

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

**Rocky Mountain Event Center
Marriott Denver Tech Center
Denver, Colorado**

**Bishop Karen P. Oliveto – Presiding
Elizabeth McVicker – Conference Secretary**

**OPENING WORSHIP
Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 1:00 P.M.**

The Conference convened in the Rocky Mountain Event Center of the Marriott Denver Tech Center, Denver, Colorado for Opening Worship and Bishop Karen P. Oliveto's Episcopal address. Ava Hamilton, Arapaho representative, welcomed the Conference. Conference Youth led the Conference in prayer. The scripture, Ephesians 3:20-4:7, 1 Corinthians 12:12-4, Isaiah 11:1-9 was read by BW Jeon and Victoria Alvarado. Margaret Hotze and Kunle Taiwo, co-lay leaders, dressed in Nigerian special occasion wear, welcomed the Conference. The sacrament of Baptism was given to Thurman Finnley Strader and Sophia Neoma Engel by Bishop Oliveto with assistance from co-lay leaders. Conference members were invited to be anointed and blessed. Music was provided by Conference Band consisting of Daryl Walker, Jenny LaJoyce, Sheryl McCallum, and Eric McEuen.

PLENARY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto called to order the 49th session of the Rocky Mountain Conference to The United Methodist Church. The Conference convened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center of the Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado, revolving around the theme "Living Into Beloved Community".

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: The Bar of the Conference shall be the stage, audio visual area, the associate secretary's table and all of the chairs on the floor of the conference except for the section with red-t-shirts on the end of the rows.

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

Voting Eligibility: Purple and green stripes on nametags can vote on the business of Annual Conference. Yellow stripes can vote on everything EXCEPT the Constitutional Amendments.

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

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Jeff Babb asked for a suspension of the rules regarding that AC 23 be included in Legislative Committee. On motion it was ordered that AC 23 be in Legislative Session A.

RULES: Rusty Butler, presented the Rules report. On motion, it was ordered that the "2017 Rules of the Annual Conference Session" be adopted.

STANDING RULES & OPERATING PROCEDURES: Rusty Butler presented the report.

MOTION: Doug Palmer made a motion that Rule 2.6 (Election of Conference Co-Lay Leaders) be put into Legislative Committee. On motion it was ordered assigned to Legislative Committee B.

STANDING RULES & OPERATING PROCEDURES: The remaining SROP were adopted.

WELCOME: Rev. Dr. Melanie Rosa, District Superintendent of the Mile High-Pikes Peak District, the host district for this annual conference, and Co-Lay Leaders Ruth Wills and Susan Wheeler, welcomed the body to the Annual Conference.

INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAM & ARRANGEMENTS: Rob White, Program and Arrangements Chair, addressed the Conference. He also introduced Judy Hill as this year's Safety Advocate and Josh Walker, Security for this Conference.

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

BUDGET: Kirsten Barlow presented the budget for 2018 in the amount of \$5,368,000. The budget will be voted upon at the Saturday plenary.

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

MISSION SHAPED FUTURE COMMITTEE: Jeremy Scott and Jasper Peters presented the report.

MINISTRY IMMERSION & CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING: Mike Moore and Youngsook Kang instructed the Conference on the Mission Immersion experiences.

WESTERN JURISDICTION COMMUNICATION: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto introduced Steve Drachler, Communication Consultant for the Western Jurisdiction working on strategies for the Jurisdiction, who briefly addressed the Conference.

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

THEME PRESENTATION: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto introduced the theme "Living Into Beloved Community" based on Matthew 25. She then introduced Alexia Salvatierra, Faith Rooted Organizing UnNetwork, who addressed the Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker gave announcements.

PRAYER: The Conference was recessed with prayer by Tori Sanford.

