

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

**Westminster Ballroom
The Westin Hotel
Westminster, Colorado**

**Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky - Presiding
Elizabeth McVicker - Conference Secretary**

**OPENING WORSHIP
Thursday, June 9, 2016 - 1:00 P.M.**

The Conference convened in the Westminster Ballroom of The Westin, Westminster, Colorado for Opening Worship and Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky's Episcopal address. Ava Hamilton, and Margaret Hotze, (co-lay leader for the Peaks and Plains District) read a welcome from the Arapaho People and led prayer. The scripture, Romans 12:9-18, was read by Rusty Butler. Bishop Elaine washed the feet of two refugees Raad and Shimaa Altaee from Iraq. The Conference was invited to wash their hands with an invitation to the grace of Christ. Music was provided by Cesar Duran and Lauren Chance Boyd as well as the Annual Conference Worship Band: Kim Scott, Mark Zwilling, and Tim Coons.

**PLENARY SESSION
Thursday, June 09, 2016 - 2:45 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky called to order the 48th session of the Rocky Mountain Conference to The United Methodist Church. The Conference convened in the Westminster Ballroom of The Westin Hotel, Westminster, Colorado, revolving around the theme "Cultivating the Tree of Life: Fruitful/Faithful" - 'Ministry on the Margins.'

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

WELCOME: Paul Kottke, District Superintendent of the Metro District, the host district for this Annual Conference, welcomed the body to the Annual Conference Session 2016.

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

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

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 ballroom except those wings on either side of the ballroom. There are no seating restrictions during worship services, but please honor reserved seating areas.

ROLL CALL: Those requesting to be excused from all or part of the session of the Annual Conference (Book of Discipline Para. 602.8) are on file with the Conference Secretary.

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

RULES: T. Steve Burnett, presented the Rules Report. On motion it was ordered that the “2016 Rules of the Annual Conference Session” be adopted.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Joel Kershaw asked for a suspension of the rules regarding the Mission Shaped Future proposal. On motion it was ordered.

STANDING RULES & OPERATING PPROCEDURES: T. Steve Burnett presented the report.

PROGRAMS 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.

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

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

BUDGET: Kristen Barlow presented the Budget for 2017 in the amount of \$5,626,012. The budget will be voted upon at the Saturday evening plenary.

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

JURISDICTIONAL POOL FOR NOMINATIONS: Kent Ingram explained the process of adding personnel to our general agency boards.

MISSION SHAPED FUTURE COMMITTEE: Janet Forbes and Jeremy Scott led interviews with persons in our conference who had made connections with counterparts in the Yellowstone Conference, and presented the report regarding AC21.

AC22 – The Future of the Rocky Mountain Conference: Jeff Babb, introduced his Resolution.

EPISCOPAL CANDIDATES: Kent Ingram led the Conference with information regarding the nomination of Episcopal candidates. The candidates were introduced.

EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE SPEECHES: Al Strauss and Skip Strickland addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky led the Conference in prayer over the candidates.

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT: Bob Phillips led the Conference in prayer.

RECONVENE: Youngsook Kang called the Conference back to order to introduce Karen Reyes representing Hispanic Ministries, who briefly addressed the Conference. Cesar Duran and Karen Reyes took questions and comments from the Conference.

MEMORIAL AND COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday, June 9, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Westin Ballroom of The Westin Hotel 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 Psalm 126 and Reverend Deb Olenyik , Transitional Ministry Developer, delivered the sermon. The offering was designated to Soul Repair Ministry. Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky consecrated communion. The staff, clergy, and spouses who were memorialized were: O. Gerald Trigg, Leonard W. Sammons, Jin-Hwa Hong, William Lee Youngblood, Gwendolyn Clare Cooper, Santo Cruz Cordova, John Thomas Bennanzar, Grace Arlene App, George Houser, Verla Esther Goff, Frank E. Harvey, Joseph A. Booker, Lyle Heimerich, Ernest Ruble Greenwood, Everett Matz, William Simmons, Dixie Spangler, Dale McArthur, Wesley T. Logan, Jr., Joseph Uemura, Ernestine Harris, Carrol L. Greenwood, and Walter John Boigegrain. Bishop Elaine J.W.

Stanovsky, Revs. David and Carol Lillie performed the baptism of Evangeline Lillie. The Music Team including AJ Bush, Stacy Collins, Kim Scott, Mark Zwilling, and featuring Giants and Pilgrims Band: Tim Coons, Charla Bultman, Sam Eshelman, and Dann Ritchie provided music for the service.

