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PILLOW TALK



Madeline Pillow Editor

It Is Well

with My Soul.

In the middle of the second week of General Confer-

ence, at a daily morning prayer service of the Virginia delegation, Pete Geoffrion, clergy in the Charlottesville district and Spiritual Director at General Conference, asked some of the delegates, "How is it with your soul today?"

I don't know about my readers' knowledge of hymnal history but the song "It Is Well with My Soul" is about a trial of the spirit and the giving in to God whether in peace or trials.

Horatio Spafford was a Presbyterian layman from Chicago. After the family experienced financial misfortune and the death of a son, Spafford planned a trip to Europe for his wife and four daughters. But with some last minute business matters arising, Spafford sent his family ahead and he was to follow behind in a few days.

But during the family's voyage, the ship carrying Spafford's wife and daughters was struck by another vessel and sank. Days later the survivors made their way to Cardiff, Wales. The lone survivor from the Spafford family was Horatio's wife. She cabled back to her husband, "Saved alone."

Spafford wrote this hymn on his voyage across to England in the spot where the ship carrying his family was believed to have sunk (Discipleship Ministries).

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Having made it through General Conference and being there first hand, I found myself thinking often about this hymn.

It was written from a place of loss yet gain.

There is still division within our church after General Conference especially with the human sexuality debate. On both sides there is a feeling of hurt: a hurt from being shunned in the past or the hurt from being cut from the future of the church.

But it is about learning to wade into the midst of the division and waiting with assurance for God moments.

Is this where God needs us to be? Do we need to be this broken, angry and hurt in order to find the way out without acting upon that which we think is best?

In the middle of the debris, can't we find that IT is still well with our souls?

Until our next issue,



Madeli

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Correction: On pg. 18 of the June Advocate, the term "non-Anglican" should be "non-Anglo."

 ${\bf Cover: Liturgical\ altar\ display\ at\ General\ Conference.\ Photo\ by\ Meredith\ McNabb}.$

Above: Virginia delegates to General Conference 2016 pose for a photo prior to the opening worship service May 10.



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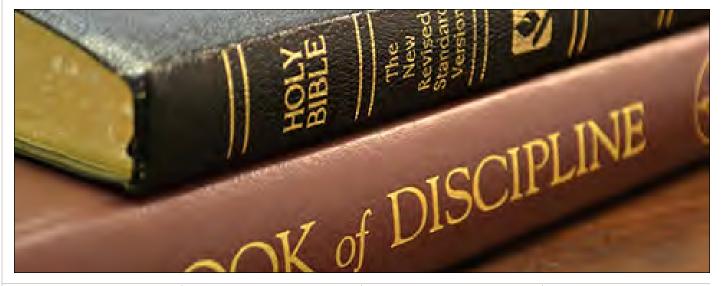
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In response to General Conference 2016

To solve a problem we should first properly define the problem. If our denomination thinks that rewriting the section of the *Book of Discipline* that deals with human sexuality will solve our problem then they have improperly defined the problem and thereby have no chance of solving it.

The following is a quote from "Practical Religion" by J.C Ryle:

"Does a man read or travel much? He will soon find the most opposite opinions prevailing among those who are called Christians. He will discover that different persons give the most different answers to the question, 'What shall I do to be saved?' The Roman Catholic and the Protestant, the Neologian and the Tracterian, the Mormonite and the Swedenborgian—each and all will assert that he alone has the truth. Each and all will tell him that safety is only to be found in his company. Each and all will say, 'Come with us.' All this is puzzling. What shall a man do?

Does he settle down quietly in some English or Scotch parish? He will find that even in our own land the most conflicting views are held. He will soon discover that there are serious differences among Christians as to the comparative importance of the various parts and articles of faith. One man thinks of nothing but church government, another of nothing but sacraments, services and forms, a third of nothing but preaching the Gospel. Does he apply to ministers for a solution? He will perhaps find one minister teaching one doctrine, and another

another. All this is puzzling. What shall a man do?

There is only one answer to this question. A man must make the Bible alone his rule. He must receive nothing and believe nothing, which is not according to the Word. He must try all religious teaching by one simple test. Does it square with the Bible? What saith the Scriptures?"

If the Book of Discipline cannot square with the Bible then it will not pass the test and it will only make our problem greater. I will never knowingly compromise the Word of Truth. I understand that our church is split, and it breaks my heart, but with me this rule is it and there is nothing else to discuss.

 Allan Murphy, pastor of New Hope and Southall, Farmville District



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COMMENTARY

Concern for Africa University apportionment

am concerned about the fact that the Virginia Conference does not fully support its apportionment for the Africa University (AU) in Zimbabwe. Seven other conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction do pay their complete apportionments.

When I was director of Volunteers in Mission (VIM) of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in Atlanta from 1995 to 1999, I became very involved in the mission of that university. My predecessor, Tom Curtis, told this story:

When The United Methodist Church attempted to start that university, we asked the government of Zimbabwe for a charter. Their response was to ask, "What's a charter?" And so nothing happened.

Placed on property that was previously an agricultural school, the campus was in need of repair. The university president asked Tom to send some VIM teams to do these necessary updates so that the university classes could begin. When the Zimbabwe government saw this, they said, "These United Methodists are serious about starting a university. Let's give them a charter." With that, construction began

for the university.

When I arrived at the UMVIM office in Atlanta, I discovered that a part of our job was to coordinate mission teams from all over the USA to go to Zimbabwe and build faculty homes on campus. In December of that year, I went to Zimbabwe to visit the university and see the finished homes, so that I could share more information about them and help to recruit teams. I was there for one of the first graduations at AU.

One reason this university is so important is that it trains the students to remain in Africa and make significant contributions to their own countries on the continent.

Often when Africans



come to the United States to study, they are offered jobs here, thereby taking away the benefits from their possible contributions back to Africa.

I would like to encourage all local churches in the Virginia Conference to make every effort to pay their complete amount

apportioned for Africa University. <

– Walter A. Whitehurst, retired clergy member of the Virginia Conference



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New campaign for Feb. 24 tornado recovery offered to Virginia churches

orrest White, Virginia Conference Disaster Recovery manager and UMVIM coordinator, reported that the Commonwealth of Virginia's second and final appeal for federal aid to help with the Feb. 24 tornado outbreaks was denied by FEMA.

"We really need the churches around the conference to step up since Federal aid isn't coming," White said.

More than 400 homes were either destroyed by the storms or in need of major repair from the storms. With a quarter of these homes either uninsured or underinsured, leaving homeowners without the insurance necessary to cover the cost of rebuilding, the Virginia Conference needs an excess of \$2 million for long-term recovery.

"We must approach our fundraising effort with passionate determination, both to fund the current recovery and to build a reserve for the aftermath of storms that will surely come our way in the future," White said.

A new approach for

long-term recovery for church participation is the "Wall of Giving, Walls for Living" campaign.

For interested churches, congregations will be educated by either church leaders or Disaster Recovery staff about the long-term recovery process, and members will be invited to prayerfully consider making a donation.

"Wall of Giving, Walls for Living" campaign

During a worship service, participating churches will unveil their Wall of Giving and place it in a high-traffic area of the building. On this wall will be 200 envelopes numbered from one to 200. Individuals or families may select an envelope and place the amount inside that coincides with its envelope number (i.e., if you select envelope 100, you place \$100 inside).

When all 200 envelopes are returned, the church will have raised \$20,100 for long-term recovery. Through this effort, children, youths, adults and families can participate without anyone giving more than \$200.

White is able to speak to any churches interested in long-term recovery and to help churches get set up for this campaign.

Churches around Virginia are already plan-



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Wall of Giving, Walls for Living campaign FAQ

What if our church wants to participate, but we aren't large enough to fill 200 envelopes?

That's not a problem. A wall with 100 envelopes would generate \$5,050 if each one is returned; a wall with 50 envelopes would generate \$1,275.

Every dollar helps a survivor take another step toward home!

What if our church wants to fill more than 200 envelopes?

That's great, too! For example, a completed campaign with 250 envelopes would generate \$31,375, while 300 envelopes would bring in \$45,150.

Bottom line: You can opt for whatever campaign size fits your congregation. The math formula to determine total amount raised for any number of envelopes is:

Sum from 1 to $n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

How long should our church's campaign last?

That's up to individual churches. Some might opt for a two-week turnaround, others might choose a month.

Where does our church send the money?

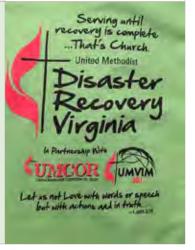
Money collected by the individual churches should be sent to the Virginia Conference Disaster Response Advance Special #5037.

Checks payable to "Virginia United Methodist Conference" are mailed to the Virginia Conference Treasurer, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Designate "Conference Advance #5037 – Disaster Response" on your check.

Note: Please do not have individuals send their envelopes directly to the conference. It is important to return your donation to your church so the church may then send one check to the conference.

Disaster Recovery t-shirts are available to purchase in adult sizes small-2XL for \$15 each. T-shirt sales will help fund the conference's long-term disaster recovery ministry. Shirts are available in green or blue and will be for sale at Annual Conference. If you want them now, e-mail Forrest White at VirginiaUMVIM@gmail.com.



ning to take part, including **Culpeper UMC**. For retired minister, Art Fellows, a member of Culpeper UMC, the church has been very involved in disaster work for many years including deploying an Emergency Response Team to Tappahannock, one of the sites of the Feb. 24 storms.

"Because of the church's awareness when the suggestion of the 'wall' came to the Missions Committee, it was unanimous that we get involved, and a wall of 50 envelopes will be introduced to the congregation after the team returns from the VIM trip," said Fellows.

This is the first time since 2003 that the conference has been engaged in long-term recovery ministry in the aftermath of a natural disaster. For more information about the campaign, contact White at VirginiaUMVIM@gmail.com.

EVENTS



July



July 13-15, Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, Lake Junaluska

The 2016 Conference theme is "Hope and Unity in Christ" based on Hebrews 6:18-19a. The conference opens at 9 a.m. on July 13 and concludes on July 15 with the Service of Consecration for newly-elected episcopal leaders.

UMVIM Team Leader Recertification July 16, St. Matthias UMC, Fredericksburg

Team Leader Recertification is required for all United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) team leaders who completed basic team leader training five years ago or longer. The focus of this training is to update leaders on Virginia Conference UMVIM policies and guidelines, to share best practices and to answer questions. Five participants are needed to offer this training. There is a \$25 registration fee for each participant, payable when you register. This fee does not cover an optional team leader handbook, which will be available for purchase (\$20) at the training, or the new A Mission Journey book, which is available through Cokesbury. A meal will NOT be provided. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Forrest White, Virginia Conference UMVIM coordinator, at (804) 938-1026 or VirginiaUMVIM@ gmail.com. To register, visit the conference website at www.vaumc.org under "Events" and the date.

UMVIM Team Leader Training July 16, St. Matthias UMC, Fredericksburg

Team Leader Training is required for all first-time United Methodist Volunteers

In Mission team leaders, but all interested persons are welcome to attend whether leading a team or not. The Virginia Conference offers sessions in different parts of the state. For more information, contact Forrest White, Virginia Conference UMVIM coordinator, at (804) 938-1026 or VirginiaUMVIM@gmail.com.

Helping Hands for Children July 21-22, Woodlake UMC, Chesterfield

This two-day mission experience for children is offered to all member churches of the Virginia Conference. Rising 4th through 6th graders, parents and adult leaders can come and learn about mission opportunities and the importance of being a caring Christian. Cost is \$36 per person. This includes t-shirt, meals, snacks and overnight stay. Complete registration form by June 24 on the conference website at www.vaumc.org under "Events" and the date. For more information, contact Beth Christian at BethChristian@vaumc.org.