MEMORIAL AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, June 15, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Rocky Mountain Event Center of the Marriott Denver Tech Center 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 John 6:1-15 and Reverend Dr. Melanie Rosa, Superintendent of the Mile High/Pikes Peak District, delivered the sermon. The staff, clergy, and spouses memorialized were: Evan V. Brian, Sr., Bethel C. Brian, Laura V. Knudsen, George A. Brown, Jack A. Pedotto, Sr., Gertrude (Trudy) Barloe, Patricia L. Bollack, Kathleen M. Grooters, Louis M. Pratt, Erma L. Hines, Thomas W. Hall, Christine W. Xavier, Helen H. Keeseey, Harold E. Sanchez, Clair E. Mitchell, Joy M. Smith, John Alton Templin, Gene D. Yelken, Dorothy (Dotty) A. Creager, Edna T. Bragonier, David R. Huffnagle. An offering was taken for Hunger Free Colorado. The Conference Band provided music for the service.

LAITY SESSION

Friday, June 16, 2017 - 8:30 A.M.

The Laity gathered in the Rocky Mountain Events Center of the Marriott Denver Tech Center for the Laity Session. The Youth Ministry and Music Team led the Laity in worship "For When I Was Hungry and Thirsty". The Conference was welcomed by Co-lay leaders Margaret Hotze and Kunle Taiwo. They introduced Dr. Robin Dickinson, Community Supported Family Medicine, who addressed the Conference on "Personal Experience with Food Insecurity". Following prayer an offering was taken to support Lay Leader Scholarships, Hunger Free Colorado, and Crossroads Urban Center in Utah. Kunle Taiwo then introduced members of the Board of Laity who were recognized. Anthony Nelson, Outgoing CCYM President, recessed the Conference to workshops.

LAITY WORKSHOPS: The laity was dismissed to various Lay Session Workshops for the remainder of the Lay Session.

CLERGY SESSION
Friday, June 16, 2017 – 8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Cathie Kelsey, BOM Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

OPENING WORSHIP: The session began with a worship time, with Bishop Karen asking the question, “What were the miracle moments of your ministry this year?” Participants shared answers in pairs, then five volunteers shared the stories they heard. There was prayer and singing.

SETTING THE BAR: Bishop Karen set the bar as the room, and the honor code was observed when voting. Richard Marsh, Conference Chancellor and Nancy Cox, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, and lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry who were present in the room, were welcomed to be present.

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: Nathan Adams; Mary Schmidt; Mark Feldmeir; Michael Gore; Franklin Thomas Hazlewood; Richard L. McPherson; William Novak; Tevita David Ofahengaue; Sharon Robertson --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: Yunseon Choi 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 Fouthier Jr.; Pricilla Hill; Tracy Hughes; Frank Lee; Steve Poos-Benson; Robin Riley; William S. Robertson; Hugo Venegas. 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; Knut Heim; Daniel D. Marutle; Sandra Spahr; Michael Streevy. – B.A.C. 26.b

ANNIVERSARIES: The following were celebrated for milestones in ministry: James William Cavender, James William Cosner and Lonnie Eakle (50 years); Edgar Clarkson Bigler III, Eugene Harvey Gall, James Henry Harris, David Kenneth Jager, Richard R. Lippincot, (40 years); Peter S. Freytag, Lucia Guzman, Delbert W. Hansen, Kimal L. James, Leighton W. Mekeal, Ruth Pittinger, Eloise Ruth Saltzgaver (25 years); Beverly Fest, Betty Kniss, David Burnett, Lynne Y. Coffman, Andrew Dunning, Betty France, Tracy Lynn Hausman, Frank Hoover, Linda Hoover, Thomas J. Janoski, David Lillie, Karen Johnson Lowe, Kay Palmer Marsh, Donna Patterson, Alice Reimer-McKee, Priscilla Taylor, Claire Phillips Zilm, Jill Ashe, Rita Basham, Laurie Bruce, Robert Carlisle, Judith Davis, Linda Cooper Gertenbach, Jolain Graf, Marla Kauerz, Mary Etta Moore, Judith Owsley, Rught Ellen Pittinger, Michael Ratliff, Helen Taylor, Dale Wood. (20 years).

