

E. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Assembly Hall
YMCA of the Rockies
Estes Park, Colorado

Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky – Presiding
Elizabeth McVicker – Conference Secretary

MEMORIAL AND COMMUNION SERVICE Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

The Conference convened in the Assembly Hall of the YMCA of the Rockies for a Communion and Memorial Service. The liturgy of the service was planned and coordinated by the worship subcommittee of the Program and Arrangements Committee. The gospel was based on Genesis and Reverend Steve Goodier, Superintendent of the Metropolitan District, delivered the sermon. The offering was designated to UMCOR. The staff, clergy, and spouses who were memorialized by Rev. Dr. Richard Vickery, Jr., and Rev. Kerry McCormick were: Laura D. Brown, Claude H. Sullivan, Jr., William Cecil Hinsey, Pelaki Lokotui, James H. Sloan, Walter “Bud” McMullen, Keith Allen Merriman, Ralph R. Bullock, Harold John Sutton, Joyce Ellen Grauberger, Wilburn James Cowell, Marilyn Joyce Lesser, Lowell Masato Uda, Kenneth William Wright, Patricia Sailors, Kirton Westlake, Robert H. Windsor, Hartley E. “Bud” Owsley II, Charles E. McPherson III, and Zora Susanne “Susie” Aikman. Communion was consecrated by Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, President Emerita and Professor of Theology Emerita, Starr King School for Ministry at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. The Music Team led by Caran Ware Joseph, along with David Merkel, Travis Tucker, Mark Heiss, and Chuck Keim provided music for the service.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S PANEL Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky called to order the 47th session of the Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church. The Conference convened in the Assembly Hall of the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, revolving around the theme: “Cultivating the Tree of Life: Renewal of Creation”. Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced Chris Frasier, Co-Chair of the Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Stewards, who introduced the panel of speakers. Speakers included: Kelly Schaefer-Generation Transformation; Walker Kuch-Stanovsky-Climate Justice Law; Becca Boone-The Food and Justice Initiative and The Land Project; and Duane Schrag-The Land Institute; who all briefly addressed the Conference.

PLENARY SESSION Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING: Welcoming music was provided by the Music Team. Bishop Elaine recognized Dave Merkel from the Yellowstone Conference and his part in the music for the Conference. Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky invited Judy McCutcheon from Walsenburg to the podium regarding comments on the People’s Panel discussion. Judy shared her thoughts with the Conference.

WELCOME: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky reconvened the Conference.

WELCOME: Skip Strickland, District Superintendent of the Peaks Sub-District, the host district for this Annual Conference, welcomed the body to the Annual Conference Session 2015.

WELCOME: Chuck Keim and Yvonne Clary, Peaks Sub-district Co-Lay leaders led the Conference in prayer. The Longs Peak Ramblers played “I Saw The Light”.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced those joining her at the head table. Robert Phillips – Parliamentarian, Margaret Hotze and/or Kunle Taiwo – Conference Co-Lay Leaders, Joel Kershaw – Agenda Chair; Elizabeth McVicker-Conference Secretary; and Richard Marsh – Chancellor.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION: Elizabeth McVicker, Conference Secretary, provided guidelines regarding the order of the session.

Roll Call-Those requesting to be excused from all or part of this session of the Annual Conference (Book of Discipline, Para. 602.8) are on file with the Conference Secretary.

Voting Eligibility-All Conference members (lay and clergy) may vote on the business items of Annual Conference.

Only the alternate lay members and the currently non-appointed local pastors are ineligible to vote.

Points of Personal Privilege-forms are located at the Assistant Secretary's table and should be completed and left with the Conference Secretary.

Printed material- distribution on the floor of the conference of non-business related materials are prohibited.

Promotional materials should be made available in the display area. All printed handouts should be given to the Conference Secretary for distribution on the floor.

Cell Phones-phones and other mobile devices were requested to be turned off or put in silent mode.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: The Bar of the Conference shall be the stage, audio visual area, the associate secretary's table and all chairs in the assembly hall except those rows designated by red t-shirts in the back of the hall. The guest tables to the right of the stage are also outside the bar. There are no seating restrictions during worship services, but please honor reserved seating areas.

AGENDA: Joel Kershaw, Agenda Chair, presented the agenda report. On motion it was ordered that the agenda be adopted as our agenda.

RULES: T. Steve Burnett, presented the Rules Report. On motion it was ordered that the "2015 Rules of the Annual Conference Session" be adopted.

PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS: Rob White, Chair of the Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, recognized those helping with the business of the Conference.

SAFETY ADVOCATE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced Judy Hill as this year's Safety Advocate.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Burry Bessee, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominations Report.

BUDGET: Kristen Barlow presented the Budget for 2016 in the amount of \$5,600,000. The Budget will be voted upon at the Saturday evening plenary.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFIT FUNDING PLAN: Kimal James briefly presented the report. The report will be voted on at the Saturday evening plenary.