2 Days 2 Serve

July 22-23, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland

High School youths are beginning to think about their future and their vocational journey. What gifts has God given them? What are the needs of our hurting world? 2 Days 2 Serve is an event to help youths examine God's call—are they feeling called to be teachers, scientists, artists, pastors, social workers, public servants or something entirely new and different? This event offers four hands-on experiences requiring different skills and gifts. Each experience is followed by a time of reflection and discernment. This is an opportunity to stretch, to try new things and to learn a new way of listening for God's call. The cost is \$20, which includes meals and one night lodging at R-MC. Sign up with The office of Clergy Excellence by emailing kristenseibert@vaumc.org.

2016 Sacred Music Summer Conference

July 25-30, Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk

The Center for Sacred Music at Virginia Wesleyan College hosts the 2016 Sacred Music Summer Conference July 25-30. Some 45 workshop sessions led by 16 nationally-known clinicians will offer opportunities for clergy, musicians and worship leaders to expand their skills and be rejuvenated for greater service. The college's Robert F. Boyd Institute for Clergy Training will offer two days of instruction led by Dr. Paul Galbreath and Dr. Marcia McFee with a discount for UM clergy. Other clinicians include Tim Sharp (choral artistry), John Behnke (handbells), Patti Drennan (volunteer choirs), Michael Kemp (the aging choir), Heather Olson (children's choirs), Mellonee Burnim (African American spirituals and gospel music), Craig Courtney (anthems for all choirs), Thomas Keesecker (creativity and healing), Charles Callahan (organ), Charlotte Brandt (pre-school music) and more. Evening events which are also open to the public include:

A Service of Prayer using the music of Taizé, July 25, 7:30 p.m., Monumental Chapel-VWC

Are You Legal? Copyright for the Church Musician, July 26, 7:30 p.m., Hofheimer Theater-VWC

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"
Festival worship with Dr. Paul
Galbreath, preacher, and a massed
handbell choir led by Dr. John
Behnke and organist Jason Ev-

ans with choirs from Community UMC, Virginia Beach; Great Bridge Presbyterian, Chesapeake; Great Bridge UMC, Chesapeake; and Virginia Beach UMC, Virginia Beach.July 27, 7:30 p.m., Great Bridge Presbyterian, 333 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake.

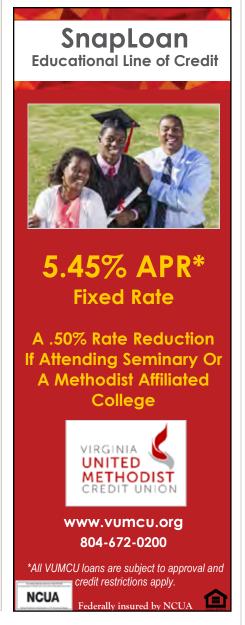
"Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place" A hymn festival led by organist Dr. Charles Callahan. Co-sponsored by the American Organists Guild-Tidewater Chapter. July 28, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 300 36th St., Virginia Beach.

"Finale: Sing to the Lord with Cheerful Voice" A concert of sacred choral works featuring the 90-voice Wesleyan Festival Chorus under the direction of Dr. Timothy Sharp, the Wesleyan Festival Brass, and Dr. Stephen Cook, organist, including a commemorative reflection on the occasion of the upcoming 15th anniversary of September 11. July 30, 7:30 p.m., Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 560 W. Olney Rd, Norfolk.

For further details, or to request a conference brochure with registration form, email **sbilly@vwc.edu** or visit **www.vwc.edu/csmsummer**.

Mission Encounter July 29-31, Randolph Macon College, Ashland

Mission Encounter is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board (formerly Board of Global Ministries) and Virginia Conference United Methodist Women. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for your whole congregation to come alive to mission by participating in an exciting weekend mission education experience. If you have ever wondered not just how we DO mission, but also where we are in mission and, most importantly, why we are called to live out missional lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, this is the event to attend. Open to clergy and laity, men and women, participants can choose one of three classes: Issue Study, Geographic Study of Latin America and Spiritual Growth Study. Register online at www.vaumc.org/ MissionEncounter. For more information, contact Dennis Lipke, dean of the Mission Encounter committee, at dennislipke@vaumc.org or (804) 262-8651.



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The Virginia Conference Board of Communications voted to increase subscription rates for the *Virginia United Methodist Advocate*, the official monthly magazine of the Virginia Conference, effective Sept. 1. This will be the first rate increase in more than 16 years.

A one-year subscription to the **print version** of the magazine will increase from \$15 to \$20. A two-year subscription will go from \$25 to \$30. A three-year subscription will go from \$36 to \$40.

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> Contact Dean of Spiritual Life Justin Allen at (540) 535-3546 or spirituallife@su.edu. Visit www.su.edu/youththeology.



Appointments CLERGY

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Listings in italics are charge names with pastor and churches on the charge listed below the italicized listing. Designations in bold print indicate the first year of appointment. The number in parentheses () indicates the year of current appointment. Ministers other than Elder in Full Connection (FE) in the Virginia Conference are indicated by the following symbols listed after years served:

AF Affiliate Member AM Associate Member DM Diaconal Minister DR Retired Diaconal Minister EP Minister Recog. from other Denom. Serving UM Probation FD Deacon in Full Connection FL Full-time Local Pastor

LM Certified Lay Minister (Assigned by district superintendent)

MOD Minister, Other Denom., Serving Ecumenical Parish OA Associate Member, Other Annual Conf.

OD Deacon Member, Other Annual Conf. or Other Denomination

OE Elder Member, Other Annual Conf. or

Methodist Denom. OF Full Member. Other Denom.

OP Provisional Member, On Loan OR Retired FE, Other Conference

PD Provisional Deacon PE Provisional Elder PL Part-time Local Pastor

PM Probationary Member, '92 Disc. RA Retired Associate Member

RAF Retired Affiliate Member

RD Retired Deacon RE Retired Elder RL Retired Local Pastor

ROF Retired. Other Denomination ROM Retired, Other Methodist RP Retired Probationary/Provisional

SY Lay Supply (Assigned by dist. supt.)

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Church names in red represent congregations that paid 100 percent of their apportionments last year. Churches in blue paid 101 percent or more. Those in green represent a 10% increase in apportionment percentages paid from the prior year.

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Associate: Kristen A. Beckert (1) OE

Wesley: Kyungsuk Cho (1) Associate: Young Sung Ryu (2) OE **FALLS CHURCH** Christ Crossman: M. Mochel Morris (16) Dulin: M. Davies Kirkland (17) Galloway: James E. Page Jr. (3) FL LOUDOUN COUNTY Aldie-Arcola Cooperative Parish: Christopher E. Riedel (1) Associate: Richard B. Dawson (1) RL Aldie, Arcola Ashburn Korean: Hyunsik Kang (4) OE Crossroads: David A. Norman (28) Galilee: Jason B. Duley (3) Associate: Matthew B. Sergent (10) PE Pleasant Valley: Justin S. White (8) Associate: Sean C. Devolites (2) FL Sterling: Stephen T. Vineyard (2) Associate: Marcela M. Jarman (3) PL CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT District Superintendent: Danny J. Kesner (4) **ALBEMARLE COUNTY** Aldersgate: Robert I. Robertson III (1) Batesville: Elizabeth A. Buxton (5) FL Batesville, Bethel, Mt. Olivet Binghams: William R. Payne (14) PL Crozet: Sarah R. Wastella (1) Pastor of Family Ministries: Jessica L. Fuller (6.5) FD Ivy Creek: Edward F. Rigg (1) Congregational Care and Ministry Development: Evelyn Y. Jones (6) LM Mount Moriah: John C. Ward Jr. (4) Restoration: Marc W. Rickabaugh (4) Southern Albemarle: Bruce N. Lugn (6) Mt. Zion, Scottsville Trinity (N. Garden): Timothy L. Worley (2) PL West Albemarle: Benjamin F. Houchens (17) PL Browns Cove, Gentry **AMHERST COUNTY** Bethany-Sardis: Roger T. Powell (1) FL Bethany, Sardis Mount Pleasant: Judy G. Morris (8) FL Mt. Horeb, Mt. Pleasant, Poplar Wesleyan: Adam J. White (2) **CHARLOTTESVILLE** First: Alvin J. Horton (8) Associate: John Phillip Woodson (1) FL Hinton Avenue: Robert D. Lewis (5) Wesley Memorial: Janice M. Rivero (2) **CULPEPER COUNTY** Culpeper: J. Randall Orndorff (13) Associate: Norma Jean Fellows (8.5) OR Associate: Jessica Squires Colwell (4) East Culpeper: Stanley H. Mulford III (8) PE Hopewell, Richardsville Little Fork Circuit: Kang Uk Lee (3) Jeffersonton, Oak Shade, Woodland

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Cunningham: Thomas E. Frost (8)

Haden Chapel: George E. Gorman (4) AM Palmyra: George E. Gorman (4) AM Salem: Michael W. Pettry (1) FL South Fluvanna: Gregory E. Miller (5) PL New Bethel, Seays Chapel, Wesley Chapel **GREENE COUNTY** Greene: Christopher S. Fuss (2) FL Mt. Vernon, South River Stanardsville: Charles S. Winner (5) Westover: Julie A. Nitzsche (1) PL **LOUISA COUNTY** Louisa: David R. Palmer (5) Macedonia: Stephen M. Hall (4) FL Mineral-Mt. Pleasant: Erin Geoffrion (2) PE Mineral, Mt. Pleasant West Louisa: Jeffrey B. Smith (2) RE Ebenezer, Lasley, Mt. Horeb Zion: David C. Lagerveld (4) **MADISON COUNTY** Bethel-Mountain View: James F. Lacy (6) PL Bethel, Mountain View Madison: Elizabeth G. Caudill (3) Madison, Rose Park North Madison: David A. LeFon (4.5) Etlan, Mt. Olivet, Oak Grove Rapidan: Alan R. Follett (9) FL Bethsaida, Mt. Zion, Walkers **NELSON COUNTY** Bethany (Norwood): T. Isaac Collins (1) OP Bethlehem: Edwin M. Childress (5) FL Nelson: Debra A. Powell (11) New Faith: Gregory Payne (11) LM Rock Spring: Pamela J. Baldwin (7) FL Rodes: Lowell D. Petry (3) FL **ORANGE COUNTY** Gordonsville: Charles W. Townsend (2) Barboursville, Gordonsville Orange Circuit: Peter Geoffrion (2) FL Bethlehem, Salem Trinity: Craig C. Newman (2) RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY Amissville: Maxine C. Crenshaw (6) Rappahannock: Sara Porter Keeling (6) Flint Hill, Sperryville, Willis Chapel DANVILLE DISTRICT District Superintendent: Janine W. Howard (6) **DANVILLE** Fairview: Jennifer D. Coffey (1) Grace Design: Jay Summerlin (2) SY Moseley Memorial: Elizabeth A. Nordan (1) PL Mount Vernon: Bart A. Fletcher (1.5) OE

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Calvary, Kerns Memorial

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Tobias Lutz (2) FL

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Mackey-Wisor (3) OE

Wesley Chapel-Rock Springs: Steven

Morningstar (1) SY

Rock Springs, Wesley Chapel Whitmell-St. John's Cooperative Parish: Wayne C. Moore (2) Saint John's, Whitmell