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: A representative from the McCurdy School shared that those who work full time in the UMC are free to come to their campus for a 7-day spiritual retreat for no cost. Don Messer, from the Association of Retire Clergy (ARC) shared the statement that they are supportive of our Bishop and of our active clergy, and presented Bishop Karen with an ARC shirt.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: The following members were approved: Val Jackson, Kimal James, Ramon Robledo, Ryan Canady (alternate) and Loyaa Flansburg (alternate). - B.A.C. 18.a.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS REPORT

- 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, Susie Burley, Emily Easton, Mike Lipinski, John McLean, David Money, Vicki Richards-Street, Robert Simpson---B.A.C. 20.
- The following were approved as being approved and appointed at full-time local pastors: Cody Anderson, Brian Blackburn, Michelle Bowles, Rob Bruendl, Jim Chrisawn, Lester Huseby, Terry Krayenhagen, tt Lurz, Vickie Maxon, Jaime Nieves, Thomas Owens, David Petty, Timothy Selby, Sharon Strauss, 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: Teresa Adams, Ken Berve, Q Bhatti, Charlotte Charr, Mar Cloer, Lucia Correa, Cherie Cobb, Jamielee Demske, Dawnmarie Fiechtner, Kristi Firme, Sione Fungalai, Jodi Harless, Angela Heesacker, Janeen Hill, Donald Holt, Jean Paul Howard, Travis Husted, Manual Jimenez, Jeff Kanost, Kathleen Leathers, Peter Lee, Atamani Longolongogofalau, Mele Mause Mafie, Poasi Manu, Norman Mark, David McGee, Linda Meyer, Craig Paschal, Guillermo Reyes, David Sauer, Deanne Sharp, Harold Eugene Sharp, Rick Steward, Andrew Stinnett, Atonio Toluta'u, Kristina Walker, Brad Walston, Gary Wilken. --B.A.C. 21.b
- The following were reported as becoming local pastors since last we met, and were welcomed to the body by Bishop Karen: Michelle Bowles, Susie Burley, Lucia Correa, Jamielee Demske, Angela Heesacker, Travis Husted, Terry Krayenhagen, Peter Lee, Mele Mause Mafi, Linda Meyer, Thomas Owens, David Petty, David Sauer, Rick Stewart, Andrew Stinnett, Donnie Sturgill, Kristina Walker.
- 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, Siasoi Prescott, Glenda Ulmer, Rhonda York. --B.A.C. 50.a.1

CANDIDATES

- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented to be commissioned as Provisional Deacons: Jason Baxter and Kaitlin McMichael. All were approved. - B.A.C. 28.
- Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the following were presented to be commissioned as Provisional Elders: Yevette Christy, Leah Coleman, Sandra Jimenez, Peter Phillips, Llewellyn Ward II, Tonya Whaley,
- Those who are continued as provisional members towards deacon's and elder's orders: Lee Anderson, John Patrick Bell, Lauren Chance Boyd, Sherry Ferriman, Carol Forbes, Valerie Jackson, Michael Jarrell, Byoungwk Jeon, Emily Kintzel, Sharon Langfeldt, Bun Koo Lee, Sarah Merchant, Cynthia Paquette, Philip Rogers, Janine Rose 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: Stacy Collins. 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: Allison (AJ) Bush, Melissa Engel, Tiffany Keith, Lynn Miller Jackson, Jasper Peters. All were approved. -B.A.C. 32

THANKS TO BOM MEMBERS ENDING THEIR TERM: Jeff Babb, Michael Dent, Granville Smythe.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS REPORT (cont'd)

- The following were reported as having been transferred to other annual conferences of the UMC: Amanda McMurtrey, John Miyahara, Amy Seifert. -B.A.C. 41
- The following were approved as discontinued as provisional members by voluntary discontinuance: Amy Durfee West. -B.A.C. 42.b.