THEME PRESENTATION
Friday, June 10, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

OPENING: The Conference opened with music.

THEME PRESENTATION SPOTLIGHT: Youngsook Kang introduced Doug Lyons, representing Soul Repair, who addressed the Conference.

LAITY SESSION
Friday, June 10, 2016 – 9:20 a.m.

GATHERING: The Laity gathered in the Westminster Ballroom of The Westin Hotel for the Laity Session. The Music Team led the Laity in song. The Laity was led in worship by United Methodist Women of the Conference. The Conference was welcomed by Co-lay leaders Margaret Hotze and Kunle Taiwo. Kunle Taiwo explained the election process for lay leader. The Board of Lay Ministry was introduced. A Lay Leader election was held. Doug Palmer raised a question regarding nominations from the floor. Because the Lay Session is not a business session, we cannot make changes to the Rules. Margaret Hotze was unanimously elected as our continuing Conference Co-Lay Leader. Rev. Dr. Steven Sidorak, General Secretary, Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships addressed the Conference. Following prayer by Diana Huerta, an offering was taken to support Fresh Expressions.

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

CLERGY SESSION
Friday, June 10, 2016 – 9:20 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Outgoing BOM Chair, Rev. Leighton Mekeal called the Clergy Session to order at 9:25am.

OPENING WORSHIP: The session opened with a Unison Prayer by Leighton Mekeal and singing of "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown".

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS: The honor code will be the standard for the voting bar. The Bishop requested that we accept Richard Marsh, Conference Chancellor and Nancy Cox, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, be granted permission to be present as guests. The Bishop requested that we invite and accept Debra Stinnett and Alec Sandcrane to the room through item 6 on the agenda. The body also welcomed the lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry who were present in the room. The Bishop welcomed clergy from other Annual Conferences: Ann Lantz, Sarah Rettig, Brian Rossberg and Mark Thurman.

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, Michale Gore, Travis Husted, Charles Murry, William Novak, Tevida David Ofahengauwe and Barbara Ulrich. --B.A.C. 24.a.

- Jessica Rooks reported those ordained or provisional members from other Methodist denominations that are approved for appointment while retaining their conference or denominations membership: Paul Hwal Joo. –B.A.C 24.b.
- 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: James Foucher Jr., Pricilla Hill, 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.

CENSURE OF REV. JOHN CHIVINGTON: Bishop Elaine reported on the response to the unfinished business with Rev. John Chivington, who was responsible for the Sand Creek Massacre. Rev. Chuck Schuster and Debra Stinnett presented the document called “Censure of John M. Chivington”, created by a committee of the following persons: Chuck Schuster, Michael Dent, Wil Morris, Carrie West, Pam Everhart, Debra Stinnett and Norman Mark.

The essence of the censure states: *In an effort to acknowledge historical wrongs; as act of repentance to promote healing between our people and the Cheyenne and Arapaho peoples we have wronged and disrespected; we the Clergy Session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as we meet on June 10th, 2106 to pass on the character of clergy, a responsibility we fulfill every year, do denounce the actions of John Chivington and do publically declare that his character did not and does not meet the moral standards of United Methodist clergy members of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference.*

We confess that our Church leaders did no condemn the evil perpetrated on the Cheyenne and Arapaho families of Sand Creek at the time the Massacre was committed and we have shamefully not condemned the deeds of Chivington, and the Church for over 150 years. We now take ownership of the evil and horrific actions we have committed against Native peoples in the name of Christianity and acknowledge that Native Americans are still suffering for our past acts of commission and omission.

We therefore condemn and censure Reverend John Chivington for his actions against indigenous peoples.

Alec Sandcrane, a descendent of Black Kettle, was welcomed to the podium and shared his gratitude for the invitation to the session, and shared a statement of his experiences.

- Rev. Steve Reinhardt proposed an amendment for the last line to be re-read as: “*We therefore condemn and censure the actions of Reverend John Chivington against indigenous peoples.*” This was approved.
- Rev. Kimal James proposed an amendment to the amendment that would say: “*We therefore condemn the actions of Rev. Chivington against indigenous people and censure him.*” This was approved.
- Rev. Jasper Peters proposed another amendment, saying: “*We therefore condemn the actions of Rev. John Chivington against indigenous people and censure his character.*” This was approved.
- The petition as amended twice was before the body, and was adopted

Points of Personal Privilege: Rev. Paul Kottke spoke to the nature of confession for us about how we might be silent about or cheering on injustice in our current contexts. Rev. Jerry Boles implored the body to be involved in action of peace instead of violence.