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Adams, Bloxom Mission

Atlantic-New Church: Arum Kim (2) FL

Atlantic, Berea

Belle Haven-Bethel: Paul Donghwan Oh (3) PE Belle Haven, Bethel

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Christ (Chincoteague): Travis L. DeLoach (16) Craddockville: Robert I. Kelly (5) FL

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Painter-Garrisons, Smiths Chapel,

Oak Grove

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

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Mount Pleasant: Robert M. Pihlcrantz (11) FL New Creation: C. Randolph Duncan (2)

Associate: Stephanie L. Kimec Parker (4)

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Portlock: Mary A. Sullivan-Trent (1) FL

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CURRITUCK COUNTY, NC

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Associate: Randy Timmerman (1) FL Miles Memorial: David A. Goodpasture (1)

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Associate: Carolyn J. Graves (6) PL Norview: W. Joseph Shepherd (14) RE Saint John's: Christa M. Springstead (2) PE Wesley Mem.-Zion-Grace: Scott A. Beck (5)

Wesley Memorial, Zion-Grace

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Monumental: Megan J. Saucier (1) Saint Andrew's: Jae Woo Park (3)

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SUFFOLK

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Buckingham: Rebecca L. Trovalli-Cook (3) FL Browns Chapel, Hanes Chapel, Rocky Mt. Dillwyn: Billy E. Swan (10) FL Bethel, Salem, White Hall

James River: Paul D. Larrimore (1) SY Arvonia, Centenary, Glenmore

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Charlotte: Justin A. Hicks (2) FL

Charlotte C.H., Hebron, Lebanon, Mt. Calvary Keysville: Loretta A. Benninghove (5)

Mt. Carmel-Phenix: Michael W. Teixeira (14) FL Mt. Carmel, Phenix

New Hope-Southall Memorial: Allan T. Murphy (6) FL

New Hope, Southall Memorial

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Antioch: Richard L. Meiser Jr. (3) Cumberland: Jerry E. Drinkard Jr. (2) PL Hobsons Chapel, Payne Memorial Oakwood: Giani Manieri (3) PE

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HALIFAX COUNTY

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Glenwood: Ohhwan 'Freedman' Kim (1) PL Glenwood, Olive Branch

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Asbury, McKendree

Mount Cana: A. Randolph Holmes (12) FL Mount Laurel: Don R. Pizzeck (15)

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Sardis: Linda K. Betit-Buck (1) PL South Hill: Brian D. Siegle (2)

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PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Farmville: Michael P. Kendall (4)

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Caroline: Mark A. Lawrence (4) PL

Mt. Vernon, St. Paul's Hopewell: Lou Woolner (9) PL

Rehoboth: Christopher Watson (2) FL Wrights Chapel: Charles Tillapaugh (25)

ESSEX COUNTY

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Northumberland: Kwon Hong Min (3) PE Afton, Fairfields

Rehoboth: Donna M. Blythe (5) PL

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HARRISONBURG DISTRICT

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PAGE COUNTY

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Shenandoah Circuit: Ellen H. Martin (8) PL

Grove Hill, Oak Grove

Stanley: Richard P. Grendahl (4) FL

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Elkton: David T. Reynolds (25)

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Evangelical, St. Paul

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Chandler (3) FL Edom, Fellowship, Linville

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Keezletown: T. Joel Robinette (5)

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McGaheysville: James R. Wingert (4)

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Cedar Grove, Mountain Valley

Port Republic: James W. Joyner (3) St. James (Pleasant Vlv): Carrie L. Talbott (4) FL

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Vision of Hope: David M. Burch (11)

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

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Christian Newcomer, Mt. Hebron

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Columbia Furnace, Union Forge

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Hawkinstown, Mt. Clifton, Mt. Hermon, Otterbein Chapel

Shenandoah Valley: Alvin West (2) SY

Mt. Zion (Strasburg), Mt. Zion (Woodstock)

Strasburg: John B. Haynes Jr. (3) Toms Brook: Stanley A. Thompson (2)

Woodstock: Robert N. Hoskins Jr. 4)

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CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

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Ettrick: Bobby H. Lamb (7) RA Hopewell: Mark D. Richardson (3)

Ivey Memorial: James M. Smith (2) Matoaca: Richard S. Gordon (6)

Trinity: Teresa M. Keezel (6) Wesley Chapel: Michelle E. Lindsey (7)

Woods: Joseph T. Carson III (7)

COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Highland: Dorothy McNeer O'Quinn (5) Associate: Michael Tolbert (6) FL Wesley: L. Raymond McGarr (4)

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DINWIDDIE COUNTY

Asbury: S. Karen Workman (10) FL Carson: Joseph E. Hammond Jr. (7) AM Crawford: James H. Fry III (1) SY Kenwood: Mary K. Dadisman (4) PE Lebanon: Steven E. McMillion (2) Ocran: R. Lawrence House (8) Rocky Run: Bryan L. Carper (1.5) SY

South Dinwiddie Hope: S. Ray Watson (2) PL Mansons, Mount Olivet

Twin Grove: Andrew Ware (3) PE
Oak Grove. Smiths Grove

West Dinwiddie: James G. O'Quinn (4) Corinth, Trinity, White Oak

EMPORIA

Main Street: Thomas E. Durrance (1) Monumental: Rachel Plemmons (1) FL

GREENSVILLE COUNTY

Centenary (Jarratt): Richard C. Franklin Jr. (2) PL Greensville: Joellen M. Simmons (4) FL Independence, Mt. Pleasant

HOPEWELL

First: J. Christopher Andress (3) Wesley: Jacob H. Sahms (1)

PETERSBURG

Saint Mark's: **Gerald L. Wicker** (1) PE Trinity: Gerald M. Miller (11) RE

Washington Street: Thomas F. Lester (1) PL

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY

Blandford: **Mary Alice Colwell** (1) PL *Garys-Salem*: Michael Baugham (2) FL Garys, Salem

Prince George: Gilbert M. Elder (4) FL Newville, Salem

Sycamore: DeWayne A. Duncan (4)
Trinity (Disputanta): Stephen P. King (3)

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

Boykins: Heewon Cho (2) OE Boykins, Branchville, Persons

Capron: Julie A. Larch (1)
Associate: David Everett (2) SY

Capron, **Drewryville**, Joyner, Vincents Grv

Courtland: Andrew H. Book (3) Grace Memorial: Rita Kanten (7) FL High Street: Nathan A. Decker (2) Newsoms: Ian J. Hackmann (1) PE

Barnes, Newsoms

SUFFOLK

Magnolia: Michael W. Harrington (3) FL Main Street: Myrtle F. Hatcher (6) Oxford: **Paul E. Martin** (1) SY Providence: Garland K. Hines (7) RE

Somerton: James Bowers (2) OF Whaleyville: John E. Meservey (4) PL

SUSSEX COUNTY

Fort Grove: Alexander Davis (2) SY Rocky Hock-Ivor: Clifton D. Fritzinger (7) PL

Ivor, Rocky Hock

Concord: Brian J. Simmons (4) PE Lebanon: Donna B. Smith (2) PL Sharon: James H. Harrison Jr. (2) PL Wakefield: Glenn Riggs (1) FL Waverly: Steven C. Snodgrass (2) FL

SURRY COUNTY

Claremont: **Melody A. Duncan** (1) PL Surry: Raymond G. Rowland (27) Carsley, Oak Grove, Surry

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: **Scott E. Davis** (1) **AMHERST COUNTY**

Amelon: Lawrence A. Erbin (3)

Emmanuel: Nancy Coleman Johnson (4) FL Monroe-St. James: Joshua E. Dalton (1) PL

Monroe, Saint James

Mt. Tabor-Smyrna: Joyce G. Austin (9) LM Mt. Tabor, Smyrna

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Appomattox Circuit: Larry F. Mann (6) AM Mt. Comfort, Trinity

Bethel: Janet C. Burton (5) SY

BEDFORD

Main Street: Richard H. Ecklund (3) Associate: **William P. Greer** (1) RL

BEDFORD COUNTY

Bellevue: H.O. 'Tom' Thomas Jr. (10)

Bethany, Oakland

Bethesda: Richard L. Barton (1)

Bethlehem (Moneta): David W. Lord (10)

Big Island-Cove: Big Island: **TBS**

Cove: Jane L. Whitehead (1) SY

Center Point-Salem: William R. Clark (5) PL Center Point, Salem

Court Street-Marsh Memorial: William Turner Burleigh (9) FL

Court Street, Marsh Memorial

Ebenezer-Otterville: Mark A. Wilkerson (12) LM Ebenezer, Otterville

Emmaus-Union: Edward F. Sheehan (4) FL Emmaus, Union

Epworth (Thaxton): June C. Carpenter (1)

Forest: Susan W. Keen (1)

Kelly Circuit: Mark W. Tucker (1) PL

Mt. Zion, New Hope

Lebanon: Steven D. Parker (7) RA Mountain View: Steven L. Propst (8)

Otter: Jerry O. Viemeister (5) PL

Ephesus, Nicopolis

Patmos: Riley R. Smith Jr. (6) RE Peaksview: **Russel K. Alden** (1) SY

Hickory Grove, Wilsons

Shiloh: Charles E. Johnson (5) PL

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Bethany: Jennifer V. Moore (2) FL

Bethlehem (Concord): Daniel R. Dibble (7) PL

Bethlehem, Early's Chapel

Calvary: Michael W. Miller (8) PL Indian Hill: James D. Stevens (3) OF

Indian Hill, New Bethel

Lane Memorial: **Benjamin E. Horrocks** (1) *Long Mountain*: Kevin M. Holt (3) OF

Brookneal, Mt. Zion

Mount Olivet: Mark A. Tinsley (1) SY Mead Memorial: Jack S. Turner (3) FL

Mount Hermon: Dawn Compton (2) FL New Hope-Sharon: Richard A. Daily (2) RE

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Providence-Whites: George Jack Davis (3) FL Providence, Whites

Rustburg: Sung Woon Yoo (5) PE Salem: Charles E. Schooler (19) FL Timberlake: Rradley A. McMullen

Timberlake: Bradley A. McMullen (1)
Twin Lakes: Lisa S. Dibble (1) PL
Huddleston, Leesville, Mt. Horeb

Wesleybury: William A. Smith (5) SY
West Campbell: Marcia K. Huntsman (2) PE

Evington, Lambs
LYNCHBURG

Boonsboro: Amy Beth Coleman (1)

Centenary: R. Douglas Gunsalus (3) Chestnut Hill: **Elizabeth W. Ecklund** (1)

Chestnut Hill: **Elizabeth W. Ecklund** (1) Christ's View: Phillip C. Showers (10) FL

Christ's Community Fellowship, Fairview

Forest Road: Ray A. Buchanan (3)

Fort Hill: **Ronald A. Litten** (1)
Minister of Music and Congregational

Care: Janet D. Hawkins (17) FD

Heritage: Paul S. Baker (1)

Jackson Street: Reason A. Chandler (4) FL

Peakland: John N. Vest (4)

Minister of Youth and Education: **TBS** *Tyreeanna-Salem*: James W. Martin (17) RL

Salem, Tyreeanna

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Anderson Memorial (Gretna): Sharon L. Forbes (3)

Fowler Memorial: Floyd A. Archie (3) SY Bethany-Ebenezer, Mt. Airy

Hurt: Robert J. Thorne (5) RA

Mount Airy: Kyle D. Uselton (2) SY

Providence, Republican Grove, St. Andrew New Bethel-Motley: Stephen M. Morris (1) PL Motley, New Bethel

Payneton-Siloam: Harold E. Thornton (1) RE Payneton, Siloam

Smith Mountain:

