



166th
Iowa Annual
Conference Highlights
June 4-7, 2009

Thursday

Annual Conference to Celebrate, Worship, Elect, Holy Conference and Make Decisions

At precisely 6:30 pm Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble called to order the 166th Session of the Iowa Annual Conference. Laity and clergy members from the 820 congregations of the Conference joined in an opening Worship Celebration of Baptism and Holy Communion on Thursday, June 4. Rev. Karen Dungan, Assistant to the Bishop for Connectional Ministries, introduced the visiting choirs – from Rust College and the Hope for Africa Children’s Choir. Rev. J. Robert Burkhart, Assistant to the Bishop for Administration, presented Bishop Trimble to the Conference. *(The video that chronicled Bishop Trimble’s election to the episcopacy and his first year in the Iowa Conference is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/mnf6np>]*

In his sermon entitled, “No Longer A Stranger,” Bishop Trimble called on the Conference to “live up to our advertising...live up to Radical Hospitality.” He said that “we need to be authentic in our welcome, living a willingness to change and to be changed.” The Bishop noted that “God said, ‘I’ll give you more people.’ To reach them we might have to move, to learn to speak a new language, to redefine our parish boundaries, to think more globally and act more locally, to pay attention to other communities. Some might be poor, might not have all the proper documents that some think they need to have, might have been bruised by other communities.” He advised that “When the Bishop comes to your church he might be coming to see if the sign of welcome on the outside matches with what’s being lived out on the inside.” The Bishop concluded his sermon by noting that “we have fertile soil and an open market for planting encouragement.”

[Read the entire sermon at: <http://tinyurl.com/mreeg5>; hear the audio (MP3) at: <http://tinyurl.com/ny9p53>; see video at: <http://tinyurl.com/nrh2zb>]

Friday

Treasurer Focuses on “More Important Question” in Annual Report

Conference Treasurer Dr. Charles Smith said that though the economic situation is on many people’s minds, “there is a more important question...’how are we as Iowa United Methodists living out, in our daily lives, the theme of this Annual Conference...’Radical Hospitality, Receiving God’s Grace.” He reminded the members of the Annual Conference that “Grace pervades our understanding of Christian faith and life...[it is the] loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit.”

Statistically he reported that while congregations spent 8% less on all causes the income decreased by only .32%. Out of every dollar given in the local congregations; 84.1 cents was used to support that local congregation’s ministry, 10.9 cents was used to support Annual Conference Ministries and Mission and 5 cents was used for either General Conference apportionments or other causes which includes the advance specials and special offerings. In 2008, 583 congregations paid 100% of their apportionments and 113 congregations gave a higher percentage than in 2007.

In 2008, 225 congregations grew in membership. The largest membership church was 2,556 and the smallest was two. The average membership size for congregations in Iowa was 225 and the medium, meaning as many churches larger and smaller was 130. In 2008, our congregations received 3,027 members by profession of faith a 7% increase from 2007. 3,155 members left our relationship to a greater existence through death. This is a 5% increase. However, it should be noted that 240 congregations had more baptisms than deaths in 2008; with 2,557 baptized reported for a 6% increase.

As of June 1, 2009, the financial position of the Conference remains strong. Apportionment receipts for May was 1.72% less than in 2008 but only 0.73% less than the four-year average. When we factor in prior year apportionments paid, our receipts are down only 0.74% from the previous year. These percentages translate into \$4,959 less in 2009 than in 2008.

[Website links to the text and audio (MP3) recording are found at: <http://tinyurl.com/l6cqhwh>]

Bishop Issues FIT Challenge in His Episcopal Address

Bishop Trimble’s address challenged the members of the Iowa Annual Conference to join him in “God’s space,” for those in attendance to clothe themselves in righteousness and to do everything enthusiastically in the name of Jesus. He shared an encouraging word in regard to last year’s natural disasters: more than 500 volunteers contributed their time and energy this past year, a 45% increase in individuals reaching out to families who had lost their homes in the 2008 floods and tornados.