It was decided to make a presentation about this action to the entire Plenary on Saturday evening’s session.

ANNIVERSARIES: The following were celebrated for milestones in ministry. Robert Colburn and Gelnn Wilbur (60 years); Ron Hodgest, Louis Pratt, Fletcher Wideman (50 years); Teresa Benedett-Farmer, Edwina Burton, Michael

Chamness, Jean Foreman, Jane Keener, Brenda Lear, David Margiotta, David Moorman (25 years); Patricia Agnew, Scott Daniels, Alane Currier Griggs, Robert Khan McClellan and Ramon Robledo (20 years).

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: The following members were approved: Mike Nickerson, Kim James and Ramon Robledo; and alternates Matthias C. Krier 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, Wil Morris; alternates are Betty Bradford, Eric Smith and Eric Feuerstein. Professing members are: Diana Huerta, Larry Mugler, Sue Yeager; professing alternates are Becky Buxton, Chris Frasier and Mary Ann Tabor. – 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

- The following were listed as those who are certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry: Michelle Bowles, Brandon Erdmann, Kelsey Linden Hill, Sandra Jimenez, David Johnson, Kaitlin McMichael, Andrea Palacias and Logan Robertson. –B.A.C. 19.a
- The following were listed as those who have completed studies for the license as a local pastor, and are approved, but are not now appointed: Amy Baker, Troy Greer, Jean Paul Howard, Mike Lipinski, John McLean, David Money, Vicki Richards-Street, Robert Simpson, Donnie Sturgill, Ryan Trosper and Losaline Tupoumalohi. ---B.A.C. 20.
- The following were approved as being approved and appointed at full-time local pastors: Cody Anderson, Brian Blackburn, Rob Bruendl, Jim Chrisawn, Yvette Christy, Emily Easton, Lester Huseby, Travis Husted, Martin Lee, Martt Lurz, Vickie Maxon, Jaime Nieves, Peter Phillips, Timothy Selby, Jerilyn Soens, James Ward, Jeffrey Wayland, Benning Wentworth IV, Tonya Whaley. --B.A.C. 21.a
- The following were approved as being approved and appointed as part-time local pastors: Ken Berve, Q Bhatti, Charlotte Charr, Mar Cloer, Lucia Correa, Cherie Cobb, Leah Coleman, Dawnmarie Fiechtner, Kristi Firme, Sione Fungalai, Jodi Harless, Janeen Hill, Donald Holt, Manual Jimenez, Jeff Kanost, Kathleen Leathers, Carol Loftin, Atamani Longolongogofalau, Poasi Manu, Norman, Mark, David McGee, Craig Paschal, Guillermo Reyes, Carol Rhan, Deanne Sharp, Sharon Strauss, Atonio Toluta'u, Kristina Walker, Llewellyn Ward, Gary Wilken. --B.A.C. 21.b
- The following were reported as being discontinued as local pastor: Bobby Barnhill, Thomas Beam, Debi Ann Paulsen and Sione Moa. --B.A.C. 22.
- The following was reported as a reinstated local pastor: Sione Fungalei. --B.A.C. 23.
- The following were reported as becoming local pastors since last we met: Cody Anderson, Charlotte Carr, Yvette Christy, Leah Coleman, Matt Lurz, Jerilyn Soen, Sharon Strauss, Antonio Toluta'u, Kristina Walker and Tonya Whaley. They came forward to be greeted by the Bishop.
- The following were reported to have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of the United Methodist Church: Ann Lantz, Sarah Rettig, Brian Rossbert and Mark Thurman. --B.A.C. 38.
- The following were listed as being granted honorable location prior to this year: Kenneth Carlson, Charles Casper, Gregg Dawson, Kay Gardner Pyle, Timothy Goettel, Elizabeth Hall, Margaret Huffman-Valentine, Ryan O'Shea, Keith Sera, Marcia Janke Shafer, Harold Thaxton JR., Duane Wilterdink. --B.A.C. 43.a.2.
- The following were listed as provisional or ordained members who have received appointments in other annual conferences while retaining their membership in this conference: Johnny Arrington, Sarah Beck,

Diane Bell, Deborah Christine, Charles Cram, Melissa Engel, Don Ford, Betty Kniss, Amanda McMurtrey, John Nadasi, Jane Youth Riecke, Amy Seifert, Debra Wacker, Travis Walker. --B.A.C. 49.

