

Monday Afternoon -- The Second Day

Bishop Holston called the Conference back into session at 2:30 PM.

Delegates participated in the second ballot for General Conference Delegates.

The results of ballot two were announced. The **Reverend Timothy McClendon** and the **Reverend Ken Nelson** were elected as clergy delegates.

Following the vote, the clergy were asked to reconsider the previous motion for the Bishop to read only the names of those receiving 50 or more votes.

Wendy Houston Jacobs made a motion that the Bishop only read the names of all clergy who receive 25 or more votes. It was approved.

The **Reverend Wayne Horne** presented the report for the **Board of Ordained Ministry**. Rev. Horne pointed to the use of technology and how that is a part of the world in which we seek to minister. He recognized those who are members of the Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry.

The **Reverend Jim Arant** recognized John Farhney for completing the Professional Certification in Youth Ministry and Val Kenney for completing the Paraprofessional Certification in Youth Ministry.

Rev. Horne presented those who will be commissioned and ordained during the Ordination Worship services. Those presented as **Provisional Elders**: Eugene Aaron Aiken, Lawrence, Cantey, James Derrick Cattenhead, Meredith Marie Dark, Kristen Marie Dollar, Ernest Winfred Frierson, Brandon Lee Fulmer, Enrique Roberto Gordon, Daniel Robert Griswold, Cheryl Giles Johnson, Brandon Craig Lazarus, Travis Aaron Pearson, Tenny Hutchinson Rupnick, Edward Tyler Strange, Walter Edward Strawther, William McClary Wrighten, and LaSheila Mack Wyatt.

Presented as an **Ordained Deacons**: Adrienne Hamm Fink, Angela Renee Johnson, Margaret Hughey Wilkes, and Paige Matthews Wolfe.

Presented as **Ordained Elders**: Megan Danielle Augustine, Heather Stewart Baird, Frances Sarah Connell, Jerry Lewis Dicks, Jonathan David Harris, Ronnie Lee Jeffcoat, Laura Allen Kerlin, Kevin Bruce Lindley, Blondell Stephenson Miller, Christopher Lee Thompson, Joseph Alva Wilson and Andrew Roy Wolfe.

Rev. Horne thanked Rev. Ken Nelson and Ms. Martha Lyles for their assistance through the Office of Clergy Services.

During the presentation, the following were licensed as **Local Pastors**: John Britt Adams III, Todd Brawley Alexander, Robert Earl Barr, Norma Deirdre Bartelle, Graham Miller Bennett, Theodore Avery Brown, Vaughn Edison Chichester, Gregory Lee Cole Jr., LaTonya Monique Dash, Daniel Kyle Eplee, Hazel Lathonya Epps, Chenita Yvette Frierson, Arthur Linburg Gamble, Jeffery Russell Godfrey, Lamonte Darnell Hodges, Jon August Hoin, Jerry Dean Jackson, Lee Marrot Johnson, Cameron Thomas Levi, James

Russell Lewis, Susan Biggert Maddox, Deborah McKnight Patterson, Bryan Wray Pigford, Sara Elizabeth Relaford, Benjamin Ross Rogers, Lucinda Lyon Saylor, Guy Michaels Scales, Andrew Warren Sizemore, Thessa Goodwin Smith, Sanda Guild Stillinger, Rickey Levon Stuckey, Susan Yvonne Sullivan, Monica Kay Tilley, Frederick Allen Wilson, Cheri Elaine Yates.

Following the service of licensing, Bishop Holston thanked the Board of Ordained ministry for its work.

Mr. John Gibbons from Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, SC made a motion to restrict the reporting of laity votes to those who have received 90 votes or more. Bishop Holston called for a vote, and the body approved the motion.

Bishop Holston called for the lay persons to vote on ballot #3 and #4. 798 ballots, 99 in valid, 351 needed to elect – no election as no one received enough votes.

The Reverend David Surret provided the Council on Finance and Administration report found on page 127 in the Conference booklet. The report was provided for consideration, and it will be officially adopted later in the week. Reverend Surret advised that monitoring of spending resulted in the permanent reserve fund being over \$1 Million. The Stewardship Summit was well attended and included lay persons and clergy and focused on stewardship. The summit will continue in March of 2016. 102.9% of allocated apportionments were paid to African University support! The proposed budget is \$16,789,386 an increase of .48%. David thanked Tony Prestipino, Jr. for his service and awarded him with a plaque. Elizabeth Westbury was introduced to the conference as the nominee for new conference treasurer. The conference approved her nomination.

Bishop Holston called for a third clergy ballot; however no one was elected.

Mr. Darrell Ricketts presented the report for the Committee on Nominations. He reminded the conference of the voting process, and challenged each district to submit at least 10 nominations next year. He provided the names of the nominees for the Committee on Health Benefits, Trustees, the Advocate, and the Methodist Center. Mr. Ricketts offered congratulations to Rev. Dickey Knight on his retirement. The vote on this report will take place later in the week.

Dr. Carolyn Briscoe presented the report for the committee on Resolution and Appeals. She referred the conference to page 80 of the preconference booklet – the Anti-Bullying Resolution. She asked the community to accept the decisions made therein.

Bishop Holston called for the fourth laity ballot. The following persons were elected: Mr. James Salley, Mr. Joseph Haywood, Mr. Hermon Lightsey, Jr. and Mrs. Jacqueline Jenkins.

Bishop Holston called for the fourth clergy ballot. The following person was elected: The Reverend Timothy Rogers.

Ms. Lauren Wrightheart asked for a point of personal privilege. She asked that we consider filling the laity delegation with a young adult.

Bishop Holston called for the fifth laity ballot which did not result in an election.

Bishop Holston called for the fifth clergy ballot. The following person were elected: The Reverend Dr. Robin Dease.

At 5:30 PM, the Conference went into recess for dinner.

Monday Evening -- The Second Day

The Conference participated in the **Commissioning and Ordination Service**. Bishop Holston presided over the service and **Bishop Marcus Matthews** preached the sermon entitled "When He Calls" based on Isaiah 6:1-8. He encouraged the congregation to answer Jesus' call and to go where we are sent, feeding God's sheep, tending His lambs, and feeding His sheep.

The offering received during the service was designated for the Seminary Students Scholarship Fund, an endowment which provides scholarship awards to South Carolina students attending United Methodist seminaries.

During the service, the following were commissioned as **Provisional Elders**: Eugene Aaron Aiken, Lawrence, Cantey, James Derrick Cattenhead, Meredith Marie Dark, Kristen Marie Dollar, Ernest Winfred Frierson, Brandon Lee Fulmer, Enrique Roberto Gordon, Daniel Robert Griswold, Cheryl Giles Johnson, Brandon Craig Lazarus, Travis Aaron Pearson, Tenny Hutchinson Rupnick, Edward Tyler Strange, Walter Edward Strawther, William McClary WRIGHTEN, and LaSheila Mack Wyatt.

The following were celebrated as **Ordained Deacons**: Adrienne Hamm Fink, Angela Renee Johnson, Margaret Hughey Wilkes, and Paige Matthews Wolfe.

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