The primary question for pastors and laity is: “Is it well with your soul? Are you connected to the Vine of Jesus Christ?” Bishop Trimble emphasized that self care is essential for us to give our best, to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ. “When we are at our best,” he said, “we give our best. We need to be mindful that we take time to replenish our own spiritual well being in

order to maintain a productive ministry and to equip others to carry on that ministry.” He added that “Taking time for Sabbath is essential; self care should be the primary goal to honor the gift of life. Forming groups and inviting others to join in an exercise program adds not only enjoyment but also an element of accountability for all concerned.”

Bishop Trimble issued the challenge to raise \$2,000,000 in the next 24 months to build replacement homes, to rebuild damaged homes and to provide affordable housing for those who have been devastated by last year’s floods and tornados. This money would also be used for grants to train pastors in starting new churches and ministries.

His message closed by encouraging persons to be advocates for the many outreach opportunities and many ministries available...such as the “Be Encouraged” billboard sign which will welcome the 2 million travelers as they come through the Des Moines airport in 2009.

He said that “Our churches need to minimize conflict in our congregations and to maximize the transforming power through Jesus Christ.” The Bishop also reminded the Conference that prayer is an essential part of ministry. Much prayer leads to much power as it changes lives and people.

*[Website audio and video links to the Episcopal Address are found at:
<http://tinyurl.com/l6cqhwh>]*

Laity Address Offers “Hope in the Midst of Muck”

“Just as those flowers gave hope in the midst of the muck, I believe our purpose as a Church is to bring hope in the midst of the muck of our world.” So said Conference Lay Leader Norma Morrison during her Laity Address. Using images of the disaster recovery work from the 2008 tornadoes and flooding, she said that there is “good news is that we, as Christians, can offer...hope in the midst of the muck. We have the only real hope... the offer of a relationship with Jesus Christ... a relationship that transforms lives and can transform the world.”

“We need to care about people,” she said. “Their physical needs, yes... but also their spiritual needs, their very salvation. They are not exclusive to each other. Christ does not call us to invite people into a relationship with the Triune God and then ignore their physical needs and hurts. BUT... He also does not call us to meet people’s physical and emotional needs alone and then ignore their greatest need of all, their need for a Savior.”

“Yesterday, in the Laity Session we spent a lot of time learning about the focus of our denomination: our 1 mission statement, 2 kinds of holiness, 3 simple rules, and 4 areas of focus. *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* reads, “The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” It does not say “a mission” or “one of the missions.” The statement reads loudly and clearly that the one, single, exclusive mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ...Put more simply and directly, a mission is what we are supposed to be doing and what we are to do. Our mission is our reason for being. It is the cause for which we exist... The purpose of the Church is to save lives... by physically meeting the needs of those who need our help, by spiritually offering the Good News of new life in Christ.”

[Website text, audio and video links to the Laity Address found at: <http://tinyurl.com/l6cqhwh>]

Rev. Karen Nichols Dungan Preaches at the Memorial Service

A celebration of the lives of those who passed away this past year was held on Friday afternoon. Rev. Karen Dungan's message of Hope and Encouragement was based on 2 Corinthians 4:7-15. The One who raised Jesus will also raise us to God's glory.

The question remains: How can we be examples of faith to others when we're in the midst of trauma? While the initial pain of loss may stun us in the beginning, reflection occurs later. Those little moments of reflection trace back to the mercy of God at a time when life is not good. God's abundance and blessing are evident in the supportive fellowship of those who were part of the lives of the deceased.

As Paul reflects on his ministry he sees times of hardship and loss, but he still gives glory to God. Finding grace and mercy is where we see God at work. In our ability to give thanks, we acknowledge God's involvement. It changes us within, giving us the ability to give God glory. When we live a life that deepens our relationship with God, we cultivate our faith, and it doesn't need to be questioned. We can cling to that relationship and the source of God's peace—even when we don't feel it. Our relationship is not broken with our Savior. The abundant life that God offers us becomes real. God is good because we have seen what God has done in the past, we can abide in what God is doing now and we can trust God to continue to be with us in the future.