- The following were approved as provisional, ordained or associate members on leave of absence for 5 years or less: Jennifer Arfmann, David Barton, Virginia Bettendorf, Scott Daniels, Amy Durfee West, Leanne Hadley, Jennifer Hare, Amos Kuriaki, Carol Lillie, James Luallen, Ann McClellan, Khan McClellan, Siao Si Prescott, Glenda Ulmer, Rhonda York. --B.A.C. 50.a.1
- The following were approved as provisional, ordained or associate members for leave of absence for 5 years or more: Mary Ann Dimand and K. Teena Racheli. --B.A.C. 50.a.2
- The following were approved as those on family leave for less than 5 years: Jessica Boyce and Mariah Hayden. --B.A.C. 50.a.3
- The following were approved for transitional leave: Deborah Hull and Doug McKinney. --B.A.C. 50.a.5
- The following have been granted medical leave: Gary Dale Blackmon, Laurie A. Bruce, David Burnett, Handi Jo Dolloft-Holt, Debra Edwards, Terri Lynn Hubbard and Brian Riecke. --B.A.C. 52
- The following were reported as candidates in the process for certification in specialized ministry: Ann Kessler and Janita McGregor. --B.A.C. 58
- The following were listed as those who are certified in specialized ministry: Nani Arning, Jol Ashe, David Barton, Steve Burnett, Marie Gasau, Steven Harter, Kristi Hornick, Gerald Hurst, Lynn Hurst, Youngsook Kang, Robert Kaylor, Cindy Klick, Betty Kniss, Linda Marshall, Doug McKinney, Mike Ratliff and Kathie Walker. --B.A.C. 59
- The following were approved to appointments for less than full-time service: Lauren Chance Boyd, Laura Hehner, Linda Hoover, Byoungwk Jeon, Emily Kintzel, Seon Young Lee, Yvonne Lee, William McGrew, Betty Nguyen, Michael Nickerson, Dan Odell, Cynthia Paquette, JoshWalker, Eunjoo Yi, Spencer Green and Edward Rousset. --B.A.C. 73.a
- The following were approved as deacons being in appointment for less than full-time service: Megan Armstrong, Stacy Collins, Jolain Graf, Debra Juarez, Mary MacDonald, Philip Rogers, Sarah Steidtmann, Charles Stephens and Sallie Suby-Long. --B.A.C. 73.b
- The following was listed as being appointed as an interim pastor since we last met as a clergy session: Patricia Johnson.
- The following were listed as being certified as lay ministers: Ingrid DeRuiter, Harley Katz, Willa Lewis, Monte Voss, Carl Zinge, Gudiva "Twinkle" Gordon, Joyce Hudiburgh, Amy McComb, Monte Savage, Norma Farmer, Cory Higbee, Wil Miekjohn, Mike Spahr, Rose Vest, Deborah Hoffman, Charles Lee Sucher, Tracy Sutherland. --B.A.C. 63
- The following were approved as elders, associate members and local pastors appointed to other valid ministries under the provisions of 344.1d: Thomas Barlow, Lynne Bulter, Susan Crow, McNair Ezzard, James Grunden, Elizabeth Jackson, Gichul James Kim, Sam Leonard, Eliaz Martinez, Rebecca McFee, Jin Tae Park, Trevor Potter, Brian Rossbert, Blaine Scott, Rebekah Simon-Peter and James Ward. --B.A.C. 77.c

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LAST YEAR

The body observed a moment of silence for the following, who have died in the last year: Josheph Booker (Associate Member, --B.A.C. 48.a); John Bennanzar, Walter Boige grain, Evan Brian, Frank Harvey, Lyle Heimerich, George Houser, Jin-Hwa Hong, Wesley Logan, Evertt Matz, Dale McArthur, Leonard Sammons, Williams Simmons, Joseph Uemura, William Youngblood (Elders in full connection and retired elders, --B.A.C. 48.c)

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

- Those elders in full connection retiring this year: Edgar Clarkson Bigler III, Betty Bradford, Janet Forbes, Robert Fowler, Larry Howard, Jin Ho Kang, Susan Pierce, Stephen Sidorak, Priscilla Taylor, Cathye Wehr. --B.A.C. 53.c.

- Those licensed as local pastors retiring this year: Roger Haney, Lesley Matschke, Jerilyn Soens. –B.A.C. 56.a.