INTRODUCTIONS: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, who introduced guests to this Conference. Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, JoAnne Braxton, Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe- General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society (introduced video-Living our Principles); and presented a gift to Bishop Elaine. Rev. Dr. Steve Sidorak-General Secretary, Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relations, who briefly addressed the Conference. Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt-Deputy General Secretary, UMCOR - who presented an award from the General Board of Global Ministries to the Rocky Mountain Conference for the highest church participation in giving in the Western Jurisdiction. She also announced that UMCOR is celebrating 75 years. Shannon Logan-Customer Success Specialist, General Council of Finance and Administration who announced that the Rocky Mountain Conference had 100% apportionments paid. Bishop Elaine was presented with a certificate for apportionments.

ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: Tom Wolfe, President, briefly addressed the Conference.

UNITED METHODIST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: Ben Sarracino, Business Development Officer, briefly addressed the Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS: Youngsook Kang introduced David Burt- Assistant to the Bishop, Yellowstone Conference; Pat Watkins-Ministry with God's Renewed Creation, GBGM; Beth Richardson-Editor, Alive Now, Discipleship

Ministries; Mike Ratliff-Associate General Secretary, GBCS; John Hill-Director for Economic and Environmental Justice, GBCS; Amy Stapleton-Director of Program Coordination and Management, GCORR; and Brian Diggs-Director, UMCOR West Office and Depot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were made by Elizabeth McVicker, Conference Secretary.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Stanovsky read a prayer request from Ken Berve who advised that Grant Ave. UMC (110 years old) had lightning hit the bell tower and was requesting prayer.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky led the Conference in her Episcopal address. Bishop Elaine invited Skip Strickland to address the Conference regarding the purchase of a fire truck for the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana. Pledges were taken from individuals, churches, etc. Bishop Elaine then continued her address.

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky led the Conference in prayer and adjourned this plenary session.

BIBLE STUDY

Friday, June 12, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker led the Conference in Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Following announcements and prayer by Elizabeth McVicker, the Conference recessed briefly.

CLERGY SESSION

Friday, June 12, 2015 - 9:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Rev. Leighton Mekeal called the Clergy Session to order at 9:41am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brian Hare-Diggs announced that any items brought for the UMCOR Depot should be taken to the Emerald Mountain Lodge for pick-up.

Jim Gulley announced that Mission u is happening in July and there is a special clergy event on Wednesday, July 15th at the Evanston Center for Spiritual Wholeness.

It was acknowledged that it is Rob White's birthday, and the gathering sang to him.

OPENING WORSHIP: The session opened with a Call to Worship by Leighton Mekeal and singing of "Spirit of the Living God."

SETTING THE BAR: Rev. Elizabeth McVicker, Secretary of the conference, set the bar by asking that those with privilege to vote would, and those that do not have the privilege to vote would not. The honor code will be the standard.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS: The Bishop requested that we accept Richard Marsh, Conference Chancellor, and Nancy Cox, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Jeremy Scott and Marv Essing's wife be granted permission to be present as guests.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

- Rev. Jessica Rooks, Chair of Conference Relations Committee, reported that the following ordained ministers and provisional members from other Annual Conferences are approved for appointment while retaining their conference or denominational membership: David Bachelor, Mary Bates, Mark Feldmeir, Lauren A. Miller, Charles Murry, Tevita David Ofahengaue, Sarah Rettig, Mark Thurman. --B.A.C. 24.a.
- Jessica Rooks moved that we vote on those clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations that have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation. The following persons were approved: Claire

Cassell, James Foucher, Jr., Pricilla Hill, Steven R. Mitchell, Steve Poos-Benson, Robin Riley, William S. Robertson.--B.A.C. 25

- Jessica Rooks moved that those who are affiliate members without vote be approved by at least a 2/3 vote. The following were approved: Dale Beck; B.J. George; Kerry Greenhill; Daniel D. Marutle; Sandra Spahr; Michael Streevy. – B.A.C. 26.b

PASSING ON CHARACTER: Bishop Elaine asked each District Superintendent to stand with those who serve in their district. Each assured that all pass on character by the grace of God.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: The following members were approved: Brenda Lear, Mike Nickerson, Keith Thompson and alternates Matthias C. Krier, Diane Bell and Loyaa Flansburg. – B.A.C. 18.a.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: The committee membership was reported by the BOM, including these persons: Don Bird, Mele Mafi Mausia, Jessica Rooks; Todd Spencer, Carrie West. – B.A.C. 18.b.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION: The following were nominated by a majority vote to serve on the Committee on Investigation: Stephanie Kidwell, Eun-Sang Lee, Sallie Suby-Long, Will Morris; alternates are Betty Bradford, Eric Smith and Eric Feuerstein. – B.A.C. 18.c.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION FOR DIACONAL MINISTERS: The following member was elected: Dorothy Creager. – B.A.C. 64

CONFERENCE RELATIONS REPORT (continued):