The offering was designated toward the summer initiative, "Nothing but Nets" in Sierra Leone. *[Website video link for the Memorial Service is found at: <http://tinyurl.com/l6cqhwh>]*

Conference Artist Offers Interpretation

Rev. Ted Lyddon Hatten, Conference Artist shared his interpretation of the art imagery of this year's Conference. Director of the Wesley Foundation at Drake, he described himself as a "47 year old late dreamer with a premature vision."

Radical Hospitality often comes, he said, from those with differing opinions rather than from those who are likeminded. The two are on opposite sides of the battlefield. Both come to hear the same story. It is much akin to Pentecost when everyone came from different regions and cultures but joined together for one purpose.

In this vision there are 16 chairs. One has no name on it. The question is raised: Which chair do you sit in? In the color wheel opposing colors complement one another. Each one is bright in its own way, but those on the opposite sides of the wheel are brighter when placed next to one another. When two complementary colors are combined, the result is a blah grayish color. So it is with people with opposing viewpoints. While not everyone may be in agreement, diversity enhances one another's perspective. A few people don't belong in any chair; everything is unfamiliar. They don't fit in. But they do have a seat in that circle. Everyone hears the same story yet they are at war in their thinking. There needs to be different perspective; they need one another. Find your own chair and listen.

[Website text, audio and video links to the Conference Artist's statement are found at: <http://tinyurl.com/l6cqhwh>]

Conference Votes to Move to Hy-Vee Hall

The 2010 session of the Iowa Annual Conference will be held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. By a tally of 806 to 210 members of the Conference choose a venue with greater accessibility, seating at round tables, a choice of meals served within the facility, a display section adjacent to the meal and hospitality area and ample parking for cars and campers. In the course of the debate and after the vote was tallied, great thanks was expressed for the courtesy and support of staff of the Hilton Coliseum, Scheman Building and Iowa State University.

“Orders of the Day”

Four special presentations, designated as “Orders of the Day” highlighted the Disaster Recovery efforts, presented by Becky Wood, the 20th anniversary of the Iowa-Nigeria Partnership, reported by Beverly Nolte, the missional work of Justice for Our Neighbors, described by Doris Knight, and the new Cross Point congregation, shared by Glen Hansen.

Saturday

Two Camps to be Sold

Action Item 202, proposed by the Conference Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries, called for the sale of the Aldersgate and the Golden Valley Camp and Retreat centers. The Action Item called for the “proceeds to be utilized for capitol improvements at the remaining Camp and Retreat Centers.” Following discussion during the morning and afternoon sessions, including the consideration of several amendments that called for allocation of the sale proceeds and referral to the 2010 Annual Conference for action, Action Item 202 was approved.

Recommendations of Bishop’s Task Group on Mission Congregations Approved

Following the call of the Cabinet and the Administrative Coordinating Council a Bishop’s Task Group was created to give definition to the term “mission congregation” (par. 260, Book of Discipline, 2008). From the work of the Task Group, a mission congregation: (a) is a congregation with a specific missional focus that is in partnership with the annual conference...and must be assisted by the resources of the annual conference to fulfill the shared vision for ministry; (b) is designated annually by the Bishop and Cabinet after the recommendation of several groups; (c) will require subsidy for an extended period of time for a variety of reasons: serving a low income population with an active program of community service and outreach, a low income ethnic-minority community or a special population or specific territory where a continuing United Methodist presence is vital to the goals of the annual conference. Missional congregations require specialized leadership...stronger leadership than they can afford.

Protocols for organization, funding and property are detailed in what was proposed as Action Item 304. In summary, the document stated that “Mission Congregations play a vital role in reaching the mission goals of the annual conference. Every church may not be a Mission Congregation, but every congregation can be a partner with Mission congregations and support them by their prayers, their presence (as volunteers) their gifts, and their witness.” Action Item 304 was approved and designated as a “standing item.”

