

WEDNESDAY at a Glance

- Rev. Paul Harmon opened the morning session with a Bible study on becoming disciples God can use in ministry to children. He asked, "Aren't all children our children?"
- The offerings received so far: Burdine Lodge Restoration, \$7,530; Seminary Students Scholarship Fund, \$11,233; Stop Hunger Now, \$19,204.
- The Conference paused for the Memorial Service today. Dr. Tim McClendon delivered the homily as the Conference remembered those who have died since the last meeting.
- Arthur Spriggs presented a report on the ministry of camps and retreats in South Carolina.
- Conference heard and accepted the report of the Committee on Pension and Benefits.
- Conference approved the report from Equitable Compensation.
- Dr. Colleen Keith, of Spartanburg Methodist College, presented the report of the Methodist Colleges and University in South Carolina. She thanked the Conference for its continuing support.
- Rev. Jeffery Salley made a presentation on the Black College Fund.
- The Africa University Choir presented an evening concert for delegates.

2015 Annual Conference

Voting, reports and a resolution

It was a continued day of voting for General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates. Between votes, the Conference found time to approve an Anti-Bullying Resolution and to hear a number of reports.

The voting process moved through General Conference delegates and into Jurisdictional Conference delegates. The electronic voting process continued to be a key feature of the conference.

The voting system was used as part of approving an Anti-Bullying Resolution. The resolution calls on congregations across South Carolina to actively oppose bullying.

After discussion and an amendment, the conference approved it by a 997-180 vote.

In other activities:

- **Imagine No Malaria.** Rev. Jeri Katherine Warden Sipes presented a \$1 million challenge to the South Carolina Annual Conference. In the next year, the Conference has a goal of raising the funds to help end malaria. Bishop Holston said, "We do big things in South Carolina."

- **The Hispanic/Latino(a) Ministry Task Force.** The Task Force opened its report with a song in Spanish. Rev. Elizabeth Murray, Rev. Richard Reams and Rev. Emily Scales Sutton presented the work of the committee and the goal to be "in ministry to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ." The report included a video sharing the stories from South Carolina. They provided a challenge to be in ministry to Hispanic and Latino neighbors in our community. "Language is an excuse, it is not a barrier," Reams said.

- **Report of the Cabinet:** Rev. Dickie Knight and Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray challenged attendees to see themselves as a piece of the big puzzle of what God is doing in the church. At registration, attendees had been given a piece of a puzzle to serve as a reminder of the message. The Cabinet report praised the work of Bishop Holston to create a team atmosphere.

Delegates Elected

General Conference

Laity: Barbara Ware, James Salley, Joseph Heyward, Herman Lightsey, Jackie Jenkins, Michael Cheatham, Martha Thompson, David Braddon

Clergy: Tim McClendon, Ken Nelson, Tim Rogers, Robin Dease, Tiffany Knowlin, Narcie Jeter, Mel Arant Jr., Susan Leonard-Ray

Jurisdictional Conference

Laity: *Lollie Haselden, *Emily Evans, Donald Love, Jennifer Price, Chris Lynch, Carolyn Briscoe, Linda DuRant
Clergy: Telly Gadsen*,

* Will serve as alternates to General Conference