Disciplinary status questions

- Remembering in prayer those elders in full connection and retired elders who have died during the previous year: Ralph Bullock, Wilburn Cowell, William Cecil Hinsey, Marilyn Lesser, Walter McMullen, Keith Merriman, James Sloan, Claude Sullivan, Harold Sutton Jr., O. Gerald Trigg, Lowell Uda, Patricia Westlake, Robert H. Windsor, Kenneth W. Wright. –B.A.C. 48.c.
- Remembering in prayer those local pastors who have died during the previous year: Pelaki Lokotui. – B.A.C. 48.e.
- Remembering those diaconal ministers who have died during the previous year: Laura Brown. –B.A.C. 68.b.
- The Bishop offered a prayer of thanks and remembrance.
- Recognition of Retirees:
 - Those deacons in full connection retiring this year: John Denker, Charlene Elliott, Pam Graham, Kathryn Britt Graff, Miriam Slejko. – B.A.C. 53.a
 - Those elders in full connection retiring this year: Susan E. Denker, Richard Evans, Karen Lowe, David Moorman, Donna Patterson, Linda Hunt Wells. –B.A.C. 53.c.
 - Those licensed as local pastors retiring this year: David Christensen, Nancy Peacock, Rhonda Plinske. –B.A.C. 56.a.
- A recognition of those serving 20 year, 25 year, 40 year, 50 year milestones in ministry.
- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented to be commissioned as Provisional Deacon: Lee Anderson, Carol Forbes and Phillip Rogers. They were approved. –B.A.C. 28
- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented to be commissioned as Provisional Elders: Allison “AJ” Bush, Melissa Engel, Valerie Jackson, Larry Michael Jarrell, Bun Koo Lee, Lynn Miller Jackson, Jasper Peters, Joshua Walker. All were approved. – B.A.C. 28.
- Those who are continued as provisional members towards deacon’s and elder’s orders: Amy Durfee West, Emily Flemming, Jeremiah Harris, Tiffany Keith, Jeffery Richards, Laura Rossbert, Stacy Spehn, Charles Stephens and Leslie Wood. – B.A.C. 29.a
 - **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Leighton Mekeal offered a point of personal privilege to acknowledge the Board of Ordained Ministry.
 - **MOMENT OF PRAYER:** Leighton offered a moment of prayer for those that are on our hearts, but especially for Rev. Dr. Walt Boigegrain, who is now in hospice care, and his wife, Pat.
- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented for approval as ordination as Deacon in full connection: Megan Armstrong, Jeff Hirota, Mary MacDonald. All were approved--B.A.C. 32

- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented for approval for ordination as Elder in full connection: Laura Hehner, Elizabeth Jackson, Brian Kroeger, Calob Rundell, Phil Vogels, Travis Walker. All were approved. –B.A.C. 32

CLERGY CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE: The following persons offered speeches to show their willingness to serve as delegates for General Conference: Megan Armstrong, Denise Bender, Mike Dent, Aaron Gray, Jerry Hershops, Kent Ingram, Cathie Kelsey, Brad Laurvick, Elizabeth McVicker, Trudy Robinson, Jessica Rooks, Walter “Skip” Strickland, Sione Tukutau, Eric Van Thomas Smith.

CONTINUING THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Those who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry: Michelle Bowles, Lauren Chance Boyd, Leah Coleman, Brandon Erdmann, Carol Forbes, Glen Gibson, Kelsey Linden Hill, Sandra Jimenez, Emily Kintzel, Courtney Lancaster, Matt Lurz, Cynthia Paquette, Logan Robertson, Janine Rose, Donald Sturgil, Atonio Toluta’u, Losaline Tupoumalohi, Jeffrey Wayland, Tonya Whaley. – B.A.C. 19.a.
- Those who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference: Jeffry Thoms. –B.A.C. 19.b.
- Those who have completed studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed: Amy Baker, Sione Fungalei, Troy Greer, Mike Lipinski, John McLean, Sione Moa, David Money, Debi Ann Paulsen, Robert Simpson. – B.A.C. 20
- Those who are approved and appointed as full-time local pastors: John Patrick Bell, Brian Blackburn, Rob Bruendl, Jim Chrisawn, Emily Easton, Lester Huseby, Sharon Langfeldt, Martin Lee, Jaime Nieves, Peter Philips, Timothy Selby, Brad Walston, Benning Wentworth IV. All were approved. –B.A.C. 21.a
- Those who are approved and appointed as part-time local pastors. Bobby Barnhill, Kenneth Berve, Qamaruzzaman Bhatti, David Christensen, Mark Cloer, Cherie Cobb, Sherry Ferriman, Dawnmarie Fiechtner, Kristie Firme, Roger C. Haney, Jodi Harless, Janeen Hill, Donald Holt, J. Paul Howard, Byoungwk Jeon, Manuel Jimenez, Jeff Kanost, Kathleen Leathers, Carol Loftin, Atamani Longolongofolau, Poasi Manu, Norman Mark, Lesely Matschke, Vickie Maxon, David McGee, Sarah Jane Merchant, Craig Paschal, Guillermo Reyes, Carol Rhan, Vicki Richards-Street, Ryan Trosper, Losaline Tupoumalohi, James R. Ward, Llewellyn Ward, Gary Wilken. All were approved. –B.A.C. 21.b
- Those who have become local pastors since last we met were welcomed: Cherie Cobb, Jeff Kanost, Martin (Marty) Lee, Sarah Jane Merchant, Peter C. Phillips, Losaline Tupoumalohi.
- Those who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of the United Methodist Church: Jung Sup Ahn, Dale B. Wood – B.A.C 41
- Those who are discontinued as provisional members by voluntary discontinuance: Shani Jones. Approved – B.A.C. 42.b
- Those who have been granted honorable location prior to this year: Kenneth Carlson, Charles Casper, Gregg Dawson, Kay Gardner Pyle, Timothy W. Goettel, Elizabeth Hall, Margaret Huffman-Valentine, Ryan O’Shea, Keith Sera, Marcia Janke Shafer, Harold Thaxton, Jr., Duane E. Wilterdink. –B.A.C. 43.a.2
- Those readmitted to active status from Honorable Location: Chuck Cram. He was approved. –B.A.C. 36
- Those provisional or ordained members who have received appointments in other annual conferences while retaining membership in this conference: Johnny Arrington, Sarah Beck, Chuck Cram, Don Ford, Betty Kniss, Bo Young Lee, Amanda McMurtrey, John Nadasi, Jane Youtz Riecke, Amy Seifert, Debra Wacker. – B.A.C. 49
- Those who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence for 5 years or less: Virginia Bettendorf, Scott Daniels, Mary Ann Dimand, Leanne Hadley, Jennifer Hare, Gichul Kim, Carol Lillie, James Luallen, Elizabeth Gwynne May, Ann McClellan, Rhonda York. All were approved. – B.A.C. 50.a.1
- Those who are provisional, ordained or associate members on leave of absence for more than 5 years: K. Teena Racheli. All were approved. –B.A.C. 50.a.2
- Those who are on family leave for less than 5 years: Andrea Arnoldy, Jessica Boyce, Mariah Hayden. All were approved. –B.A.C. 50.a.3
- Those who have requested medical leave: Gary Dale Blackmon, Laurie A. Bruce, David Burnett, Handi Jo Dolloff-Holt, Debra Edwards, Kathleen M. Haley, Larry Howard, Terri Lynn Hubbard, Susan Pierce, Brian Riecke, Priscilla J. Taylor. All were approved. –B.A.C. 52
- Those who are certified in specialized ministry: Nani E. Arning, Jill Ashe, David Barton, Steve Burnett, E. Marie Gasau, Steven Harter, Kristi Hornick, Gerald Hurst, P. Lynn Hurst, Youngsook Kang, Robert Kaylor, Cindy Klick, Betty Kniss, Linda Marshall, Douglas McKinney, Mike Ratliff, Kathie Walker. –B.A.C. 59