- The following were reported as elders who died during the past year: Evan Vance Brian, George Arthur Brown, Thomas William Hall, David Huffnagle, Clair E. Mitchell, Jack Pedotto, Louis M. Pratt, Harold Estevan Sanchez, J. Alton Templin, Christine Williams Xavier, Gene Dennis Yelken. -- B.A.C. 48.c.
- The following were reported as deacons who died during the past year: Dorothy Creager. --B.A.C. 48.d.
- The following were reported as diaconal ministers who died during the past year: Trudy Barlow. --B.A.C. 48.d.
- The following were approved as provisional, ordained or associate members for leave of absence for 5 years or less: Jennifer Arfmann, David Barton, Scott Daniels, Jennifer Hare, Amos Kuriaki, Carol Lillie, Ann McClellan, Khan McClellan, Will Morris, Siaosi Prescott, 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. --B.A.C. 50.a.2
- The following were approved as those on family leave for less than 5 years: Jessica Boyce, Betty Nguyen, Jennifer Winterfeld. --B.A.C. 50.a.3
- The following were approved for transitional leave: Lynne Butler. --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, Felicia George 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

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

- The following were reported as deacons in full connection who have been retired this year: Jean Bruscia, Robert Coulson, Gerald Hurst, Deborah Laurence, Linda Marshall, Douglas Mckinney. --B.A.C. 53.a
- The following were reported as elder in full connection who have been retired this year: Patrick Bruns, Barbara Johns-Schleicher, Samuel Leonard, James Luallen, Kay Palmer Marsh, Linda Pelletier, Maggie Roe, Glenda Ulmer. --B.A.C. 53.c.
- The following were reported as associate members who have been retired this past year: Donald Ford, DeEtta Goettel. --B.A.C. 54.a.
- The following were local pastors who have been recognized as retired this past year: Carol Loftin. --B.A.C. 56.a.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS REPORT (cont'd)

- The following were approved as associate members and elders to appointments for less than full-time service: Lauren Chance Boyd, Leah Coleman, Linda Hoover, Byoungwk Jeon, Sandra Jimenez, Emily Kintzel, Seon Young Lee, Yvonne Lee, Dan Odell, Josh Walker, 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: Lee Anderson-Harris, 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 were approved as elders (full connection and provisional), associate members and local pastors appointed to other valid ministries under the provisions of 344.1d: Thomas Barlow, Virginia Bettendorf, Michelle Bowles, Susan Crow, McNair Ezzard, James Grunden, Mariah Hayden, Elizabeth Jackson, Gichul James Kim, Elias Martinez, Rebecca McFee, Valerie Oden, Jin Tae Park, Trevor Potter, Brian Rossbert, Blaine Scott, Rebekah Simon-Peter and James Ward. --B.A.C. 76.c.

CLERGY COVENANT FUND REPORT AND OFFERING – Emily Hagan shared that clergypersons were helped during the past year with the funds collected at the last clergy session, and encouraged generous giving this year.

PASSING ON CHARACTER: Bishop Karen asked each District Superintendent to stand with those who serve in their district, and asked the questions: “Are all the clergy members of the district blameless in their life and official

administration?" and "Is your district superintendent blameless in his/her life and official administration?" Each assured that all pass on character by the grace of God.

- Tezenlo Thong was welcomed as the next DS for the Mile-High/Pikes Peak District.
- Jeff Rainwater was recognized as the new dean of the cabinet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jim Gulley - encouraged persons to participate in Mission U
- Kent Ingram- announced the 4th Annual Preaching Academy at First UMC in Colorado Springs in November
- Stepahie Kidwell and Brad Laurvick - announced the Clergy Orders Retreat from October 24-26 in Breckenridge. The focus will be sharing the word through many different avenues.
- Trudy Robinson – asked for prayers for Ann McClellan, who has breast cancer, and expressions of care can be shared on Caring Bridge
- Skip Strickland - announced that Bill Bruce has just entered in hospice care

CLOSING BLESSING - Bishop Karen recognized Al Scarffe, who has attended annual conference every year for 70 years.

She also asked for prayer concerns to be lifted up – several were shared. She closed the session with words and a blessing.

MINISTRY IMMERSION
Friday, June 16, 2017 - 11:30 A.M.

The Conference went to various ministry sites to give back to the community.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING
Friday, June 16, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

The Conference participated in conversation surrounding the different Ministry Immersions they participated in.

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
Friday, June 16, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.

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

PASSING OF THE MANTLE
Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 8:30 A.M.