Racelder Grandberry-Trimble Addresses the Conference

“Rejoice. Rejoice. Again I say rejoice!” So began Racelder Grandberry-Trimble’s words to the Annual Conference session. “I stand before you, friends,” she said, “no longer a stranger...know that I praise God that I thank God for all of you...know that the Bishop and I pray for each of you.”

“I knew one thing for sure last July 19, 2008, that Iowans have demonstrated that they are good teachers and quick learners for, after all, because of the folks of Iowa especially those folks that could vote that they would learn how somehow to say the name Barack Obama...they taught the world to think about Barack Obama as President Barack Obama...so, certainly, Racelder Grandberry-Trimble would not be that difficult for them to learn.”

“These past ten months for both the Bishop and me have been about listening...being still and knowing that there is a God...trusting...fellowshipping...building new relationships...and making connections...Now we are in the heartland, following Jesus.”

“I have a personal mission statement, saying that I will serve God and humanity where I can be a positive influence on as many lives as possible.”

Referring to images from the Four Areas of Focus of The United Methodist Church Mrs. Trimble remembered Jesus question to Simon Peter, “Do you love me?” Citing the Bishop’s invitation to engage in the FIT Challenge, she said, “This is an opportunity that we have begun to raise our awareness in areas that will challenge our minds, challenge our bodies, and challenge our spirit.”

“The Good News will go forth from this Annual Conference that we are taking the Four Areas of Focus seriously...the over \$5,000 raised in Thursday’s special offering will give families and children hope for the future...we have just connected with over 500 families! This summer, with a focus on Sierra Leone, for just \$10 from each of our 820 congregations would help to save 820 more families!”

“I am most delighted to be here in the Iowa Annual Conference and will continue to pray for you. Thank you for the prayer that have surrounded and encouraged us. We look forward to continuing to do the work of Jesus Christ through the churches and people of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Conference Endorses Recommendation for Human Resources Director

Following the recommendations of a year-long study of the Administrative offices of the Annual Conference, the Council on Finance and Administration proposed the employment of a Human Resources Director. Based upon the findings of a series of interviews and review of job descriptions for roles of the staff and documentation of accounting procedures and policies the RSM McGladrey report indicated that “A human resources director would have a positive impact...an HR director would have the time and expertise to focus on and keep up with current employment law and provide knowledge about pension and health benefits.”

Ten areas of responsibility would be assigned to a human resources director including reviewing personnel policies, providing assistance to supervisors, and consulting as time allows with local congregations on human resource matters.

The human resources office would consist of a Director and a support staff person who is already an employee of Administrative Services. Transfers from existing budget categories are equal to the estimated cost of the human resources staff.

Action Item 117 was adopted on Saturday morning.

2010 District Askings Set

Askings for District Ministries were set when Action Item 503 was discussed and voted by the members of the Annual Conference. The 2010 Askings are:

- Central - \$2.00 per member (\$58,644)
 - District initiated ministries, Little Red Schoolhouse Scholarship in Nigeria, and forming new faith communities
- East Central - \$3.00 per member (\$81,558)
 - Emerging ministries, leadership development, Justice for Our Neighbors, Iowa-Nigeria Partnership, and communications and networking
- North Central - \$1.25 per member (\$37,023)
 - Nueva Vida Hispanic Ministry and Ames Korean Church for ministries to ISU students
- Northeast - \$2.75 per member (\$63,256)
 - Ministry grants for congregations, scholarships for leadership training, New City Ministries in Waterloo, Meskwaki Ministry of Presence, and contingency fund for DCOM
- Northwest - \$1.50 per member (\$36,018)
 - Hispanic ministries, Iowa-Nigeria Partnership, Shesler Hall, Justice for Our Neighbors, and new church start
- South Central - \$2.00 per member (\$28,608)
 - Hispanic Ministry and MUMMS
- Southeast - \$2.40 per member (\$45,005)
 - Justice for Our Neighbors, St. Paul's Hispanic Worship Center, District ministries. Iowa Wesleyan College, and MUMMS
- Southwest - \$4.00 per member (\$80,176)
 - Carter Lake, SW District Hispanic Committee, and District Grant Team for emerging ministries

The work of the District Councils is supported by four primary sources, including the voluntary district askings, indicated above. These are designated by the District Conferences and approved by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

Basis for District Superintendents' Salary Designated

The basis for determining the salary of the District Superintendents will be changed for 2010. Beginning what that year, a District Superintendent will be compensated at 135% of the Conference Average Compensation. That amount, for 2010, will be \$78,045.