- Those who are associate members and elders that request approval for less-than-full-time appointments: Betty Bradford, Laura Hehner, Linda S Hoover, Jin Ho Kang, Seon Young Lee, Yvonne Lee, William D. McGrew, Bich Thy (Betty) Nguyen, Dan Odell, Jeffrey Richards, Eunjoo Yi. A 2/3 vote is needed. All were approved. -B.A.C. 73.a
- Those who are associate members and elders that request approval for less-than-full-time appointments: Spencer W. Green, Edward R. Rousset. (More than 8 years, ¾ vote required). All were approved. -B.A.C. 73.a
- Those who are deacons or provisional deacons requesting less-than-full-time service: Megan Armstrong, Jolain Graf, Mary McDonald, Philip Rogers, Sarah Steidtmann, Stacy Spehn, Charles R. Stephens, Sallie Suby-Long. All were approved. -B.A.C. 73.b.
- Those who have been appointed to intentional interim appointments: Larry Paulson, Phil Tarman. -B.A.C. 74
- Those who are certified as lay ministers: Ingrid DeRuiter, Harley Katz, Willa Lewis, Monte Voss, Carl Zinge, Joyce Hudiburgh, Amy McComb, Monte Savage, Gudiva "Twinkle" Gordon, Norma Farmer, Cory Higbee, Wil Meiklejohn, Mike Spahr, Gary Stephens, Jere Sutton, Rose Vest, Roberta Botkin, Deborah Hoffman, Roger W. Smith, Charles Lee Sucher, Tracy Sutherland. -B.A.C. 63
- Those elders, associate members and local pastors that are appointed to other valid ministries under the provisions of 344.1d: Thomas Barlow, Cheryl Bornt, Lynne Butler, Susan Crow, McNair Ezzard, Robert Fowler, James Grunden, Elizabeth Jackson, Sam Leonard, Elias Martinez, Khan McClellan, Rebecca McFee, Jin Tae Park, Trevor Potter, Blaine Scott, Rebekah Simon-Peter, Thomas Sterenka, Susan Warren, Lola West. All were approved. -B.A.C. 77.c

CLERGY COVENANT FUND: Don Bird introduced the purpose of the clergy covenant fund. An offering was received.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND: Mike Dent shared that ministerial education funds are available for individual or event use.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kent Ingram announced that the Preaching Academy will be on October 23rd, 2015 at First UMC Colorado Springs. Linda Marshall announced that the Clergy Orders Retreat will be October 13-15, 2015 in Steamboat Springs. The format of the retreat will be "TEDS" talks.

ADJOURNMENT: Leighton Mekeal closed the Session with prayer.