Mt. Zion: **Rodney Newbill** (1) SY New Ridgeway: Ricky R. Scott (2) SY

Zion: David P. Edinger (2) FL

RICHMOND DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Peter M. Moon (2)

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Asbury Memorial: **R. Jason Elmore** (1) PL

Beulah: Keith A. Mottley (7)

Associate: **Martha C. Ringenbach** (1) FL Bon Air: N. Burton Brooks Jr. (2)

Associate: Jennifer L. Day (3)

Brandermill: **Jim C. Dunkin** (1) MOD Associate: Edward Kross (5) MOD Mount Pisgah: Robert E. Cooper (5)

Associate: Anita E. Mays (4) PE
Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Min.: **Amy**

L. Crisp (1) PD

New Life: Michael T. Maxwell (9) Providence: Derrick Parson (2) Saint Luke's: Lisa K. Sykes (6) Saint Mark's: Francis T. Cooper (2) Sherbourne: Pamela H. Culler (11) PL Woodlake: Gordon K. Pruitt (2) Associate: Mark A. Roscoe (1) PL **GOOCHLAND COUNTY** Bethel: John R. Hall Sr. (19.5) AM Corinth: Robert L. Jennings (2) PL St. Matthew's: Christopher M. Bennett (2) **HANOVER COUNTY** Duncan Memorial: Timothy R. Gerde (2) Associate: TBS Dunns Chapel: William R. Freeman (5) RE Enon: ReNe'e R. Teague (3) Forest Grove: Linda E.F. Crabbs (4) Kenwood: Daniel Kim (2) PE Lebanon: R. Spencer Broce (12) Mechanicsville: Kerry D. Boggs (17) Mount Hermon: Keith A. Lauer (8) PL New Song: Chad M. Herndon (9) Prospect: Richard "Dickie" Coffey (1) PL Saint Peter's: Debra Ruth Lucas (8) Shady Grove: John J. Kelchner Jr. (7) Associate: Sandra Bottoms (2) Shiloh: Sarah G. Sealand (3) West Hanover: Claudia H. Stallings (14) Beaverdam, Rouzies Chapel **HENRICO COUNTY**

Brookland: Lynne B. Caldwell (9) OE
Associate: Richard "Dickie" Coffey (1) PL
Chamberlayne Heights: Linda Driver Ray (3)
Christ: Karen B. Hittel (3)
Corinth: W. Joseph Winfree (4)
Discovery: C. Edward Pruitt (1) RE
East Henrico Cooperative Parish: Lorena E.
Beach (4) FL

Bishop Memorial, Fairmount
Good Shepherd: Steven J. Summers (4)
Min. of Discipleship and Communications:
Lisa M. McGehee (7) FD
Greenwood-Laurel Park: Barbara D. Lewis
(5) PE

Greenwood, Laurel Park
Highland Springs: Douglas E. Crockett (6) OE
Lakeside: Rita A. Callis (6)
Laurel Hill: Norman L. Ramsey III (6)
River Road: Darcey G. Johnson (2)
Saint Andrew's: Erin Reibel (1) PE
Shady Grove: David L. Adkins (12)
Associate: Anne B. 'Beanie' Kelley (2) FL

Skipwith: **T. Todd Smith** (1) Trinity: Larry E. Lenow (4)

Associate: **Andrew B. Willson** (1) Minister of Discipleship: Judith Clegg Oguich (17) FD

Welborne: F. Elizabeth Givens (5) Willis: Mark V. Rooks (7)

Worship and Praise: Timothy J. Kirven (6) FL

LOUISA COUNTY

Gum Spring: Lauren E. Lobenhofer (3)

NEW KENT COUNTY

Providence: William H. John Jr. (3)

POWHATAN COUNTY

Powhatan: John T. Hemming (5)

RICHMOND

Asbury (Church Hill): Marilyn A. Heckstall (12) Belmont: Larry J. Cochran (6)

Associate: Julio Serrano-Perez (4) PL

Boulevard: Rachel G. May (5) Calvary: J. Robert Berghuis (1) Centenary: Matthew D. Bates Jr. (6)

Central: L. Michael Southall-Vess (1) Emmaus at Stratford Hills: Chul Ki Kim (4)

Ginter Park: Dennis C.M. Lipke (1) RE

Huguenot: Gay B. Hall (2) RE

Ramsey Memorial: Deborah Ann Koontz (4) Associate: Norma E. Aguilar (10) PL

Reveille: J. Douglas Forrester (3)

Associate: TBA

Associate: Stephen A. Coleman (7) FL
Dir. of Adult Discipleship: Kelley Lane (3) PD
Walmsley Boulevard: Denise B. Watkins (4) FL
Wesley Memorial: Rodney M. Hunter (31) RE

Westhampton: Christina Haga Turner (8) Westover Hills: Donna C. Holder (7)

ROANOKE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Kathleen Overby Webster (4)

BEDFORD COUNTY

Mays Memorial: Melanie D. Franklin (1) PL Parrish Chapel: Troy M. White (13) RL Three Oaks Fellowship: Marianne M. Bird (2) RE BOTETOURT COUNTY

Andrew Chapel: Morris A. Bennett (11) RE *Buchanan*: W. Douglas Mitchell (4) FL

Lithia, Trinity

Eagle Rock: W. Raysor Sandifer (14) PL
Bethel. Eagle Rock, Glen Wilton, Shiloh

Ebenezer: Melanie D. Franklin (1) PL Fincastle: Jae-Haeng Choi (3) OE Saint Mark's: Robert D. Lough (4)

CRAIG COUNTY

Foothills: Rodney Longmire (3) SY Hebron, Mt. Pleasant, Pierce Chapel New Castle: Willie B. Guill Jr. (4)

Bethel, New Castle

FLOYD COUNTY

Floyd Parish: Darren E. Landon (9) FL

Copper Hill, Havens Chpl, Huffville, Stonewall

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Boones Mill: **James R. Rodden** (1) Mount Olivet: Connie Ray Lee Sr. (34) RL

GILES COUNTY

Newport-Mt. Olivet: Morris V. Fleischer (9) FL *Pembroke*: Laney S. Spigener Jr. (2)

First, Mt. Lebanon

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Asbury (Christiansbg): Kathy Carpenter (1) SY Belview: Bobbie Jo Henley (5)

Blacksburg: Joseph D. Carson (3) Associate: Christina R. McLain (6)

Associate: **Kelly A. Shushok** (1) FL Min. of Music: Leigh Anne Taylor (16) FD

Calvary (Christiansbg): Sebert W. Rorrer (15) RE Crockett Springs: Milton E. Marks (2) RE

Fieldstone: Jonathan J. Page (3)

Goodwin Mem.: Joseph Gregory Kropff (2) PL

Halls: Brenda Sternfeld (3) PL Lafayette: Jeane D. Dunkum (1) RE Mt. Elbert: Bobbie Jo Henley (3) Mt. Tabor: Kenneth D. Farrar (7) PL Park: Patricia A. Jones (3) RE

Prices Fork: Michael Hill (3) SY

Saint Paul (Christiansbg): Moonsup Paul Song (2) Trinity (Christiansbg): Russell Shepherd (5) PL Wesley Memorial: Charles W. DeHart (3) RL

White Memorial: Herbert C. Williams Jr. (9)

ROANOKE

Fairview: Donald W. Baldwin (8) FL

Grace: TBS

Greene Memorial: Gary E. Heaton (4) Huntington Court: Jeffrey D. Wilson (7) Raleigh Court: Seungsoo Jun (2)

Saint Paul: Lyle E. Morton (1)

South Roanoke: Michael D. Copeland (1)

Southview: Warren R. Carswell (1) Trinity: William C. Logan (13) RE

West End: Lyle E. Morton (1)

Windsor Hills: Douglas B. Paysour (2) Woodlawn: John B. Snyder (3)

ROANOKE COUNTY

Bonsack: **Randall J. McMillen** (1)
Catawba Circuit: **Scott Robertson-Gouge**(1) OR

Catawba, McDonalds Mill, Shiloh Cave Spring: Denise P. Bates (2)

Associate: Joanna M. Paysour (5)
Lawrence Memorial: Terry A. Ross (6.5) PL
Locust Grove: Benjamin F. Lockhart Jr. (8) PL

Mount Pleasant: Robert G. Stutes (4) OE

Northview: Joseph H. Klotz Jr. (6)

Rockingham Ct: Seung Hae Yoo-Hess (2) PE Thrasher Memorial: Walter B. Failes Jr. (6)

Associate: Jaeyong Song (4) PE

SALEM

Calvary (Salem): Jason L. Bryant (2) FL Central: Bryan K. Buckles (2) First: Bass M. Mitchell (2) Associate: Jeffrey L. Dorsey (20)

STAUNTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent: David J. Rochford III (4)

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Alleghany: Shannon Cox (4) SY
Callaghan: Nancy Palmer (1) FL
Fletcher Chapel, Hoke Chapel
Epworth: Nathan R. Colwell (2) FL
Iron Gate: William D. Bearden (2) FL
Iron Gate, Longdale, Walton Mem.
Mountain Valley: H. Ray Tucker (2) RL
Associate: Christina Bowen (3) SY

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Mt. Pleasant-.S. Covington: Charles H. Cole Jr. (6) Mt. Pleasant, South Covington Potts Valley: David C. Brown (15) FL Humphrey's, Persinger Mem., Pinnell **AUGUSTA COUNTY** Augusta: David Coffey (1) SY Stonewall, West Augusta, West View Bethlehem-Jollivue: Janet C. Knott (6) AM Bethlehem, Jollivue Calvary: Charles F. Reynolds (2) Associate: Nancy M. Vaughan (3) FL Churchville Cooperative Parish: Lester W. Kennedy (2) FL Glossbrenner, Saint James Fishersville: Charles F. Bates (2) Associate: Ryan Oswald (6) PE Greenville: Kevin W. Haynes (13) Lyndhurst-Oak Hill: Vivian Utz (1) FL Lyndhurst, Oak Hill McKinley: Donald L. Long (17) RE Mint Spring: Terry L. Clark (8) Rankin: Don Duty (2) SY St. Paul's-Goshen: Mary Pysell (3) SY Goshen, St. Paul's (Craigsville) Shenandoah: Reginald A. Early (2) RL Asbury, Community, Lawson, Randolph Street Sherando: Sarah Payne (3) PL **BATH COUNTY** Bath: Lorrie Aikens (5) FL Burnsville, Eden, Starr-Bolar, Va. Chapel Hot Springs: Genevieve Bowles (1) PE Ashwood, Emory **BOTETOURT COUNTY** Mount Olivet: Doris T. Hedrick (5) PL **BUENA VISTA** Saint John's: Sonja Flye Oliver (2) FL People United in Christ: Danta Thompson (3) SY **CLIFTON FORGE** Central: J. Lynn Wright (3) FL **COVINGTON** Christ: Christina R. Bowen (2) SY Granbery Memorial: Russell T. Urban (2) Mt. Carmel: Douglas E. Hollenbeck (15) FL Parrish Court: Deborah D. Washer (4) FL **HIGHLAND COUNTY** Blue Grass: W. Andre Crummett (17) FL

Blue Grass, Hightown

McDowell: David R. Boger (16) RE

Doe Hill, McDowell, McKendree, Totten

Monterey: Bobbi Jo Gardner (3) SY Asbury, Green Hill, Monterey

LEXINGTON

Trinity: Joseph J. Cailles (1) **ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY**

Collierstown: James A. Bollinger (4.5) FL Collierstown, Mt. Horeb

Ebenezer-Marvin: R. Michael Long (3) SY Ebenezer, Marvin

Fairfield: Elizabeth von Trapp Walker (5) Emory, Fairfield

Rockbridge: Lucy Jackson Hughes (3) RL Beth Horon, Elliott's Hill, Mt. Zion

STAUNTON

Central: Won Un (4)