Previously the basis of the Superintendents' salary was the Denominational Average Compensation. The 2009 Superintendents' salary was: \$78,605. The difference of \$560 represents a .7% decrease in 2010 as compared to 2009.

Action Item 701a, designating the basis of the Superintendents' salary, was approved as a standing item.

“Orders of the Day”

Three special “orders of the day” highlighted the mission and ministry of Women at the Well, the Black College Fund, and the invaluable presence of pages at the Conference Session. In addition, the work of Gary and Marlene DeGeest as page coordinators was highlighted as they retire from that role. Steve Braudt, incoming coordinator was welcomed. The ongoing coordination of Patty Ahrenholtz was also appreciated.

Board of Ordained Ministry to Receive Support

Adding a part-time Director of the Office of Ministerial Services for the Board of Ordained Ministry was supported by members of the Annual Conference. As described, “This position would assist the Board of Ordained Ministry with Registrar duties, in keeping track o all clergy in the conference, the Board Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Ordained Ministry website manager, and Examining and Credentialing team...the part-time Director would provide a direct liaison in the conference office to help with communications...the Board will be allocating funds to complete the compensation for this position by realigning apportionment dollars from the Bishop's Preaching Academy, Examination and Credentialing Team, Administration and Recruiting and Enlistment.”

Minimum Base Compensation Established

With the approval of Action Item 803 Minimum Base Compensation was established for 2010.

For pastors who *are not* in Full connection in the Annual Conference, the following applies:
Entry level: one church - \$34,936, two churches - \$35,336; three churches - \$35,736.

For pastors who *are* in Full connection, the following applies: Entry level: one church - \$35,461; two churches - \$35,861; three churches - \$36,261.

An additional \$400 is to be added for each additional year of service, up to 10 years, or a maximum of \$4,000.

Dr. Wesley S. K. Daniel Declares “A Charge to Keep: Go Preach Christ”

There is “A Charge to Keep: Go Preach Christ,” declared the Rev. Dr. Wesley S. K. Daniel in his sermon presented during the Service of Celebration for the Honoring of Retirees and the Commissioning of Provisional Members. Daniel, Dean of the Bishop’s Appointive Cabinet, said, “Those of us who are pastors, we have the wonderful privilege and honor to stand before God’s people and declare the unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus. By using the phrase, “Preach Christ,” I simply mean, we are ALL (whether we are clergy or laity), we are ALL called to share, proclaim and preach about the life, death of Christ and the new life in Christ offers all.”

He added that “the task of proclaiming and preaching the unsearchable mercies of God’s grace and love, and helping persons to deepen their faith and commitment to Christ, is NOT simply the pastor’s job alone. It is the responsibility of the whole church.”

Daniel asked, “How do we share the message of God’s unconditional love and abundant grace?” For him, there are three ways. First, “we begin by acknowledging the fact that, proclaiming, sharing or preaching Christ, IS INDEED OUR TASK.” The second principle: “WE CANNOT SHARE WHAT WE DO NOT HAVE... The light Jesus and God’s grace must be first experienced in our hearts before we can reflect and share that light to others.” He suggested that “Our work is never done...the world we live in today desperately needs to experience and hear about Jesus Christ, God’s grace and God’s unconditional love!” The final principle is: “THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL RESPOND TO OUR MESSAGE.”

“We...need to understand that the knowledge of God’s grace is a call to *compassion*... often times we in the church have tended to divide and polarize the church and the world into two camps...