Alane Currier-Griggs read the list of retirees who were recognized for their years of service. Robert (Bob) Coulson, Donald A. Ford, DeEtta Goettel, Gerald (Jerry) Hurst, Barbara Ann Johns-Schleicher, Deborah (Debby) Lawrence, Carol Loftin, Kay Palmer Marsh, Linda Marshall, Douglas McKinney, Linda Pelletier, and Margaret (Maggie) Roe. Cathie Kelsey, 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: Michelle Bowles, Susie Burley, Lucia Correa, Jamielee Demske, Angela Kay Hessacker, Travis Husted, Terry Krayenhagen, Peter Lee, Linda Meyer, Mele Mausia Mafi, David Petty, Rick Stewart, Donnie Sturgill and Kristina Walker.

Commissioning Provisional members towards elder's orders: Yvette Marie Christy, Leah J. Coleman, Sandra Jimenez, Peter Christopher Phillips, Llewellyn Ashville Ward II, and Tonya Royal Whaley.

Commissioning Provisional members towards deacon's orders: Jason Lee Baxter and Kaitlin Elise McMichael.

Ordained as deacons in full connection: Stacy Kathleen Collins

Ordained as elders in full connection: Allison Joy Bush, Melissa Sue Engel, Lynn Miller Jackson, Tiffany Leah Keith, and Jasper Darneal Peters.

DEACON CELEBRATION: Linda Marshall led the Conference in recognizing the 20 year anniversary of The Order of Deacons in our Conference.

TELLING THE STORY: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, led the body in the Telling of the Story report. Margaret Hotze and Kunle Taiwo, Conference Co-lay Leaders, presented their report. Melanie Rosa, Dean of the Cabinet, and Jeff Rainwater, Wyoming/Northeast Colorado District Superintendent, gave their report. Jeff Rainwater then introduced Tezenlo Thong as the incoming District Superintendent as Melanie Rosa leaves the Cabinet. Lynn Miller Jackson, Scott United Methodist Church, presented her report.

Kirsten Barlow and Noreen Keleshian, Finance and Administration Ministry, gave their report. Jeff Hirota presented his report.

RESET THE BAR: The Bar of the Conference was reset. Retractable belts mark the rows that are not included in the bar.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker instructed the Conference on voting for the amendments. Results will not be reported until next Annual Conference. Kent Ingram, head of General/Jurisdictional Conference delegations, introduced Megan Armstrong, Doug Palmer, Kunle Taiwo, Harvey Tukutau and Brad Laurvick who presented the amendments. Following prayer, votes were taken.

AC14 - Closure of James Memorial United Memorial United Methodist Church, Hudson, Colorado - Skip Strickland, District Superintendent of the Peaks and Plains presented the resolution. On motion it was ordered.

AC13 - Closure of Mesa United Methodist Church -Marv Vose, District Superintendent of the Utah/Western District presented the resolution. On motion it was ordered.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto led the Conference in prayer regarding these church closures.

CONSENT CALENDAR A: Kerry McCormick presented the Consent Calendar A.

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

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

AC01 - Committee C - Health Insurance Programs and Funding - 100% approval

AC02 - Committee A - District Superintendent, Director of Mission and Ministry, and Treasurer/Benefits Officer/Director of Support Services Compensation -100% approval
Amend by substitution of \$103,306 for \$104,339 on Line 2
Amend by substitution of 1.56 for 1.58 on Line 3
Amend by substitution of \$600 with \$1200 on Line 21

AC03 - Committee B - 2018 Minimum and Equitable Compensation - 96% approval

AC04 - Committee C - Clergy Ethics and Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training - 100% approval
Amend by insertion of the word "Prevention" following the word "Misconduct" on Line 7
Amend by substitution of the word "Provisional" for the word "Probationary" on Line 17
Amend by substitution of the word "Provisional" for the word "Probationary" on Line 23
Amend by substitution of the word "Provisional" for the word "Probationary" on Line 26
Amend by substitution of the words "Provisional" for the words "Probationary" on Line 28
Amend by movement of Line 27 "OR Retired Member Other Conference" to Schedule B

AC05 – Committee A – **Rocky Mountain Conference Safe Sanctuary Policy** -84% approval

AC11 – Committee C – **Standing United and Embracing Our Differences** – 98% approval