CANDIDATES

- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented to be commissioned as Provisional Elders: Pat Bell, Lauren Chance Boyd, Sherry Ferriman, Byoungwk Jeon, Emily Kintzel, Sharon Langfelt, Sarah Merchant, Cynthia Paquette and Janine Rose. All were approved. – B.A.C. 28.
- It was affirmed the decision of Kathleen Haley to surrender her credentials as clergy.
- Those who are continued as provisional members towards deacon's and elder's orders: Lee Anderson, AJ Bush, Stacy Collins, Amy Durfee West, Melissa Engel, Carol Forbes, Valerie Jackson, Michael Jarrell, Tiffany Keith, Bun Koo Lee, Lynn Miller Jackson, Jasper Peters, Philip Rogers and Josh Walker. – B.A.C. 29.a
- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented for approval as ordination as Deacon in full connection: Laura Rossbert and Chuck Stephens. 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: Emily Flemming, Jeremiah Harris, Jeff Richards, Leslie Wood. All were approved. –B.A.C. 32

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Leighton took a moment to recognize the Board of Ordained Ministry. He also presented the Rev. Dr. Cathie Kelsey as the new chair of the BOM. Jessica Rooks offered Leighton with a gift for his service at the BOM chair over the last quadrenium, and his 10 years of service on the BOM.

ORDERS ELECTION: Cathie Kelsey led the process of balloting to elect new chairs to each order. The following were elected: Schawn Kellog and Mary MacDonald (Deacons' Order); Lester Huesby and Carrie West (Fellowship of Local Pastor); Stephanie Kidwell and Brad Laurvick (Elders' Order).

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Mike Dent announced that Jeremiah Harris (who was approved for ordination as an elder at this AC) and Lee Anderson (a provisional deacon) are engaged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Gulley made an announcement about Mission U, and encouraged all to attend. Margaret Gilliken remind all clergy of the ethical educational requirement that is needed each quadrenium; the deadline is Dec 31, 2016. Carrie West announced that Orders Retreat will be October 11-13 in Snow Mass.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Cathie Kelsey closed the Session with prayer.

PLENARY Friday, June 10, 2016 - 2:30 p.m.

OPENING: The Music Team led the Session in song.

PRAYER: Kunle Taiwo, Co-Lay Leader, opened this session with prayer.

SUSPENSION OF RULES: Dennis Shaw motioned to suspend the rules regarding the votes. It was denied by vote of the Conference.

EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE BALLOT: Following directions from Elizabeth McVicker, Conference Secretary, and prayer by Brad Laurvick, the first ballot to elect an Episcopal candidate was cast.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky recognized Jerry Hershup's book "The Last Call".

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. Kristi Hornick, Denver Metro Area Prison Ministry, gave her report. Melanie Rosa, Dean of the Cabinet, and Jeff Rainwater, Wyoming/Northeast Colorado District Superintendent, gave their report. Eric Strader, Christ Denver, gave his report. Noreen Keleshian & Kristin Barlow, Finance and Administration Ministry, gave their report. Dennis Shaw, Hilltop UMC, gave his report. Jeff Hirota and Chris Frasier, presented their report. Ryan Canaday, St. Luke's UMC, gave his report. Youngsook Kang invited the Body to hold hands and "walk with those on the margins".

AC14 - Discontinuance of the Debeque United Methodist Church: Sione Tukutau, Utah/Western District Superintendent, presented the Petition. On motion it was ordered.

AC12 - Discontinuance of the Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church: Paul Kottke, Metro District Superintendent, presented the Petition. On motion it was ordered.

AC11 - Discontinuance of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Denver: Paul Kottke, Metro District Superintendent, presented the Petition. On motion it was ordered.

AC13 - Discontinuance of the Alameda Heights United Methodist Church: Paul Kottke, Metro District Superintendent, presented the Petition. On motion it was ordered.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky prayed with the Body over the closings of these churches and our future.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine recognized the work of Deb Olenyik during these transitions.

EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the first ballot to elect an Episcopal candidate were read. 469 ballots cast, 230 needed to nominate. Walter Skip Strickland is nominated as the Episcopal candidate with 357 votes.

EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE: Skip Strickland briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky asked the body if the ballot process should be continued and it did not pass by vote. The nomination process is complete.

INTRODUCTIONS: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky and Youngsook Kang introduced agency staff and guests. Kelly Peterson, Brian Diggs, Mike Ratliff, Jorge Dominguez, Alec Sandcrane, and Ben Sarraccino.

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

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO: Jay Rundell, President, briefly addressed the Conference.