Cherryvale: Clayton W. Payne (3) PE

Christ: Sarah D. Locke (3)

Marquis Memorial: Robert W. Sharp (7) Saint John's: Taylor C. Mertins (4)

Saint Paul's: T. Bryson Smith (3)

Staunton-Grottoes: John Benson (4) SY Augusta Street, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Tabor

WAYNESBORO

Basic: Donald Gibson (13)

Glovier Memorial: Ryan M. Schaeffer (3) PE Main Street: Linda Kusse-Wolfe (1) OE

Certified Lay Minister: Harold E. Baldwin Jr. (12) LM

Pleasant View: Eric Strother (4) SY St. Mark's-Wayne Hills: Mi Sook Ahn (2) PL St Mark's, Wayne Hills

WINCHESTER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Lawrence R. Thompson Jr. (7)

CLARKE COUNTY

Boyce-White Post: Martha T. Reynolds (1) PL Boyce, White Post

Crums: Thomas R. Barnard (2)

Duncan Mem. (Berryville): J. Jeffrey Butcher (3) Marvin Chapel: Kenneth K. Patrick (14) RE Millwood: Susan Gum Catlett (1) PL

Paris Mountain: Karen D. M. Adams (12) PL Mt. Carmel, Providence Chapel

FAUQUIER COUNTY

Cool Spring: Janet L. Martin (8) RL

Linden-Markham-Marshall Co-op. Parish:

Terry L. Hendricks (1) PE

Linden, Markham, Marshall

Middleburg-Rectortown Co-op. Parish:

Steven W. Weedling (1)

Middleburg, Rectortown

St. Mark's: Herbert E. Drake (1) PL

FREDERICK COUNTY

Brucetown: Yun Chol Kim (6) PE

Burnt Factory: C. Steven Melester (11) AM

Cedar Grove: Penny L.M. Pelter (2) FL

Little Mountain, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Vly. Emmanuel: Barry L. Burkholder (2)

Fairview-Refuge: Laetitia Schoeman (1) FL Fairview, Refuge

Francis Asbury: Anthony A. Wadsworth (4) RE Chestnut Grove, Howard Chapel

Gainesboro: Wm. Anthony Layman (1) RE

Grace (Middletown): W. Clay Knick (1) Greenwood-Montague Ave: Andy L. Brock (4)

Greenwood, Montague Avenue

Kernstown: Aaron W. Fitch (3) Macedonia: Michel Q. Mayton (3)

North Frederick: Thomas W. Reynolds (4) FL

Rest. White Hall

Old Bethel-Welltown Cooperative Parish: Carl M. Chapman (2) PE

Old Bethel, Welltown

Pleasant View: Haley M. dos Santos (3) FL

Mt. Pleasant-Lamps, Mountain View Redland: Melissa D. Porter-Miller (4)

Relief-Hites: I. Richard McDowell (3)

Hites Chapel, Relief

Round Hill: Penny L. Wilson Jr. (4)

Shockeysville: TBS

Stephens City: J. Robert Schoeman (1)

Wesley Chapel-Pine Grove: Philip H.

Brumback (3) PL

Pine Grove, Wesley Chapel

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Bethany (Purcellville): Michael D. Finn-McKenzie (5)

Evergreen: F.W. Giessler II (18)

Harmony (Hamilton): David R. Drinkard (2)

Leesburg: James N. Wishmyer (10)

Minister of Administration: Wayne R.

Reynolds (9) LM Dir. of Children's Ministry: Heather L.

Wray (1) PD

Loudoun: John M. Kelley (1) SY

Unison, Upperville

Lovettsville: Eugenie Finn-McKenzie (5)

Bethel, Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Olivet: Walton C. Forstall II (1)

Purcellville Circuit: Alphonso L. Irving (10) FL

Austin Grv, Grace Annex, Powells Grv Rehoboth: Eunji Kim (1) PL

Round Hill: Daniel A. Wray (1) Short Hill: Marcellus H. Jagoe IV (2) PL Ebenezer, Hillsboro

West Loudoun: Wesley S. Corber (6) PL Bluemont, Roszell Chapel

Mt. Zion-Willisville Chapel Cooperative Parish: Wilhelmina Sumpter (1)

> Mt. Zion (Hamilton), Mt. Zion (Lees burg). Willisville Chapel

WARREN COUNTY

Bethel: Ralph H. Crabill (2) RE

Front Royal-John Wesley Cooperative

Parish: Alan T. Combs (1) Front Royal, John Wesley

Howellsville: Francis P. Bertrand (5) PL

Reliance-Ridings Chapel: Linda H. Lowe (3)

Reliance, Ridings Chapel Riverton: C. Marc Roberson (3)

Warren: Sherry L. Waddell (4) FL

Asbury, Bennetts Chapel, Limeton

WINCHESTER

Amor v Paz-Mt. Olive Cooperative Parish: Victor R. Gomez (2)

Amor y Paz, Mt. Olive

Braddock Street: G. Kirk Nave (5)

Associate: J. Adam Sowder (4)

Min. of Serve Min.: Joanna S. Dietz (2) FD

First: William M. White (8)

John Mann-Wesley Cooperative Parish: R.

Douglas Geeting (1)

John Mann, Wesley

Market Street: Keiko T. Foster (1)

YORK RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Seonyoung Kim (3) CHARLES CITY COUNTY

Memorial: Jennifer A. Mercer (1) FL

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Bellamy: Kenneth Stephen Waclo (8)
Bethany (Gloucester Pt.): Deborah T. Marion (4)
Bethlehem: Carol I. Bookwalter (4.5) RE
Gloucester-Mathews: Paul F. Gillespie (3) FL

Locust Grove, Mt. Zion
New Hope: Chong Ho Yang (2)
Salem-Olive Branch: Rita L. Staul (14)
Olive Branch. Salem

Singleton: Calvin J. Griffin (7.5) Susanna Wesley: J. Garrett Livermon (8)

HAMPTON

Bethany: Suzanne D. Gibson (2)
East Hampton: **Timothy M. Porter** (1) PL
First (Fox Hill): Brian K. Sixbey (7)
First (Hampton): Candace L. Martin (2)
Fox Hill Central: Eric J. Vaudt (3) PE

Kecoughtan: **Booker D. Brown Jr.** (1) PL Aldersgate. Central

Phoebus: Robert E. Rough (6) PL Saint James: **Michael L. Nelson** (1)

Saint Mark's: **Reginald G. Rumburg** (1) AM Wallace Memorial: Herbert Brynildsen Jr. (2) FL

Wesley: Gretchen O.S. Nelson (1)

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

Benn's: Orville H. Burton (9) Bethany: Michael T. Frank (3)

Oak Grove-Riverview: **TBS**

Oak Grove, Riverview
Trinity: Jeffery Lee Cannon (6)
Uzzell: Rebecca W. Gwaltney (5) PL

Woodland: Amanda H. Newman (3) PE

JAMES CITY COUNTY

Mount Vernon: Ann On-Lin Tang (2) New Town: J. Michael Derflinger (3) Wellspring: Edward A. Hopkins (7)

KING & QUEEN COUNTY

Shackelfords Chapel: Charles J. McHose (7) RE

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

West Point: Gordon K. Meriwether (2) FL

MATHEWS COUNTY

Bethel-St. Matthew: Ralph G. Satter (3) RE

Bethel, St. Matthew

Beulah-St. Paul: Delia M. Parrish (6) Beulah, St. Paul

Central: Ji Hoon "John" Choi (2)

Mathews Chapel: Lisa R. Blackmonson (2)

Salem: Meghan Roth Clayton (2)

West Mathews: Jeongin Kim (3) PE

Emmanuel, Grace-Providence

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Clarksbury: Kenneth E. Cleveland (3) FL Lower Church: Ileana Rosario (2) Middlesex: Timothy R. Earnhardt (2) FL Forest Chapel, Old Church Urbanna: Hyung Il Moon (6)

NEW KENT COUNTY

New Kent: **Seokchane Suh** (1) FL

Pamunkey, Tabernacle

NEWPORT NEWS

Asbury: C. Leon Basham Jr. (2) PL

Chestnut Memorial: Robert M. Chapman (3)

Christ: Thomas G. Tipton (5)
First: Robert L. Haley (5)
Grace: Forrest H. Teague Jr. (2)

Holy Cross International: Yoon Seok Choi

(7) OE

Trinity: **Donald L. Blagg** (1) RL Parkview: Timothy M. Porter (5) PL

Warwick Memorial:

Co-Pastor: Regina Anderson-Cloud (4)

Co-Pastor: Bert Cloud (4)

Associate: Peggy M. Langille (1) FL

POQUOSON

Tabernacle: James N. Earley II (2) Associate: Brenton A. Staul (2) PL Trinity: Charles R. Stacy (5)

WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg: Matthew W. Jones (7)
Associate: Kirsten 'Kay' Barré (4)
Min. of Congregational Care: Helen
Casey-Rutland (4)

YORK COUNTY

Crooks Memorial: Lisa A. Barbery (4)
Providence: C. Douglas Akers (7)
Saint Luke's: Douglas D. Gestwick (11)
Associate: Clara P. Gestwick (11)
Youth Pastor: Timothy Craft (1) PD
Zion: David C. Magruder (3) PE

EXTENSION MINISTRIES AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Tonya Douce—Student, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, University of North Florida (Fairlington)

Andrew S. Ensz (PE)—Minister Director of Arise, United College Ministries in Northern Virginia (Messiah)

Morgan Guyton—Director, NOLA Wesley Foundation, Tulane and Loyola Universities (Burke)

J. Denise Honeycutt—Exec Director, Global Ministries Center for Mission Innovation (St. Matthew's)

Lucretia Hurley-Browning—Chaplain/ Counselor, Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital (Aldersgate)

David F. McAllister-Wilson— President, Wesley Seminary (Fairlington)

Drema McAllister-Wilson—On loan: Minister of Congregational Care, Metropolitan Memorial UMC, Baltimore-Washington Conference (Fairlington)

Pamela G. Meeuwissen (PL)—Chaplain/ Spiritual Care Counselor, Mary Washington Hospice (Christ)

Marianne K. Nassef—Chaplain, US Air Force (Fairlington)

Lemuel E. Pearsall Jr.—Chaplain, US Army (Good Shepherd)

R. Kendall Soulen—Professor of Systematic Theology, Candler (Annandale)

J. Pat Watkins—Ministry with God's Renewed Creation, Missionary, General Board of Global Ministries (St. Matthew's) Susan E. Willhauck (FD)—Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Atlantic School of Theology (St. Matthew's)

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DISCIPLES HELPING TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD



Blessing of the Bikes invited motorcycle riders to join together in fellowship and prayer at St. James UMC in Churchville. Va. The Rev. Lester Kennedy prayed for each rider individually before the group departed on a ride that took them on the beautiful backroads from the village of Churchville to Goshen's Pass and back again for a lunch served at the church. Many bikers took the opportunity to share personal prayer concerns with those leading the event. The ride took place on April 23 and several people have already

called the church to find out

when the next outing will be.

This year Calloway United
Methodist Church,
Arlington District, is celebrating 150 years
of welcoming,
connecting to
and growing
servants for
the Lord. We
are humbled that
God saw fit to
keep us in the
vineyard

century, and that God's grace, mercy and strength continues to flow as we heed the call. We have planned several events for the duration of this year, but we'd like to highlight a very special visitor, "Elizabeth", who helped kick-off our year-long celebration by sharing her experiences as a member of Calloway back in 1866.