AC12 – Committee B – **One Year Study Group to Assess the Impact of Clergy and Seminarian Debt and Make Recommendations to the Rocky Mountain 2018 Annual Conference** – 99.2% approval

AC22 – Committee C – **Study the Effects of Rolling Back Tithe Plus Mission Giving to 10%** - 97.5% approval

SROP 2.6 – Committee B – **Standing Rules and Operational Procedures 2.6 Election of Conference Co-Lay Leaders** – 80.6% approval

CONSENT CALENDAR B: Kerry McCormick presented Consent Calendar B.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR B
NON-CONCURRENCE
WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS
(Rejected with 80% of members present and voting)**

AC21 – Committee B – **Delegate Elections for Called 2019 General Conference** – 17% approval

**WITHOUT CONCURRENCE
WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS**

(Did not achieve 80% concurrence or non-concurrence by those members present and voting)

AC23 – Committee A – **Recording the Total Financial Cost of Annual Conference to the Local Church** – 24% approval

AC23 – Recording the Total Financial Cost of Annual Conference to the Local Church: Kerri McCormick presented the petition. An amendment was passed that deleted Line 3. This petition was approved.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Dennis Shaw spoke regarding “Transparency on our Financial Reporting and Investing.”

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto and Youngsook Kang introduced agency staff and guests. David Burt, Ben Sarracino, William Randolph and Terry Shoemaker.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Steve Easterday-McPadden invited free will offerings for the Blackfeet UM Parish in Browning, Montana, for the purchase of a diesel truck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker clarified SROP 2.6 Rule change and read announcements.

PRAYER: Tiffany Leah Keith and Jasper Peters recessed the Conference for lunch with prayer.

**RETIREMENT LUNCHEON
Saturday, June 17, 2017 – 12:30 P.M.**

The 2017 Retirees, their families and friends gathered at the Marriott Denver Tech Center for the Celebration of Ministry Luncheon. Kimal James opened with Welcoming words. Reverend Barbara Ann Johns-Schleicher gave the invocation. Kimal James introduced the new retirees and presented certificates and pins. The benediction was provided by Reverend Doug McKinney. Those in attendance were: Donald Ford, DeEtta Goettel, Gerald Hurst, Barbara Ann Johns-Schleicher, Deborah Lawrence, Kay Palmer Marsh, Linda Marshall, Douglas McKinney, Margaret

Roe. Those retired in absentia were: Patrick Bruns, Jean Bruscia, Robert Coulson, Samuel Leonard, Carol Loftin, James Luallen, and Linda Pelletier.

LAITY AWARDS LUNCHEON
Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 12:30 P.M.

The Laity Awards Luncheon was held at the Marriott Denver Tech Center. Those receiving Quiet Disciple Awards were:

Jessica Luna - Metropolitan District
Kurt Harris - Mile High Sub-district
Tom Moore - Pikes Peak Sub-district
Don Cummins - Peaks Sub-district
Diane Bell - Plains Sub-district
Lanette Wagner - Trinity District
Mike Green - Utah Sub-district
Louise and Candy Holgate - Western Colorado Sub-district
Bob Stowe - Wyoming District
Faith Paschke - Youth Representative
Marilyn Allen - United Methodist Women
John E. Childs - United Methodist Men

Lay Servant Awards were presented to:

Katherine "Kitty" Allen - Metropolitan District
Susan Hora - Mile High Sub-district
Lorrie Prince - Peaks Sub-district
David Erickson - Pikes Peak Sub-district
Yolanda Gibbs - Plains Sub-district
Jerry Clare - Trinity District
Elizabeth Pruett - Western Colorado Sub-district

COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 2:30 P.M.

Members of the Conference attended a variety of Community Ministry presentations.

LAITY SESSION
Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 4:15 P.M.

Kunle Taiwo and Margaret Hotze instructed the Laity in the process to elect Co-Lay Leaders. Nominations were taken from the floor: Doug Palmer, Jim Bessee, Gayla Jo Slauson, Brenda Schafer, Curtis Gay, Nglau Kelemani, and Wesley Benelli. Wesley Burnelli declined due to college constraints. Deadline is April 10, 2018 for any other nominations.