TRIBUTE: Don Messer, Scott Schiesswohl, and Youngsook Kang, led the Conference in recognizing the work of Steve Sidorak.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE FOUNDATION: Kristi Kinnison, Executive Director, briefly addressed the Conference.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky gave away an array of books to the Conference body.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING INSTRUCTION: Youngsook Kang instructed the Conference on Christian Conferencing.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION: Kerry McCormick instructed the Conference on Legislative Committees.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Margaret Rush Hankins moved that the Rules be Suspended in order to bring late legislation to the body during Legislative Sessions this evening. It was ruled to be sent to Legislative Session A as AC17.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Mark Simmonds, Fleming UMC, moved that the Rules be Suspended in order to bring late legislation to the body during Legislative Sessions this evening. It was ruled to be sent to Legislative Session B as AC23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker read announcements.

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT: Becky Buxton, First UMC, Salt Lake City, adjourned the Conference with prayer.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING
Friday, June 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
Friday, June 10, 2016 - 8:15 p.m.

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

THEME PRESENTATION
Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.

THEME PRESENTATION SPOTLIGHT: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, introduced Michael Rowley, Clean Water, who addressed the Conference. Andy Millman then introduced Keyla Antunez, Young People of Color, who addressed the Conference.

PLENARY
Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

OPENING: The Music Team led the Conference in song.

PRAYER: Skip Strickland led the Conference in prayer. He informed the body that Emily Flemming had been involved in a car accident and lifted her up in prayer.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Kerry McCormick presented the Consent Calendar.

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

Consent Calendar A
CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS
(accepted with 80% of members present and voting)

#AC01 - Committee A - 2017 Equitable Compensation - 95% approval

#AC02 - Committee B - Minimum Standards for Clergy Parsonages/Housing - 98% approval

#AC03 - Committee C - District Superintendent, Director of Mission and Ministry, and Treasurer/Benefits Officer/Director of Support Services Compensation - 96% approval

#AC04 - Committee A - Health Insurance Program & Funding - 99% approval

#AC15 – Committee C - 7th Annual Valentine’s Resolution on Global HIV and AIDS – 100% approval

#AC17 – Committee A - Membership in the Colorado Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice – 96% approval

#AC23 – Committee B - A Way Forward – 87% approval

Amend by substitution of the words “cross-gender persons” following the words “by heterosexual” in Point #2 with the words “persons who identify as the gender in which they were born.”

PETITIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

#AC16 – Committee B - Election of Episcopal Leaders in the West – 77% approval

AC16 ELECTION OF EPISCOPAL LEADERS IN THE WEST: Ben Roe presented the Petition. It was deferred.

STANDING RULES & OPERATING PROCEDURES: T. Steve Burnett, Rules Committee Chair, presented the report. On motion it ordered that the Standing Rules and Operating Procedures be adopted as amended from 2015.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT: Kent Ingram and the General Conference delegation presented their report and shared a video.

JURISDICTIONAL POOL: Kent Ingram and Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky presented the Jurisdictional Pool list of nominations. On motion it was approved.

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| 1. Laurie Day | 16. Eric Smith |
| 2. Ruth Wills | 17. Michael Dent |
| 3. Curtis Gay | 18. Sione Tukutau |
| 4. Elizabeth McVicker | 19. Youngsook Kang |
| 5. Jerry Herships | 20. Jerry Boles |
| 6. Melanie Rosa | 21. Felicia George |
| 7. Margaret Hotze | 22. Jeff Hirota |
| 8. Judy Hill | 23. Betty Bich Nguyen |
| 9. Liwliwa Robledo | 24. Tezenlo Thong |
| 10. Glenna Brayton | 25. Victoria Cassarrubias |
| 11. Diana Huerta | 26. Susan DeTar |
| 12. Skip Strickland | 27. Myrna Prentice |
| 13. Cathie Kelsey | 28. Rob White |
| 14. Jessica Rooks | 29. Scott Schiesswohl |
| 15. Trudy Robinson | 30. Andy Millman |

GC Delegates

Doug Palmer
Kunle Taiwo
Harvey Tukutau
Kent Ingram
Brad Laurvick
Megan Armstrong

AC16 ELECTION OF EPISCOPAL LEADERS IN THE WEST: Discussion continued. An amendment by addition of the words “and gender identity” following the words “Sexual orientation” on Line 4 was adopted. On motion Petition AC16 was adopted.

AC 21 SEEKING APPROVAL FROM THE WESTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE TO REALIGN CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES: Janet Forbes and Jeremy Scott presented the report.