LAITY SESSION **Friday, June 12, 2015 - 9:15 a.m.**

GATHERING: The Laity gathered in the Assembly Hall of the YMCA of the Rockies for the Laity Session. The Music Team led the Laity in song. Kunle Taiwo, Conference Co-Lay Leader, welcomed the Laity and led a prayer. Margaret Hotze, Conference Co-Lay Leader instructed the Conference on equalization members. Mary Ann Tabor instructed the Conference in electing General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates as well as what they can expect to be voting upon. Lay Delegate Candidates then addressed the Conference. There were no nominations from the floor. The offering for Laity Scholarships was taken following prayer by Ruth Wills. Kunle Taiwo then led the Conference in recognizing Lay Leaders and members of the Board of Lay Leadership.

LAY SESSION WORKSHOPS: The Laity was dismissed to various Lay Session Workshops for the remainder of the Lay session.

PLENARY **Friday, June 12, 2015 - 2:30 p.m.**

OPENING: The Music Team led the session in song.

PRAYER: Jamie Evans opened with prayer.

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, President, briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky addressed the Conference regarding the Fire engine-UMCOR-\$10,000 match. She also shared that the blanket on front table is a gift from the 150th celebration of the Sand Creek Massacre and is kept in her office.

BALLOT PROCEDURE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky instructed the body on the process of elections of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

FIRST LAY AND CLERGY BALLOTS: Following prayer, the first ballots to elect Lay and Clergy delegates to General Conference were cast.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO: Jay Rundell, President, briefly addressed the Conference and shared a video.

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE: Brad Laurvick led the Conference in recognizing Nancy Cox, assistant to the Bishop.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky dispersed books among the Youth of the Conference.

JOINT SHARED FUTURES COMMITTEE REPORT: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced all members of this committee from both Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences. Kristi Kinnison and Steve Burnett led the presentation, including a couple videos. The committee made a recommendation that two new groups be created as follows: (1) build new conference model and identity and (2) post denominational expression of Wesleyan grace and vitality.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING: Youngsook Kang explained Christian Conferencing surrounding the discussion of the merging of the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences.

CHURCH MUTUAL RISK MANAGEMENT: Gary Dyer, Rocky Mountain Risk Manager, briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced Etimani Eafuu and his daughter Fina and led the Conference in blessing and prayer over them.

VITAL CONGREGATIONS: Jeremy Scott, Yellowstone Conference, briefly addressed the Conference and shared a video.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop J.W. Stanovsky gifted a shirt from Berlin to a Youth. She shared books as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker announced that Longs Peak UMC is challenging all churches to donate \$5/attendee on Father's Day to the fire truck. The Cabinet pledged \$1,000.00

FIRST LAY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the first ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference were read. 281 votes cast, 10 invalid, 142 needed for election. There was one election – Doug Palmer with 158 votes.

FIRST CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the first ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read. 171 votes cast, 0 invalid, 88 needed to elect, there was no election.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Richard Vickery, Jr. moved that on the ensuing Clergy and Lay ballots that the Tellers only report numbers of those receiving ten or more votes. On motion it was ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker read announcements.

FIRE TRUCK FUND: Challenge from the Peaks sub-district. They are having a t-shirt silent auction to go to the fire truck fund.

SECOND LAY AND CLERGY BALLOTS: Following prayer, the second ballots to elect Lay and Clergy delegates to General Conference. Bishop declared this ballot invalid due to errors.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky spoke about William Van Orsdell starting a church in Montana.

RETAKE OF SECOND LAY AND CLERGY BALLOTS: Following prayer, the second ballots to elect Lay and Clergy delegates to General Conference were re-taken.

RECESS: Following prayer, the Conference was recessed for dinner.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING
Friday, June 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

The Conference participated in conversation surrounding the merging of the Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SESSIONS
Friday, June 12, 2015 - 8:00 p.m.

Legislative Committees completed their work on the Petitions to this Annual Conference Session.

BIBLE STUDY
Saturday, June 13, 2015 - 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker led the Conference in Bible Study.

PLENARY
Saturday, June 13, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

Song of honor - Bishop recognized Rebecca Parker

David Burt opened with prayer.

SECOND LAY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the second ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference were read: 282 ballots cast, 5 invalid, 142 needed to elect. There was no election.

SECOND CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the second ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read: 148 ballots cast, 1 invalid, 75 needed to elect. There were two elections: Kent Ingram with 87 votes, and Brad Laurvick with 83 votes.

THIRD CLERGY AND LAY BALLOTS: Following prayer, the third ballot to elect Clergy and Lay delegates to General Conference was cast.

TELLING THE STORY: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, led the body in the Telling the Story report. Margaret Hotze and Kunle Taiwo, Conference Co-Lay leaders presented their report. LuAnne Cook, Grace UMC in Wyoming, gave her report. Melanie Rosa, Dean of the Cabinet, gave her report. Sallie Suby-Long and Renae Parra, St. Luke's UMC, Highlands Ranch presented their report. Noreen Keleshian & Kristen Barlow, Finance and Administration Ministry, gave their report. Mary Beth Downing, Mountain View UMC, Boulder, presented her report. Youngsook Kang and Chris Frasier, co-chairs of the Board of Stewards presented their report on Food and Justice Initiative. Randy Moorman, Arvada UMC, presented his report.