Even now, we fondly recall her time with us. See the photo of "Elizabeth" portrayed by Marjorie Long-Brown.

Twenty-eight volunteers from **Beulah UMC**, **Richmond**, took part in our project during spring break, working on a Beulah neighborhood home.

For four days, we loaded and hauled trash, replaced windows, played

windows, played with the kids, removed old cabinets and countertops and installed new ones and repaired plumbing problems.

This

was an intergen-



erational team, with youth including young men from our soccer team, parents, grandparents and other adults. Our kitchen team made sure we were well nourished with breakfast and lunch each day at Base Camp Beulah.

To have your church or church organization featured in the "Disciples helping to transform the world" section, e-mail your story and photos to MadelinePillow@vaumc.org by the first of the month. Stories should be approximately 100 words, and photos should be 300 dpi jpgs.

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:19-20













General Conference 2016,

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body, was fraught with tension noticeable in the fact that it took three days

just for the rules to be approved.

A total of 864 delegates (22 from Virginia) met in Portland, Ore., May 10-20 to consider 1044 petitions as legislative committees and as a body. General Conference meets every four years and is the only body that speaks for the entire, global denomination.

A number of hot-button issues were up for review including issues over human sexuality, the 2017-2020 budget and the global church structure.

During this process to approve the rules, Rule 44, a proposed group-discernment process that would allow an alternative method to discuss complicated legislation such as sexuality, was voted down.

Rule 44 was recommended by the Commission on General Conference at the request of General Conference 2012 as an alternative process to Robert's Rules of Order.

After the rules were approved, 6:30 p.m. adjournments left late-night sessions in the past for attendees of General Conference 2016.

Main issues

Human Sexuality

The General Conference called for the Council of Bishops to lead them in the human sexuality issue on May 17.

The Rev. Tom Berlin, pastor of Floris UMC and episcopal candidate, stood on the plenary floor as one of the voices asking for leadership from the bishops.

"This morning, Bishop Ough said that at General Conference, the role of the bishop was to preside. Quite frankly, Bishop, we think it's your role to lead. We are asking for your leadership," said Berlin.

The Council of Bishops came back the next day with a recommendation for a study commission and the possibility to call a special General Conference before 2020 in regards to the human sexuality issue. General Conference voted to accept their recommendation.

The decision by delegates to defer the sexuality debate eased some tension within the body with protests by Reconciling Ministries and other groups taking a more muted tone through silent protests in and outside the plenary hall for the rest of General Conference 2016.









Church Budget

On May 20, a general church budget of \$604 million was approved for the next quadrennium, an increase from the \$603.1 million approved at 2012 General Conference.

PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATION

\$310.7 million for the World Service Fund that supports most of the denomination's 13 general agencies (including United Methodist Communications, which encompasses United Methodist News Service)

\$104.9 million for the Ministerial Education Fund that supports United Methodist seminaries and provides financial aid for United Methodist seminary students

\$92 million for the Episcopal Fund, which supports active bishops, their support staff, retired bishops, surviving spouses and minor children of deceased bishops

\$41.9 million for the Black College Fund that supports 11 United Methodist-related historically black colleges and universities

\$36.9 million for the General Administration Fund, which supports General Conference, Judicial Council, the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History, and the General Council on Finance and Administration

Nearly **\$9.4 million** for Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe

\$8.2 million for the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, which supports the church's ecumenical work

-United Methodist Communications

Sand Creek massacre

United Methodists looked back to the past to a historic tragedy in 1864 in which the denomination was involved in the slaughter of Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians. A historian and descendants of the massacre's survivors attended the presentation.

Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky, Mountain Sky Episcopal Area, worked with the descendants to plan the event and Otto Braided Hair Jr., a Northern Cheyenne descendant of survivors from the massacre, to co-chair a panel to oversee a complete remembrance of the event.

In 1996, General Conference apologized for the denomination's involvement but historical details were not fully disclosed and failed to be respectful to descendants. In 2012,

delegates engaged in an "Act of Repentance" worship service, focusing on restoring relationships with indigenous people and a petition was approved calling for full disclosure of the UMC's role in the event.

"We now extend our hand in friendship to the Methodist Church," said William Walks Along, a Northern Cheyenne descendent of massacre survivors. "We have developed a measure of trust, respect and honor for each other."

New Hymnal

A new hymnal is on track for the next General Conference, the first since 1989. The hymnal will be Internet-cloud based and print-on-demand, the first-tech hymnal for a mainline denomination. The approval authorizes a petition for the creation of a 15-member Hymnal Revision Committee. The United Methodist Publishing House and Discipleship Ministries share responsibility for the hymnal.

General Conference 2020 will need to approve the Hymnal Advisory Committee's recommendations, and a new hymnal could be available as early as 2021.

Plan UMC Revised

The Judicial Council declared on May 9 that Plan UMC, a plan to realign the structure of the church, features some unconstitutional elements in terms of issues of authority. This revised plan would have given new authority and power to the Connectional Table, a church coordinating body.



Anniversaries and Presentations

Several anniversaries were acknowledged at General Conference including the 60th anniversary of the church granting full clergy rights to women, the 200th anniversary of Francis Asbury's death and United Methodist Women which will soon turn 150.

On May 18, delegates celebrated the success of the Imag-











ine No Malaria initiative that launched in 2008.

Jeremy Rosado, season 11 top 12 contestant on "American Idol," performed "Able," a song commissioned in celebration of the Imagine No Malaria initiative.

Bishop term limits

Strong support was given by the delegates for bishop term limits for United States bishops, but did not meet the two-thirds majority required to change the church constitution.

Sacrament administration for deacons

Deacons will now find a less complicated process in order to request permission to administer sacraments. Now deacons can directly ask their resident bishops for permission.

Worship

Worship at General Conference was reflective of the number of cultures and worship styles within The United Methodist Church. Emphasis was placed on the number of languages in the room and many opportunities were taken to allow delegates and visitors to speak and sing in their native languages.

In the midst of this music were stirring words from various bishops.

Bishop Sally Dyck, Chicago Episcopal Area, was inspired by Pope Francis' recent call for Catholics toward mercy.

"He said 'Go and do mercy in all the places that you are' to every Catholic. I want to be part of a church that has a year of mercy, a decade of mercy, a millennium of mercy," Dyck said.

Bishop James Swanson Sr., Mississippi Episcopal Area, spoke on Matthew 12:43-45 and the force at work in the

world that seeks to sway Jesus' followers from their path of faith.

During a rousing finish, Bishop Swanson reminded those present that disagreements in the Church, while present, should not make the Church disagree about God.

"It's all right for you to disagree with me but it's not all right for you to hate me. It's all right for you to plot to win, but never use the weapons of Satan against the people of God," said Swanson.

On the final day of General Conference 2016, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, Mountain Sky Episcopal Area, reminded everyone in attendance that "we will not leave divided because God is not finished with us yet!"

Speaking on Jesus' resurrection in the book of Matthew, she likened prejudices and ill-feelings toward others and situations as allowing oneself to remain in the tomb rather than to enter into the resurrection story. Specifically she mentioned assumptions about the LGBTQ community and African delegates.

"If you believe that the Bible condemns homosexuality, but have never asked a gay Christian how they understand the Bible, you gotta get out of that tomb. If you believe that all African delegates are voting from somebody else's game plan, you gotta get out of that tomb," Stanovsky said. \(\)











What's Next?:

Abundant Health Program

General Conference 2016 looked to build onto the momentum caused by the success of the Imagine No Malaria (INM) campaign by introducing the next step: Abundant Health: Our Promise to Children.

With 6 million children dying worldwide from preventable diseases, Abundant Health will be an effort to reach 1 million children with lifesaving and health-promoting measures by the next General Conference in 2020.

Dr. Olusimbo Ige, executive director of General Ministries' Global Health program, said a lack of abundant health "is not only when you are sick. It can also mean that your potential for good health is not fully realized. We want to connect with every child in every place, and we are calling on every church and every individual to join us in this effort."

Abundant Health is being coordinated by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. It will initially focus on Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Liberia, Mozambique and Nigeria, Ige said later. She also expressed concern about the United States, where she said childhood obesity has more than doubled in the last 30 years.

Learn more at www.umcmission.org with the Abundant Health Media Kit. <

 Crystal Caviness and Barbara Dunlap-Berg, United Methodist Communications

Special Commission

Late afternoon May 18, the delegates voted by 428 to 405 to accept the recommendation of the Council of Bishops to delay a debate on homosexuality at this gathering of the denomination's top legislative assembly and let a proposed commission study church regulations.

The bishops asked for the body's permission to name a special commission that would completely examine and possibly recommend revisions of every paragraph in the *Book of Discipline* related to human sexuality. The commission would represent the different regions of a denomination on four continents as well as the varied perspectives of the church.

"We accept our role as spiritual leaders to lead The United Methodist Church in a 'pause for prayer' – to step back from attempts at legislative solutions and to inten-

Steps following GC2016



tionally seek God's will for the future," said Council of Bishops president Bishop Bruce Ough in announcing the recommendation.

The bishops also suggested they might call a special General Conference in 2018 or 2019 to deal with such proposals, Ough said. He also leads the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area.

Other bishops stood behind Ough as he read the statement.

Talk of possible schism has been in the hallways, and legislation is on the table that would allow congregations to disaffiliate from the denomination with their property. That legislation has been pushed by United Methodists who support the current church teachings on homosexuality.

"As far as we can discover, this is the first time that a General Conference has ever made such a request of the Council of Bishops, and we have accepted this request with humility," Ough told the gathering.

The bishops' statement did not receive the unanimous vote of the council's members, Ough acknowledged. But the support was overwhelming, he said.

He added that unanimity is not required for unity. It is unclear how complaints against clergy will move forward, if they are accused of violating the Book of Discipline's prohibitions related to homosexuality.

The bishops' statement said: "We will continue to

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explore options to help the church live in grace with one another – including ways to avoid further complaints, trials and harm while we uphold the Discipline."

However, advocates for greater inclusion of LGBTQ individuals in the life of the church, saw the bishops' recommendations as a sign of hope.

"I count this decision as a victory for the LGBTQ cause, though our division is not yet reconciled," said the Rev. Frank Schaefer, whose church trial for officiating at his son's same-sex wedding made international headlines. Schaefer's clergy credentials were removed and then on appeal restored.

"I hope that our bishops will take their mandate very seriously and will be able to lead us toward reconciliation and unity," Schaefer's statement continued.

The Rev. Rob Renfroe, president of the unofficial evangelical caucus Good News, released a statement saying the commission had the potential to resolve differences but also is "fraught with peril."

He said the bishops must make sure to include "well-known and respected leaders of the traditionalist and orthodox renewal movement" on the commission.

– Heather Hahn and Sam Hodges, United Methodist Communications



BONUS for our online subscribers:



Protests took place throughout General Conference by a number of groups including Reconciling Ministries. CLICK HERE for video.



Listen to this audio clip of "Alleluia, the Great Storm is Over" led by the Rev. Alex Joyner and the Virginia delegation.











Virginia Clergy couple volunteer and experience General Conference for first time



ffered the chance to come to General Conference 2016 and volunteer, Erin Geoffrion and her husband, Pete, both pastors in the Charlottesville District, viewed General Conference (GC) for the first time and saw behind the scenes.

For Erin, she expected there to be tension.

"I'd heard that the combination of globally-diverse expressions of theology, language differences, long hours, dark rooms and Robert's Rules of Order could be a recipe for chaos and angst," Erin said. "After experiencing the environment firsthand, I can say that this was an extremely accurate expectation."