- We often say, you are saved and you are not.
- We say you are poor and therefore you cannot be a part of who we are...
- We say you are liberal and you are not...
- We say you are theologically to the right and you are not...
- We often say you can come into our circle but you cannot...
- We say, open hearts, open doors and open minds but NOT for you...
- We say because you are gay, you are lesbian...and therefore you cannot sit at the table with us.

When we polarize and divide the world, it is impossible to show extravagant love and acts of radical hospitality.”

Dr. Daniel concluded by citing the words of the Apostle Paul, “I give you this charge: Preach the Word...encourage with great patience...”

Sunday

2010 Budget Reflects Slight Decrease

The revised budget for 2010 reflects a slight decrease from 2009. The -0.58% change includes a 4.2% decrease in General Church apportionments, a .7% decrease in Conference Ministries and administration, and a 2.6% increase in Conference Missions. Overall, the total approved budget for the three categories is: \$16,251,151.

Churches Remembered as Resolutions for Discontinuance were Approved

The service of five congregations was remembered as resolutions for discontinuance were proposed and approved.

Pleasant Prairie United Methodist Church, located in Lucas County, began in 1871. Its Charge Conference voted on October 12, 2008 to discontinue the church. The “property shall be transferred in 1/3 shares to Wesley Woods for camperships, the South Central District Seminary Scholarship Fund and the Legacy Fund for New Ministry Development.”

Morrow Memorial Heights United Methodist Church, located in Marshall County, was founded on December 12, 1917. It has been recommended that the property be transferred to Hope United Methodist Church in Marshalltown “for the specific purpose of the development of Hispanic Ministries in Marshalltown or the property to be sold and proceeds be designated and granted for the Hispanic Ministries of Marshalltown.”

Capital Heights United Methodist Church began on January 24, 1944. The Charge Conference voted on July 6, 2008 to discontinue the church. The “conference superintendent has recommended that the property be sold and the sale proceeds to be paid towards any unpaid past apportionments, Cross Point United Methodist Church and Bidwell Ministries.”

Jefferson Center United Methodist Church, located in Adair County, was founded in 1857. The Charge Conference voted on February 15, 2009 to discontinue the church. Being considered abandoned, the Conference Board of Trustees will “assume control of the real and personal, tangible and intangible property” and the partial interest in the jointly held parsonage in Menlo be gifted to the Menlo United Methodist Church.

South Bethel United Methodist Church began in 1837. The Charge Conference voted on November 17, 2008 to discontinue the church. The property will be transferred to the South Bethel Cemetery Board for disposition.

Foundation Report Approved, Board Member Elected

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation, created to promote planned-giving programs, furnish financial counseling and provide other services to the annual conference, “expanded its investment opportunities for churches and agencies in 2008...Endowments and assets on deposit with the Foundation and Iowa United Methodist Church Building Fund Trust grew to more than \$31 million and the Foundation distributed more than \$3.8 million via grants and investment income to United Methodist ministries and individuals.” More than \$1 million was raised for local church campaigns with the assistance of the Foundation.

Seminars were offered for individuals and congregations. Operational income in 2008 was \$252,914; operational expenses were \$274,830. Anticipated operational income and expense for 2009 is \$311,408. James Buckhahn was elected to the Foundation Board.

Bishop Calls Conference to Move “One Step Beyond Caution” in Ordination Sermon

Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble urged those being ordained, and the gathered congregation for the Ordination Service, to move “One Step Beyond Caution.” He said, “Annual Conference is in part, an act of remembering from which we came, a holy reminder that there were conferences before this one. We repeat, annually, Christian conferencing, believing that the Power behind us, before us and beside us is greater than the task before us.” He observed that “God comes before us and remains with us that the work of salvation may become a reality and that transformed lives, in Christ, may avail themselves for the work of transforming the world.”

Responding to the concepts of the cost and promise of discipleship, inherent in Matthew 16.24, the Bishop noted that “meaningful servant leadership that invites us to take God’s love serious enough to step beyond the shallow waters of “*Church as we know it*”.