THIRD LAY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the third ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference were read: 273 ballots cast, 9 invalid, 138 needed to elect. There were two elections: Kunle Taiwo with 180 votes, and Reasa Currier with 146 votes.

THIRD CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the third ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read: 164 ballots cast, 5 invalid, 83 needed to elect. There was no election.

FOURTH CLERGY BALLOT: Following prayer, the fourth ballot to elect clergy to General Conference was cast.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Kerry McCormick presented the Consent Calendars to the Conference body.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR A: Kerry McCormick moved to adopt Consent Calendar A. On motion it passed.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR B: Kerry McCormick moved to adopt Consent Calendar B. On motion it passed.

2015 CONSENT CALENDAR A
CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS
(Accepted with 80% of members present or voting)

#AC01-Group 1 - District Superintendent, Director of Mission and Ministry and Treasurer/Benefits Officer/Director of Support Services Compensation - 99% approval

#AC02 - Group 2 - Health Insurance Programs and Funding - 99% approval

#AC03 - Group 3 - 2016 Equitable Compensation - 96% approval

#AC04 - Group 1 - Sixth Annual Valentine's Resolution on Global HIV and AIDS - 100% approval

#AC05 - Group 2 - Council on Finance & Administration Moving Expense Reimbursement Policy - 100% approval

#AC06 - Designation of Mission Congregation - 98.2%
Amend by deletion of the word "immigrant" following the words "needs of a specific" on Line 5

CONSENT CALENDAR B
CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS
(Accepted with 80% of members present or voting)

#GC01 - Group 3 - Removing Exclusive Language from 161F - 89% approval

#AC11 - Local Church Insurance Wind and Hail Deductible: Brad Laurvick, Legislative Chair, presented the Petition for recommendation. On motion it was ordered that #AC11 be referred to the Board of Trustees.

STANDING RULES & OPERATING PROCEDURES: Steven Burnett, Rules Committee Chair, presented the report. On motion it was ordered that the Standing Rules and Operating Procedures be adopted as amended from 2014.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky gave away a book.

RECOGNITION OF CONFERENCE STAFF: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, had the Conference staff introduce themselves and name their positions at the Conference Office.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine gave the Youth stickers that she purchased in Germany.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOSTING TEAM: Kay Pettygrove, Pacific Northwest, briefly addressed the Conference and shared a video surrounding General Conference in May10-20, 2016. Skip Strickland will be the Conference liaison contact for volunteers.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine gave away an audio book.

FIRE TRUCK: Calob Rundell gave a report on the monies collected for the purchase of the Fire truck-\$2638. Jerry Boles then shared a little more about Lame Deer, Montana. He spoke about the future of building garages for those fire trucks next year as well.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Mike Bergman, expressed thoughts surrounding #AC06.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine gave away John Wesley's Words of Wisdom, 2016 Calendar.

FOURTH CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the fourth ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read: 162 ballots cast, 5 invalid, 82 needed to elect. There was an election – Megan Armstrong with 83 votes.

FOURTH LAY BALLOT: Following prayer, ballots to elect lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were cast.

FIFTH CLERGY BALLOT: Following prayer, the ballots to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were cast.

PRAYER: Bishop Elaine shared that Sherry Harris, Fowler, passed away due to an auto accident. Prayer was lifted for her husband in the hospital.

MOTION: On motion it was ordered that all votes be reported on this next ballot.

PASSING OF THE MANTLE

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 11:45 a.m.

Alane Currier-Griggs read the list of retirees who were recognized for their years of service. David Christensen, John Denker, Susan Denker, Char Elliott, Dick Evans, Kathryn Britt Graff, Pam Graham, Karen Lowe, Dave Moorman, Donna Patterson, Nancy Peacock, Rhonda Plinske, Miriam Slejko, Linda Wells, Norm Stott, and Greg Borden. Leighton Mekeal, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced those to be commissioned and ordained at this Annual Conference. These included:

Confirming licenses to local pastors: Cherie Cobb, Jeff Kanost, Martin Lee, Losaline Tupoumalohi, Llewellyn Ward. Commissioning Provisional members towards deacon's orders: Lee Raymer Anderson, Carol Diane Forbes, Philip Mather Rogers.

Commissioning provisional members towards elder's orders: Allison Joy Bush, Melissa Sue Engel, Valerie L. Jackson, Larry Michael Jarrell, Bun Koo Lee, Lynn W. Miller Jackson, Jasper D. Peters, Joshua Joseph Walker.

Ordained as deacons in full connection: Megan Marie Armstrong, Jeff Shizuo Hirota, Mary Hoepfner MacDonald.

Ordained as elders in full connection: Laura Beth Hehner, Elizabeth Mae Jackson, Brian Keith Kroeger, Major Adam Rettig, Calob Louis Rundell, Phil John Vogels, Travis Kinsworthy Walker.

RECESS: Following prayer, the Conference recessed for lunch.

RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 13, 2015-12:00 p.m.