BALLOT: Following The Lord's Prayer, a written ballot was taken and sealed for delivery to the Yellowstone Conference. Following their Conference, the votes will be tallied.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky introduced Steve Hermes, Conference Secretary for the Yellowstone Conference, who briefly addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Joel Kershaw, Agenda Chair, requested we move further business and reports to the Plenary at the end of this day.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Jasper Peters spoke regarding "Black Lives Matter".

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Elizabeth Jackson, Extension Ministries, made a motion to suspend the rules to bring a resolution to the body. On motion it was ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Following announcements, the Conference was led into worship; The Passing of the Mantle.

PASSING OF THE MANTLE
Saturday , June 11, 2016 - 12:00 p.m.

Alane Currier-Griggs read the list of retirees who were recognized for their years of service. Edgar Clarkson Bigler III, Betty Bradford, Janet Forbes, Robert Fowler, Roger Haney, Larry Howard, Jin Ho Kang, Lesley Matschke, Susan Pierce, Jerilyn Soens, Stephen James Sidorak, Jr., Priscilla Taylor, and Cathy Wehr. Leighton McKeal, 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: Cody Anderson, Thomas Beam, Charlotte Carr, Yvette Christy, Leah Coleman, Hwal Paul Joo, Jarilyn Kay Soens, Sharon Strauss, Atonio Toluta'u, Tonya Royal Whaley.
Commissioning Provisional members towards elder's orders: Lauren Chance Boyd, John Patrick Bell, Sherry Ferriman, Byoungwk Jeon, Emily Carr Kintzel, Sharon L. Langfeldt, Sarah Merchant, Cynthia Paquette, and Janine Rose.
Ordained as deacons in full connection: Laura Ann Gilbert Rossbert, Charles J. Stephens.
Ordained as elders in full connection: Emily Noell Schoedel Flemming, Jeremiah Harris, Jeffrey Ryan Richards, and Leslie Sue Wood.

RETIREMENT LUNCHEON
Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 12:30 p.m.

The 2016 Retirees, their families and friends gathered at The Westin Hotel for the Celebration of Ministry luncheon. Rev. Kim James opened with welcoming words. Reverend Cathy Wehr gave the invocation. Kim James introduced the new retirees and presented certificates and pins. The benediction was provided by Reverend Ed Bigler. Those in attendance were: Edgar Bigler III, Betty Bradford, Janet Forbes, Roger Haney, Jin Ho Kang, Lesley Matschke, Stephen Sidorak, Jr., Jerilyn Soens, and Cathye Wehr. Those retired in absentia were: Robert Fowler, Larry Howard, Susan Pierce, and Priscilla Taylor.

LAITY AWARDS LUNCHEON
Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 12:30 p.m.

The Laity Awards Luncheon was held at The Westin Hotel. Those receiving Quiet Disciple Awards were:

April Garlin - Metropolitan District
Ray Allen - Mile High Sub-district
Allan Brook - Pikes Peak Sub-district
Elvin Phillips - Peaks Sub-district
Pamela Harms - Plains Sub-district
Alta Gwyn - Trinity District
Shirley Cotton - Western Colorado Sub-district
Gene Rohrbeck - Wyoming District
Taylor Leaming - UMM
Marilynn Terick - UMW
Hawley Vining - Young Adult

Lay Servant Awards were presented to:

Jack O'Neil - Mile High Sub-district
Mary Ann Tabor - Pikes Peak Sub-district
John Allum - Peaks Sub-district
Jim and Pam Coulter - Plains Sub-district
Lucille Peterson - Western Colorado Sub-district
Sharon Roness - Wyoming District

**MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS
COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 2:30 p.m.**

Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, instructed the Conference on various discussion areas to attend revolving around the Spotlight speakers during this Annual Conference.

**PLENARY
Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.**

OPENING: The Music Team led the Conference in song.

PRAYER: Al Strauss opened the plenary with prayer lifting up David Fatai.

AC18 RESOLUTION TO EMBRACE THE MARGINS: Elizabeth Jackson presented the Resolution. On motion it was ordered that the resolution be adopted.

AC22 THE FUTURE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE: Jeff Babb presented the Resolution.

BALLOT: Following prayer, a ballot vote was cast. These votes will be sealed and sent to Yellowstone Conference awaiting their vote and then tallied.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanvosky introduced her daughter-in-law and handed out labyrinth drawings to all the youth of the Conference.

BISHOP BOOK GIVEAWAY: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky gave Skip Strickland a book called "Love, Skip, Jump".