“Caution limits difficult questions,” he said, “avoids all conflict, preaches only favorite text and avoids the lectionary. Caution encourages you to engage in acts of mercy, while avoiding the call for justice...Caution will keep you from [declaring that] it’s not right to ignore the world outside our doors; it’s not right for children to be hungry in Uganda or neglected in Iowa; it’s not right for Malaria to cause thousands of preventable deaths in Sierra Leone or for homes to go boarded up indefinitely in Cedar Rapids.” Instead, he said, “There is a danger in being too cautious.”

“Don’t ask God for more faith,” he concluded. “Get to know God better. And because God is faithful, the better you know God, the more you will trust God.”

[Website link to the sermon is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/nfov5g>]

Eighteen Ordained During Sunday Afternoon Service

Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble ordained eighteen Elders during the Ordination Service. Flanked by Bishop Michael Last of the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and retired United Methodist Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader, Bishop Trimble ordained: Enna S. Antunez, Nancy M. Bender, Ryan E. Christenson, Jeffrey L. Flagg, Craig C. Ferguson, Catherine “Cory” Flanigan, Cindy C. Hickman, Corby J. Johnson, Andrea M. Kraushaar, Jason P. Larson, Okitakoyi Lundula,)recommended by the Central Congo Annual Conference), Sean C. McRoberts, Emmanuel T. Nawaji, (recommended by the South Katanga Annual Conference), John E. Raab, Carol H. Sundberg, Andrea Poland Severson, Lee A Schott and Deborah Lynn C. Wise

Five Course of Study Graduates, Four Associate Members Recognized During Ordination Service

The Course of Study Graduates recognized during the Ordination Service were: John C. Brockschink, Pamela S. Deeds, Robert L. Dvorak, Glen C. Hanson, Michael D. Stevens. Associate Members recognized included: Mary L. Poore Howell, Evelyn D. Lewiston, Vickie L. Steffes, Daniel R. Wiebesiek.

Special Offerings Raise Over \$25,000

Five special offerings were received during the 2009 Conference. An offering of \$5,175.55 was received for Noting But Nets on Thursday. An offering for Disaster Recovery of \$6,185.85 was received on Friday. Saturday saw two offerings: \$2,876.75 in support of the Iowa-Nigeria Partnership and \$6,134.19 for the 33 Pages. Sunday's special offering, in support of the Bishop's FIT Challenge, raised \$5,303.62.

Tallies of Constitutional Amendments Votes

The results: Amendment 1: Yes-561, No-502; Amendment 2: Yes-865, No-149; Amendment 3: Yes-349, No-643; Amendment 4: Yes-419, No-691; Amendment 5: Yes-389, No-701; Amendment 6: Yes-644, No-391; Amendment 7: Yes-388, No-708; Amendment 8: Yes-929, No-107; Amendment 9: Yes-915, No-113; Amendment 10: Yes-376, No-728; Amendment 11: Yes-364, No-721; Amendment 12: Yes-364, No-719; Amendment 13: Yes-356, No 732; Amendment 14: Yes-372, No-711; Amendment 15: Yes-630, No-87; Amendment 16: Yes-355, No-727; Amendment No 17: Yes-633, No-97; Amendment 18: Yes-350, No-722; Amendment 19: Yes-723, No-87; Amendment 20: Yes-362, No-734; Amendment 21: Yes-362, No-715; Amendment 21: Yes-773, No-30; Amendment 23: Yes-365, No-731; Amendment 24: Yes-363, No-733; Amendment 25: Yes-352, No-735; Amendment 26: Yes-330, No-733; Amendment 27: Yes-359, No-720; Amendment 28: Yes-360, No-721; Amendment 29: Yes-361, No-732; Amendment 30: Yes-354, No-732; Amendment 31: Yes-354, No-737; Amendment 32: Yes-341, No-717.



Notes

- Order form for DVD's and CD's from the Annual Conference is available at: <http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1408>
- Additional videos and audio recordings will be posted throughout the coming week



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