The 2015 retirees, their families and friends gathered at the YMCA of the Rockies for the Celebration of Ministry luncheon. Rev. Kim James opened with welcoming words. Rev. Dave Moorman gave the invocation. Kim James introduced the new retirees and presented certificates and pins. The benediction was provided by Rev. Pam Graham. Those in attendance were: David Christensen, John Denker, Charlene Elliott, Richard Evans, Kathryn Graff, Pamela Graham, Dave Moorman, Donna Patterson, Rhonda Plinske, Miriam Slejko, and Linda Wells. Those retired in absentia were: Susan Denker, Karen Lowe, and Nancy Peacock.

LAITY AWARDS LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 120 p.m.

The Laity Awards Luncheon was held at the YMCA of the Rockies. Those receiving Quiet Disciple awards were:

Bernice Hatter – UMW
Chance Padilla – Young Adult
Harold Williams – Metropolitan District
David Gomendi – Mile High Sub-district
Beverly Weinert – Pikes Peak Sub-district
Diane Swartz – Peaks Sub-district
The Schallenburgers – Plains Sub-district
Myke Jones – Sunshine District
Dolan Raby – Utah Sub-district
Doug Pratt – Western Colorado Sub-district
Dennis Coon – Wyoming Sub-district

Curtis Glenn – Northeast Colorado Sub-district

Lay Servant Awards were presented to:

Barbara Sprecher – Metropolitan District
Marty Bohlmann – Mile High Sub-district
Terry Tierney – Pikes Peak Sub-district
Richard Bullard – Peaks Sub-district
Mickie Wagner – Utah Sub-district
Aaron Clay – Western Colorado Sub-district
Bea Leafdale – Wyoming Sub-district
Dan and Kindi Kirchenlager – NE Colorado Sub-district

PLENARY

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 2:10 p.m.

RECONVENE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky reconvened the Conference.

LAY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the fourth ballot to elect lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were read: 263 ballots cast, 6 invalid, 133 needed to elect. There were six elections: Harvey Tukutau with 201 votes, Margaret Hotze with 182 votes, Judy Hill with 164 votes, Liwliwa Robledo with 147 votes, Glenna Brayton with 136 votes, and Diana Huerta with 134 votes.

CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the fifth ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were read: 165 ballots cast, 2 invalid, 84 needed to elect. There were five elections: Skip Strickland with 122 votes, Cathie Kelsey with 115 votes, Jessica Rooks with 108 votes, Eric Smith with 90 votes and Mike Dent with 86 votes.

CLERGY BALLOT: Following prayer, the sixth ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were cast.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced her family. Husband Clint, and son Walker Kuch-Stanovsky.

A TALE OF TWO TRUCKS: Jeremy Scott and Burl Kreps presented the report on missionaries in Angola and the need for trucks.

BISHOP GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine gave away German t-shirts to a couple of youth members. She also gave away an [Earth Honoring Faith](#) book.

NOMINATION REPORT: Burry Bessee presented the nominations report.

MOTION: On motion it was ordered that the Nominations Report be adopted as amended. The final copy will be printed in the Journal.

ETHICS COMMITTEE TRAINING UPDATE: Steve Easterday-McPadden briefly addressed the Conference and shared a video.

MCCURDY MINISTRY: Rev. Diana L. Loomis, Director of Development/Church Relations, briefly addressed the Conference.

CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the sixth ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were read: 118 ballots cast, 1 invalid, 60 needed to elect. There was no election.

CLERGY BALLOT: Following prayer, the seventh ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were cast.

BUDGET: Phil Cardin, Vice-chair on the Council of Finance and Administration, moved that the 2016 budget be adopted in the amount of \$5,600,000.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Doug Palmer ask for a deferral on the action of voting on the budget until this evening. On motion it was deferred.

COMMITTEE FOR DISABILITY MATTERS: Rose Rennell and Diana Huerta briefly addressed the Conference.

BLACK FOREST PLAQUE: Gary Haddock and Betsy Keyack presented a plaque to the Bishop for the Black Forest Fire response from this Conference.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE FOUNDATION: Kristi Kinnison, Executive Director, briefly addressed the Conference. She recognized five churches that went through the 12 months of Training for Endowments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker shared announcements.

RECESS: Following prayer, the Conference recessed for Workshops.

PLENARY
Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky reconvened the Conference by singing “Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”.

GREETINGS FROM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA: Bishop James W. Gonia, Rocky Mountain Synod, brought greetings to this Conference and led the Session with prayer.

CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the seventh ballot to elect clergy to Jurisdictional Conference was read. 120 votes cast, 1 invalid, 61 needed to elect. There was no election.

CLERGY BALLOT: Following prayer, the eighth ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference was cast.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, Bishop Elaine and Ross Loomis, CBHEM Chair, presented awards and recognition to the following:

GBHEM and Rocky Mountain Annual Conference Merit Award – Kimberly O. Scott, Park Hill United Methodist Church

Francis Asbury Award – John Cross, University of Colorado Wesley Foundation, Boulder, CO

Bishop Elaine and Kristi Firme, Chair of the Rural Urban Network, presented the following:

Road Runner Award: Rev. DeEtta Goettel, La Junta United Methodist Church, La Junta, CO

Small Church Award: Limon United Methodist Church, Limon, CO

Sidebar: Kristi led the Conference in appreciation of the work of Youngsook Kang.

