ministry.

The report includes a video presentation on Lay Ministry in the Conference.

Ms. Ware made the motion that the report be approved by the Conference.

Ms. Linda Durant, representing the United Methodist Women, honored the Reverend Lillian Washington. Ms. Durant said that Rev. Washington has represented UMW to the Cabinet for the past eight years and she has been a faithful servant.

Bishop Holston called for a vote to approve the report and it was approved.

Ms. Martha Thompson presented the report on the **Pan-Methodist Campaign for Children in Poverty**. Ms. Thompson said that this is one of the new

"emerging ministries" in South Carolina with partnership with other Methodist denominations. The goal of the campaign is to (1) renew and empower the efforts of Methodist churches, agencies, and seminaries already serving children and youth at risk to poverty; and (2) Challenge and enable all Methodist churches and seminaries to establish ministries to children and youth at risk to poverty. She urged delegates to be concerned about those in poverty and to get involved. Her report concluded with a video presentation on the Pan-Methodist Campaign for Children in Poverty.

Bishop Holston called for a vote to approve the report and it was approved.

Dr. Albert Moseley, the president of Gammon Theological School, presented the report for the **United Methodist Theological Schools**. He reported on the 13 United Methodist seminaries and theological schools throughout the U.S. and the graduates who serve in ministry in all areas. He thanked the Conference for its support of theological education the Ministerial Education Fund through the apportionments line item. He recognized graduates of Gammon Theological Seminary who have made an impact in the South Carolina Annual Conference. In addition, Dr. Moseley shared the efforts of Gammon to make an impact on the community and world.

The Reverend Lisa Hawkins offered the report for the **Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry**. She described the Wesley Fellowships as an opportunity to remain connected during college years. In addition, Rev. Hawkins said that Wesley Fellowships become an avenue for students to hear a calling to ministry. Her report included a video presentation on campus ministry in South Carolina. Rev. Hawkins shared information on the SIM (Students in Ministry) program. This program allows students to serve in ministry opportunities and encourages them to grow in faith.

Mr. Les Pritchard, chair of the Board of Camps and Retreat Ministries, offered the **Report of Camps and Retreats**. Mr. Pritchard reported that the camps and retreats are financial strong and that the group is reporting growth in the number of campers and those attending retreats. Mr. Arthur Spriggs thanked the Conference for all that it does to assist the Camps and Retreats Ministries. He thanked those who participated in the golf tournament to raise funds for the ministry. Mr. Spriggs presented the District Trophy from the golf tournament to the Florence District. Mr. Spriggs said the committee is still in discussion on plans for the Sewee property. He shared the importance for camps and the impact camps make on the lives of children.

Mr. Pritchard made the motion that the Conference accept the report. Bishop Holston called for a vote and it was approved.

The Reverend Mike Alexander presented the report for **Wofford College**. Rev. Alexander introduced Dr. Nayef Samhat, the 11th president of Wofford College, who was unanimously elected by the Wofford Board of Trustees. Dr. Samhat begins his duties on July 1, 2013. Rev. Alexander described Dr. Samhat as being passionate about education as well as warm, caring and approachable. Dr. Samhat thanked the Conference for its support and said that he is looking forward to working with the Conference in the future.

Rev. Mike Bowers of Spartanburg District asked for a moment of personal privilege. He spoke on behalf of the work being done at Spartanburg Methodist College. Rev. Bowers shared some of the accomplishments of the school in terms of academics and athletics.

Ms. Kay Crowe presented the report of the **Conference Chancellor**. Ms. Crowe encouraged churches to look at the deeds of their church property in light of a recent court decision in South Carolina. In addition, Ms. Crowe encouraged churches to continue to look at the issue of incorporation. She moved that the report be accepted by the Conference. Bishop Holston called for a vote and it was approved.

The Reverend John Holler presented the report of **Epworth Children's Home**. He thanked the Conference for its support of the Children's Home. For the first time, Epworth reached its goal of annual giving from local churches. Rev. Holler reported that 100 percent of Epworth's high school seniors graduated this year, 45 percent of all students at Epworth were on their school's honor roll and every child was promoted. The delegates watched a video for Epworth Children's Home featuring the Reverend Ken Nelson who shared the impact of Epworth in his life.