APPRECIATION: Kim James led the Conference in recognizing the work of Sione Tukutau, District Superintendent for the Utah/Western Colorado District. Sione Tukutau briefly addressed the Conference.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFIT HEALTH PLAN: Kim James asked for approval of the report. On motion it was ordered.

BUDGET: Kristen Barlow, Conference Council of Finance and Administration, moved that the 2017 budget be adopted in the amount of \$5,626,012. On motion it was approved.

TRUSTEES: Dan Cadwallader presented the report regarding wind and hail deductions.

NOMINATIONS REPORT: Burry Bessee presented the report. On motion it was ordered to adopt the report as a work in progress.

RECOGNITION OF ORDER OF DEACON 20th ANNIVERSARY: Shawn Kellogg and Mary McDonald shared a video, recognized Deacons in our Conference, and celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Order of Deacon.

EPISCOPAL NOMINEE ADDRESS: Skip Strickland introduced his wife Belinda, and addressed the Conference. Bishop Elaine asked for prayers for Skip, Belinda, and the Episcopal process.

UMCOR COLORADO FLOOD RECOVERY: Mike Moore, Flood Recovery Director, presented the report.

RECOGNITION OF CONFERENCE STAFF: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, led the Conference in recognizing the work of Conference Staff for this Annual Conference. Each staff member introduced themselves.

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

Road Runner Award – Rev. Sherry Ferriman, Simla and Ellicott UMC

Small Church Award – Midwest Community UMC, Midwest, Wyoming

One Matters Discipleship Award – Bristol UMC, Bristol, Colorado

Harry Denman Evangelism Award – Travis K. Walker, Springfield UMC, Colorado

Bill West, President of United Methodist Men presented:

Susanna Wesley Award of Excellence – Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky

CLERGY SESSION RESOLUTION ON SAND CREEK: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky invited Arapaho and Cheyenne descendants to the stage and read the Resolution. Bishop Elaine then presented a copy to each guest. The Conference watched a video from General Conference regarding Sand Creek. Joe Big Medicine, Gail Ridgely, Henry Little Bird, and Alec Sandcrane all briefly addressed the Conference.

FIRE PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP: Jerry Boles introduced Alec Sandcrane as the driver of the fire truck the Conference helped purchase last year on the Northern Arapaho Reservation. Jerry expressed the need for buildings, etc. at the Northern Arapaho Reservation. Bishop Elaine reminded the Conference of the Bishop's Fund to give to this mission.

CELEBRATION OF BISHOP ELAINE'S MINISTRY: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, and Brad Laurvick, Chair of the Episcopacy Committee, and many others, led the Conference in celebrating Bishop Elaine's ministry and leadership in this Conference.

Gail Ridgely gave Bishop Elaine an Arapaho name: Warrior of God and presented her with an Arapaho shawl.

Cliff Stanovsky introduced the family of Bishop Elaine and expressed appreciation to the Conference.

Harvey Tukutau and Eric Strader presented Bishop Elaine with a "Tree of Life" stole from the Conference. Bishop Elaine briefly addressed the Conference.

The Conference sang "Happy Birthday" to Cliff.

Bishop Elaine presented gifts to the descendants.

Brad led a Conference blessing.

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.

THE SERVICE OF HONORING AND CELEBRATING MINISTRY

Sunday, June 12, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

ORDINATION: The Conference celebrated a service of Ordination. The message was delivered by Rev. Dr. Hugo Magallanes. Rev. Amy Stapleton, General Commission on Religion and Race, led an Affirmation of Ministry on the Margins. The offering was taken supporting Hispanic/Latino Ministries. Catherine Kelsey, Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced the candidates:

CONFIRMING LICENSES TO LOCAL PASTORS: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky confirmed local pastors: Cody Anderson, Thomas Beam, Charlotte Carr, Yvette Christy, Leah Coleman, Hwal Paul Joo, Jarilyn Kay Soens, Sharon Strauss, Atonio Toluta'u, Tonya Royal Whaley.

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE ORDERS OF ELDERS: Lauren Chance Boyd, John Patrick Bell, Sherry Ferriman, Byoungwk Jeon, Emily Carr Kintzel, Sharon L. Langfeldt, Sarah Merchant, Cynthia Paquette, and Janine Rose.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION: Laura Ann Gilbert Rossbert, Charles J. Stephens.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION: Emily Noell Schoedel Flemming, Jeremiah Harris, Jeffrey Ryan Richards, and Leslie Sue Wood.

Reading of appointments followed.

RECEPTION: A reception was held outside the Westminster Ballroom.