But Erin also found inspiration in the gathering of such diverse people. In their volunteer activities, Pete worked as a Spiritual Director in the GC Prayer Room and held morning devotionals for the Virginia delegation. Erin worked as a front entrance greeter her first week, wearing a button indicating that she spoke French.

Prayer emphasized at General Conference

Prayer was a major focus of the 2016 gathering with official prayer beads that were available for purchase and were given out to attending delegates.

As in prior years, a Prayer Room was available for delegate and visitor use. With different stations around the room, the low lighting and meditative displays invited calm and prayer. Explorative prayer options were also available through two large floor prayer labyrinths, covering the front section of the room, a sand pit and art tables.

Time spent serving in the Prayer Room for Pete was really a "process of hospitality and providing a space to help people find out where the Holy Spirit is working."

Some of Pete's first lessons as a minister helped him as a volunteer at the Prayer Room.

"It was about the need to be open to prayer and the need to be aware that we don't always know where someone is coming from when they are asking for prayer," Pete said. "Those have been large things also true for anyone entering in a new appointment, you're trying to build trust quickly but at the same time, listen to where their actual needs are and to go from there."

College major surfaces as ministry tool

Erin's experience as a volunteer took an unexpected turn her

(Con't. on pg. 37: "CLERGY COUPLE.")

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Bishop Young Jin Cho issued this letter following a letter from the Council of Bishops and their accepted recommendation by the General Conference 2016 about the issue of human sexuality.



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Dear United Methodists In the Virginia Conference:

May the grace and peace from our risen Lord be with you.

The 2016 General Conference has adjourned. Although there were ups and downs during the sessions of the General Conference, we worshiped together, conversed with each other and struggled together. Together we recommitted ourselves to the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to us. Therefore, we will continue to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I am deeply grateful to all of you for your prayers for our gathering held in Portland Oregon. I believe your prayers made a difference, and we chose a different road in dealing with the most sensitive and divisive issues of human sexuality. Instead of debating and fighting each other, we tried to find a way to move from superficial unity to honest assessment of our reality and a way forward. Our efforts to prayerfully discern God's will on these matters led us into a different territory. I am also deeply grateful to our Virginia Conference delegates for their prayerful and sincere efforts in carrying out their task. We have many reasons to be proud of them.

As you may have read or heard, the General Conference asked the Bishops to lead in seeking unity in Christ on the issues of human sexuality which have been dividing our churches for many years. The Council of Bishops responded to this call, and the General Conference adopted our proposal. Here I share with you what one of our colleagues, Bishop Scott Jones of the Great Plains Area, summarized:

- We are committed to the unity of The United Methodist Church and will seek to strengthen it.
- We will lead the Church in every part of the world in times of worship, study, discernment, confession and prayer for God's guidance.
- We are called to work and pray for more Christ-like unity with each other rather than separation from one another.
- The Council of Bishops will form a Commission to study all of the paragraphs in our Book of
 Discipline regarding human sexuality. The subject has been referred to the Commission, and it will
 be named sometime between now and November 2.
- The Council of Bishops may choose to call a special session of the General Conference before 2020 to deal with recommendations of the Commission. No decision has been made about whether this is a wise use of the Church's money and time.

- The Council of Bishops will have conversation about how the Church can best live in grace with one another, including discussion about ways to avoid further complaints, trials and harm.
- The Bishops will uphold the discipline of the Church while these conversations continue.
- All provisions of The Book of Discipline, 2012 on matters of human sexuality will remain in force until a General Conference changes them.

The Council of Bishops also issued a pastoral letter after finishing the General Conference. If you want to read this letter, please visit our website at www.vaumc.org.

We know our pain and struggle in seeking unity is real and challenging, but we also know that crisis can become an opportunity in our risen Lord. I want to make the following requests of you for a new future for our Church, especially for the upcoming two years:

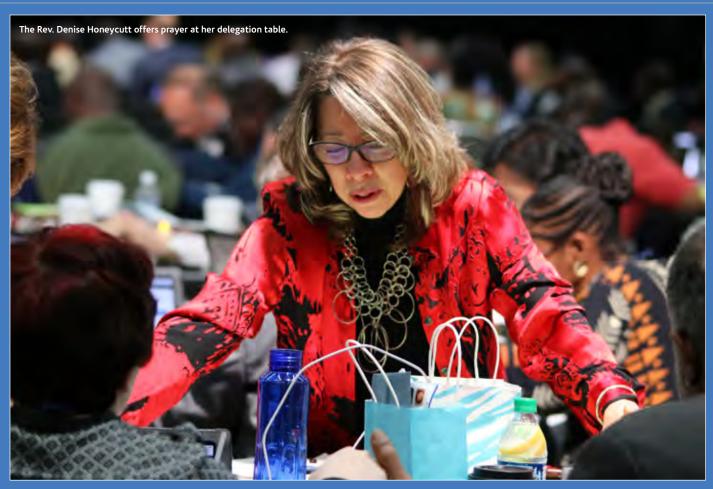
- Please keep on praying for a way forward. The upcoming two years will be a critical time for The
 United Methodist Church. From the formation of the commission to the completion of its work
 and a called General Conference, we need to pray that the Holy Spirit will intervene and guide
 our efforts.
- We also need to pray that the commission's work will be more than a legislative work. Please
 pray that the members of the commission will come to the table with their minds and hearts
 radically open to God and humbly seeking to discern God's will in making their decisions. If we
 try to solve our situation through political negotiation, our future will be gloomy.
- I invite all of you to refrain from any act of harming our efforts to seek unity in Christ. I respect
 each of your convictions based on conscience, but we also need to recognize that no one owns
 100% of God's truth, and all of us need humility, emptying ourselves before God as Jesus did
 (Philippians 2:7). During my remaining tenure, I will continue to uphold *The Book of Discipline* as
 we Bishops committed to do.

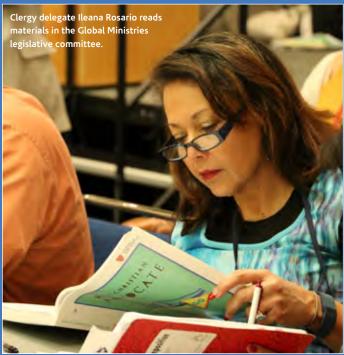
The Council of Bishops is fully aware of the importance of this call and takes our task very seriously. We will prayerfully seek the way forward. We need your prayers. I hope and pray that someday history will record that our praying knees made a difference and brought a new future to our beloved United Methodist Church.

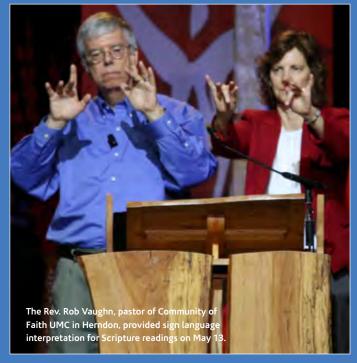
Once again, thank you very much for your prayers and support for the General Conference and our ministry. May God continue to bless all of us, our churches and our ministries for the Kingdom of God.

With deep appreciation,

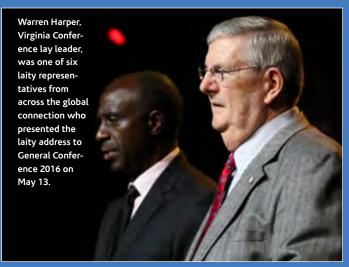
Young Jin Cho















EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY



We're getting a new pastor!
What can I do?

By Joe Iovino

ne Sunday during worship, you notice a visitor who looks vaguely familiar. Suddenly the pastor invites her forward to address the congregation. Now you remember. She is your district superintendent. Oh no! Why is she here?

A numbness overcomes you as you hear the words. Your pastor is leaving. In several weeks, he will move to a new church. The DS then promises to return soon to introduce you to your new pastor.

Whether you dread losing your beloved pastor or welcome a change in leadership, it feels like everything in your church is about to change. While that is not completely true, your congregation will be going through a significant time of pastoral transition.

The Rev. Robert Kaylor, pastor of Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church in Monument, Colo., and author of "Your Best Move: Effective Leadership Transitions for the Local Church," points out that there are three phases of transition: ending or leaving, the neutral zone and new beginning. Each member can participate in every stage.

Pray

The first thing you can do is to pray for your current pastor, the new pastor and your congregation. Surrender your anxiety and trust God to work through the process.

Lend a hand

Soon after the District Superintendent announces that your pastor is leaving, look for ways to be helpful. Your pastor and his/her family will need boxes for the move and might like help packing, taking apart bed frames or loading the U-Haul. Ask where you might be helpful.

Attend the farewell

Take time to celebrate this season of pastoral leadership as it ends. Eat, laugh, cry, celebrate and tell stories with your congregation. Don't miss out on this important time.

Say a personal goodbye

"For me, as a pastor," Kaylor said, "one of the things I really have appreciated was when people took the time to sit down and write a note, expressing their appreciation for that time in ministry together." He contin-

ued, "I keep those with me as I move to the new place... There's no greater gift than that."

"As a parishioner," Kaylor continued, "I want to bless the pastor on his or her way out." When we say goodbye well, "it not only helps the pastor, it helps me emotionally and spiritually make that transition; to say this has ended and now I'm looking forward to a new pastoral leader."

Help get ready

As you await the arrival of your new pastor, your church may hold a painting party at the parsonage. Jump in. Participating in the preparations is an investment in the successful ministry of your new pastor.

Learn about the incoming pastor

Your church will probably post a profile of your new pastor and his/her family on the church website. Be sure to read it. In addition to the fun stuff, look for "the pastor's heart," Kaylor said. "What is the pastor really passionate about? What are the things I might have questions about in terms of the pastor's story?"

"It's not just looking at the resume. It is finding what it is that makes this person tick. How has God uniquely gifted them? Looking for those points of connection," he said.

Saying hello

After participating in the ending phase and neutral zone, you are now ready to welcome your new pastoral leader.

Go to church that first Sunday

Invest in the continued success of your congregation by supporting your new pastor from the very start.

Give space

Pastors and their families have a lot to do when they first arrive—unpacking boxes, getting the kids signed up for school, finding a new doctor and so much more. This might not be the best time to drop by the office or parsonage.

Take the initiative

Attend a meet-and-greet, join the pastor's Bible study or invite her/him to coffee. "Make the effort to get to know the pastor," Kaylor said, "because he or she is not going to have time to invest in every single parishioner–particularly in a large church–in the way that they would like to. So take the initiative to go be with the pastor... that's really, really critical."

Resist quick judgments

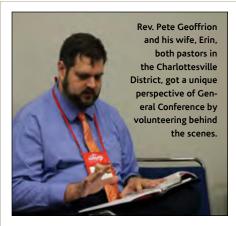
Stressed, tired, nervous, uncertain, worried—your new pastor is feeling all of this and more. Look "beyond first impressions because sometimes that first impression can be difficult," Kaylor said. "Extending grace...is absolutely critical, and saying we're going to give this time and we're going to really invest in getting to know this pastor and so learn how we can be in ministry together."

Expect the best

Things are changing. This is a new season in ministry. "Ask yourself as a congregation member," Kaylor said, "What gifts do I have that I can invest in the success of this new season of ministry?"

That is always the goal. We strive for the success of our ministry together as pastor and congregation, so that, as our welcome of new members concludes, "in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

- Joe Iovino, United Methodist Communications



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second week of GC. Most delegates and visitors by this time knew their way around the facility, so Erin offered to be an "on-call French speaker" for any needs in the volunteer office.