CLOSING: The Laity closed with the Doxology.

PLENARY
Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 4:30 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Stacy Collins and Melissa Engel opened with prayer.

AC23 - Recording the Total Financial Cost of Annual Conference to the Local Church: Kerry McCormick presented the petition. On order it was adopted with an amendment to delete Line 3.

BUDGET: Kirsten Barlow, Conference Council of Finance and Administration, moved that the 2018 budget be adopted in the amount of \$5,368,000. On motion it was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFIT FUNDING PLAN: Kimal James moved that the plan be approved. On motion it was approved.

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: David Amrie led the Conference in appreciation of the work of former Parliamentarian, Bob Phillips who passed away.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto announced that Bill Bruce has passed and led the Conference in prayer.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: Youngsook Kang, Director of Mission and Ministry, introduced Kristie Firme and William Randolph who presented the awards and recognition to the following:

Road Runner Award – Rev. Craig Paschal, Mancos UMC

Small Church Award – United Church of Walsenburg, Walsenburg, Colorado

One Matters Discipleship Award – Saguache UMC, Saguache, Colorado

Francis Asbury Award – David Askey, Mountain View UMC, Boulder, Colorado

Harold C. Knudsen Historic Preservation Award –

James Callihan, First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

Leroy Maki, First United Methodist Church, Laramie, Wyoming

COLORADO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Tina Yankee, Program Director, briefly addressed the Conference.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES: Jim Gulley introduced Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor, missionaries serving in Zimbabwe. Joanie Calhoun led the Conference in appreciation of their mission work and read their lists of covenant churches. Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor each briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto recognized the work of Amy Stapleton, special assistant to GCORR.

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

COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto introduced Kent Ingram who presented the report.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Maggie Roe addressed the Conference “On the Way Forward” and the service of Bishop Karen.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE: Ben Roe addressed the Conference “On the Way Forward”.

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

SANCTUARY: Craig Paschal addressed the Conference regarding a commitment of support for Mancos UMC to offer sanctuary to Rosa.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto introduced Robin Ridenour, Deaconess, who briefly addressed the Conference regarding Project Transformation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elizabeth McVicker read announcements.

EVALUATIONS: Rob White encouraged the Conference to complete Evaluations online.

INVITATION: Rob White, Program and Arrangements, invited the Conference to Ogden, Utah for the June 7 - 10, 2018 Rocky Mountain Conference.

CLOSING PRAYER: AJ Bush closed this session with prayer.

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.

CELEBRATION OF BISHOP: Kent Ingram, Episcopacy Committee, led the Conference in celebrating Bishop Karen P. Oliveto. A reception followed.

SERVICE OF HONORING AND CELEBRATING MINISTRY
Sunday, June 18, 2017 - 8:30 A.M.

ORDINATION: The Conference celebrated a service of Ordination. The message was delivered by Bishop Karen P. Oliveto. The offering was taken supporting Crossroads Urban Center. Catherine Kelsey, Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced the candidates:

CONFIRMING LICENSES TO LOCAL PASTORS: Bishop Karen P. Oliveto confirmed local pastors: Michelle Bowles, Susie Burley, Lucia Correa, Jamielee Demske, Angela Kay Hessacker, Travis Husted, Terry Krayenhagen, Peter Lee, Linda Meyer, Mele Mausia Mafi, David Petty, Rick Stewart, Donnie Sturgill and Kristina Walker.

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE ORDERS OF ELDERS: Yvette Marie Christy, Leah J. Coleman, Sandra Jimenez, Peter Christopher Phillips, Llewellyn Ashville Ward II, and Tonya Royal Whaley.

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE ORDERS OF DEACON: Jason Lee Baxter and Kaitlin Elise McMichael.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION: Stacy Kathleen Collins

ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION: Allison Joy Bush, Melissa Sue Engel, Lynn Miller Jackson, Tiffany Leah Keith, and Jasper Darneal Peters.

Reading of appointments followed.

RECEPTION: A reception was held outside the Rocky Mountain Events Center.