Bishop Elaine and Youngsook Kang presented the following:

J. Alton Templin Development Award: Scott United Methodist Church, Denver, CO
Janet Kilgore Taylor, Church Historian

Bishop Elaine and Sam Rodriguez, Discipleship Ministries, presented the following:

One Matters Discipleship Award: Cheyenne Wells United Methodist Church, Cheyenne Wells, CO

Denman Award: Rev. Guillermo Reyes, Dr. James Sauls, and Jonna Castanos

CLERGY BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the eighth ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were read: 92 ballots cast, 2 invalid, 47 needed to elect. There was one election: Sione Tukutau with 64 votes.

MISSIONARY: Rev. Cesar M. Duran, new missionary to Hispanic/Latino Ministry, was introduced to the Conference by Laurie Day. He briefly addressed the Conference.

BUDGET: Phil Cardin made a motion to approve a budget of \$5.6 million for 2016.

MOTION: Doug Palmer made a motion that on page 10, Increase Young People's Ministry line item from \$11,000 back to \$23,175. Increase Communication from \$11,000 back to \$14,600. This allows for CF&A to answer to the motion. On motion it was deferred back to CF&A.

MOTION: David Amrie moved that on this ballot, the top three persons on both clergy and lay ballots be elected as the alternates. On motion it was ordered.

RESERVE DELEGATE BALLOTS: Following prayer, the first ballots to elect lay and clergy reserve delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were cast.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine invited Dan O'Neill to come and briefly address the Conference.

EPISCOPAL ELECTION: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky explained procedures of nominating persons for the office of Bishop at the next Jurisdictional Conference, 2016. The ballot vote was taken.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Samantha Cassidy from Longs Peak UMC, led the Conference in recognizing the work of the Tech Crew at this Conference.

ACADEMY FOR THE YOUNG CLERGY IN MINISTRY: Youngsook Kang introduced Randy Jessen, Margaret Gillikin, Jeremy Scott, Jessica Rooks, and Steve Burnett, who presented their report.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine gave a variety of books away.

BALLOT RESULTS FOR EPISCOPAL ELECTION: 311 yes, 12 no, and 12 abstentions. The Conference Secretary is instructed to have next year's Conference nominate for the Episcopacy.

RESERVE DELEGATE BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the ballots cast to elect reserve clergy and lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were read: Lay - Laurie Day with 123 votes, Ruth Wills with 122 votes, and Curtis Gay with 119 votes. Clergy - Elizabeth McVicker with 66 votes, Jerry Hershings with 63 votes, and Melanie Rosa with 60 votes.

BUDGET: Council on Finance and Administration and Doug Palmer came to an agreement. Doug Palmer withdrew his motion with the agreement that:

1. CF&A will work with young people's ministries to help them set up electronic systems to increase designated funds.
2. CF&A will have a representative of young people's ministries when they have their conversation to finalize the budget in April.
3. CF&A will have a representative of young people's ministries, if they have a surplus in the budget, to help decide where surplus funds will go.

On motion the budget was adopted.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: Kim James made a motion that the Benefits Funding Plan be approved. On motion it was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE/JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION: Bishop Elaine invited the delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conferences to be prayed over. Kent Ingram and Doug Palmer spoke to the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT: Elizabeth McVicker moved to adjourn this Session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference by *sine die* call of the Council of Bishops following Ordination and the reading of appointments. Olon Lindemood was appointed by Bishop Elaine to handle the final official business of this Session.

THE SERVICE OF HONORING AND CELEBRATING MINISTRY
Sunday, June 14, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONING OF HISPANIC MISSIONARY: Rev. Dr. Youngsook Kang and Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt commissioned Rev. Cesar M. Duran.

ORDINATION: The Conference celebrated a service of Ordination. The message was delivered by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker. Music was provided by the Music Team and the Clergy Choir. Bishop James W. Gonias led a Recognition of Common Ministry and Baptism. Leighton Mekeal, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced the candidates:

CONFIRMING LICENSES TO LOCAL PASTORS: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky confirmed local pastors: Cherie Cobb, Jeff Kanost, Martin Lee, Losaline Tupoumalohi, Llewellyn Ward.

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE ORDER OF DEACON: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky commissioned the following towards Deacon's Orders: Lee Raymer Anderson, Carol Diane Forbes, Philip Mather Rogers

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR ORDERS OF ELDERS: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky commissioned the following towards Elders Orders: Allison Joy Bush, Melissa Sue Engel, Valerie L. Jackson, Larry Michael Jarrell, Bun Koo Lee, Lynn W. Miller Jackson, Jasper D. Peters, Joshua Joseph Walker.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION: Megan Marie Armstrong, Jeff Shizuo Hirota, Mary Hoepfner MacDonald

ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION: Laura Beth Hehner, Elizabeth Mae Jackson, Brian Keith Kroeger, Major Adam Rettig, Calob Louis Rundell, Phil John Vogels, Travis Kinsworthy Walker.

Reading of appointments followed.

BENEDICTION: The benediction was read by Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky, Rev. Calob Rundell, and Rev. Megan Armstrong.

RECEPTION: A reception was held outside the Assembly Hall.