"I had never before worked as a translator. I majored in French in college (JMU), but I never imagined it would come in handy in my life in ministry," Erin said. "In fact, I used to joke about how useless a degree it seemed to be. But during GC, it turned out to be an invaluable gift."

On Monday, May 16, the second week of GC, Erin received a text asking for assistance in the volunteer office. She arrived to find a man in need of medical attention and an on-site medic who was struggling to communicate clearly.

"Through my conversation with this man, his friends, the medic and other volunteers, it was determined that he should go to the ER of the local hospital. While we were ironing out the details of how to get him there, another French-speaking woman came to the clinic. After examining her, the medic determined she also needed to go to the ER. And while the conditions of both were critical enough to warrant the ER, they were not so threatening as to require ambulances. So we needed taxis."

The two patients each with friends, Erin and another volunteer made it to the hospital. Helping both patients check in, Erin waited with them until the hospital's translator arrived five hours later. During that time, Erin learned more about the faith of the four Congolese United Methodists.

"We talked about the Church, differences in style of church, families, education and the American health system. The kind of small talk a pastor often does when sitting with someone who is sick, scared and far from home. When they were leaving, one of the gentlemen, a pastor, prayed for the two patients, for the Conference and for me and my churches. It was a profoundly holy and humbling moment," Erin said.

Helping out with another medical emergency later in the week and some other issues, Erin felt "triple called" to these tasks.

"First, I speak enough French to help everyone communicate. Second, I'm a pastor, so I know what it means to sit in a hospital with someone and wait (and wait). I know how to chat with nurses and doctors who have already had a long day and who now need help in helping. And third, I already knew the right people who were involved with GC, so I could easily answer or get answers for the questions from the hospital registration staff about why these folks were here. where they were staying, where the hospital could send future questions, etc. I'm not sure who else would have had that combination of knowledge. I was humbled and thrilled that God seemed to have put me in the right place at the right time." <

 Erin is pastor of the Mineral-Mount Charge in the Charlottesville District and will be commissioned a Provisional Elder this year.
 Pete is pastor of the Orange Circuit charge, Charlottesville District.

Devotions from General Conference 2016-based scripture

LIVING THE WORD



Lori Valentine de Segovia is a graduate of Appalachian State University with degrees in both **Elementary Education** and Spanish. She studied History at Virginia Tech where she earned her Masters in History: Latin American Area Studies. Her Masters research focused on Methodist Mission History in Mexico. She serves as vice president for the SEJ Hispanic-Latino Caucus. She is part of the Virginia Conference's CFMCA (Committee for Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy) and is part of the General/Jurisdictional delegation 2016. In 2014. She became a certified Lay Speaker and received a national recognition from the United Methodist Women for teaching: Latin America, People and Faith. Currently, she is the Director of Family Ministries for Larchmont UMC (Norfolk). She is a life-long Methodist. a mother of three young children and has been married for over 11 years to the Rev. Gustavo Segovia.

July 3, 2016
"Known by name"
Matthew 25: 31-43 RSV

hen we first started a Hispanic Ministry as a young married couple, my husband and I never anticipated the places it would take us. In the Hispanic community, I was often referred to as "pastora." This is the same term for a female pastor, but culturally is a term of respect bestowed on the pastor's wife, when she takes an active role in the ministry. Many clergy often comment on the bond that they have with their spiritual children, especially those whom they baptized. I have been present at the delivery of 13 lives and seen their first breath.

It all started in the form of phone calls from women in the church, or folks who heard of us, who were in labor. Often there was not a hospital translator on call for the labor unit, or if there was, it was a man or via telephone. Many of these women, who requested I be present at such precious hours, did not want a man in the room nor the pastor. The first birth I was present for, was a lady from Mexico. When the hospital told her only one person in delivery, she asked her husband to leave. Then she looked at me to stay. One can imagine the shock on my face. I was there to visit as we often do when someone has a new baby. She was asking me to coach and translate the arrival!

Her labor was relatively quick, and she had a son. Being present meant explaining everything that transpired, the care the doctor needed to provide her, explaining the good news and possibly any bad news. The inexplicable moment was when she insisted I cut the umbilical cord.

This was a very different experience for her than her other three children who were born in Mexico. The doctor certainly was not a man whom she did not meet before, nor who spoke her language. She did not trust her husband at that time to care for her under those circumstances. She put her trust in someone who would hold her hand through the pain. One of the greatest gifts we can share in ministry is the gift of presence. One never foresees the roles God will call you to serve, but we should always prepare. May

we be blessed to be able to respond to God's call.

July 10, 2016
"Called by God, sent in mission"
Isaiah 43: 8-13

Blessed be the God of Justice, who removes the vail of prejudice; Blessed be the God who delivers the oppressed to the place HE has prepared for them; Blessed be the God who chooses the medium for the voiceless; May our hearts not be troubled, que seamos valientes por Su Camino en que el Espiritú nos orienta.*

I saw many things at General Conference 2016, most troubling being battles with the Holy Spirit I saw in those around me. We must ask ourselves what do we want? Do we want local, healthier churches that function in all levels of their communities or do we want to cut off our missional arms? Yes, we need to prune the tree my friends, but let's not cut off the impending harvest simply because the buds are immature. Let us not act out of fear to walk in faith. Our Christian agency implores us to do what we are sent out to do, not what fear and personal power tell us. It must be God's will. Fear is the greatest enemy.

How do we revive our church? Not by dwelling in a place of fear. Yes, we may have tried that once a long time ago or maybe it was an idea that never came to fruition. We must stop letting fear dominate our lives. We are not called to be a people that tremble in fear, but to tremble by the empowering of the Spirit. I am not talking about Spiritual mysticism, I mean Medios de Gracia y Dones del Espiritú.** When you feel the fire come over you, it's not to be terrifying; it is to be revered and respected.

Are we a generation that does value our history? We are Methodist. The world over, our Methodist connection welcomes you in the name of Christ with those blessed flames. Do we not realize our culture of church that often confuses the outsider, whether a new member, bilingual, different shade of skin tone or new to town. We use anachronisms, terminology and confusing lan-

^{*}That we may be brave for God's path on which we have been oriented.

^{**}Means of Grace and Spiritual Gifts

guage, not to mention, the wrong one. We know that when we walk in faith that we will not grow weary, but will have new faith. Why are we constantly judging at the door? We all want what is best for our Church. Therein lays the difficulty: turning over the keys to the true sexton, Christ.

If we let the 'other' in the door, that's when the real work begins. That is when transformation begins. Let us engage in the 'wrong' conversations. Let us get uncomfortable in our own skins. If not, then we cannot be molded by THE WORD and how Gods wants to mold us into his perfection. Lord knows, all have stones to be cast at each of us. Let us get out and 'go there' evangelistically. There is where we are sent to be.

July 17, 2016 "A grain of mustard seed" Mark 4:30-32;35 RSV

ften when we invest time in the work for God, we are blessed to see the results of our labors. During the months I was a missionary intern in Reynosa, Mexico, I worked as part of a team as well as some individual projects. One young lady I met worked on the grounds where the UMVIM teams bunked. During my time living there, she learned I was a schoolteacher and asked for my help as a tutor.

She was in sixth grade at the time preparing for the end of course examination. For many families of similar economic status that meant graduating primary school and getting to work. For a lucky few, parents might pay for the exit exams so they could enroll in secondary school. This young lady was in just such a situation.

Wanting to attend in order to live

her dream of becoming a veterinarian, the girl just had one thing standing in her way. Her father told her that unless she improved her grades he would not pay for her just to fail the test as it would be a waste of limited family resources. So after a day of school and working on the grounds, she and I would sit down and review her coursework.

After her father saw her take the initiative and the responsibility to improve her academic performance, he made her a deal. If she passed the end of course examination, he would consider letting her take the secondary entrance exams. She bargained with her dad that if she worked with him all summer to help earn the money, he would let her go to secondary school if she passed the exams. As things transpired, she graduated primary school on June 6. An accomplishment many young ladies never accomplish due to gender and economic expectations, especially since she was the eldest of all her siblings.

The day I left Reynosa in August, she got up early to see me off. Dressed in a new school uniform, she was prepared for her first day of secondary school. It was her surprise to me to keep it a secret up until then. We both went off to school that morning to lay the foundations for our future endeavors. For me, her gift was greater.

July 24, 2016 "Therefore go" Matthew 2:13-15

ave you even been told to flee? Have you ever been called out of your place of belonging to be what God needed of you in that moment?

I see my students' pictures of them graduating grade school, fifth grade.

It is nice to see their accomplishment. Most of these young ladies go on the middle school, high school and then either college or start families.

A mother of one of my students wrote a note stating that her daughter has already fulfilled her mother's dream. The mother had never finished high school. In her home country, this graduating young lady may never have even gotten a 3rd grade education, but these girls' families were called out to be strangers in a foreign land. What would have become of them if not? Would they have been desaparacidas (missing), sequestradas (kidnapped) or worse? Would they have been trafficked or recruiting by gangs for survival?

The life of these young ladies is different. When you engage in relationships with the families, you learn about the walks in the desert, the countless stories of those whose lives went astray, the millions of voices that go unheard. That's what their lives could have been, if not for the faith and hope of their mothers. Women who heard God tell their families, flee from Egypt—GO!—Go before your soul dies in the place it's been banished to. Go and live, live a life of faith in me in the place I have prepared for you. Live and have faith in ME.

As I see the successes of my former students, I wish I could be there to witness all those critical moments and congratulate them on fulfilling their dreams. Yet, there are sacrifices that must be made when God calls you out and send you forth. These ladies understand what it means when God calls you out from your home, your comfort zone, your language; God calls you into being more than the sum of your biology. They understand bet-

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CLERGY & DIACONAL

DEATHS



On May 1, 2016, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Ray Woolridge Jr. died. He was the husband of Jane Smith Woolridge and is also sur-

vived by three children, Ray (Deborah), Laura Jane (Archer), Jim (Carrie); 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Gene was born July 25, 1929, in Roanoke. His undergraduate education was at Ferrum College and Randolph Macon College. He graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and later earned an honorary Doctor of Ministry degree from Shenandoah College.

Gene and Jane married in 1956, beginning a 60-year union in marriage and ministry. Gene served the conference as clergy of five churches and was the first district superintendent of the Harrisonburg District. He served on numerous conference boards and committees and was a multi-time delegate to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. Upon retirement in 1997, Gene and Jane moved to Virginia Beach.

Virginia Medaris "Bucky" McMullen, 91, of Charlotte, N.C., died May 23, 2016.

Bucky attended Centre College in Kentucky and graduated with a degree in biology. While there, she met the love of her life, **Robert J. "Bob" Mc-Mullen Jr.** (now deceased). Bob served as a pastor, and she lovingly supported his ministry in West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina.

Bucky is survived by three children, Peggy Packard (John) of Broadway, Va.; Robert J. "Mac" McMullen III of Charlotte, N.C.; and Stuart McMullen (Che') of Long Beach, Calif.; three grand-daughters; two step granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews. Peggy Packard is a full-time local pastor in the Harrisonburg District.

Bucky was a homemaker and did a lot of volunteer work. She and Bob raised a disabled son and she spent many hours working with and advocating for him. She volunteered with the National Association for Retarded Citizens (NARC) and won "volunteer of the year award." She could often be found at Special Olympics events.

Lawrine Frances Burley, 67, of Pineville, N.C., died May 21, 2016. She was the widow of the Rev. Terry Burley.

Tennie Meads Reid, 95, died May 16, 2016, in Richmond, Va. She was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth David Reid, and her husband, **the Rev. Dermont James Reid**.

As a Methodist minister's wife, she made many homes in many places, including North Carolina, Virginia and Kansas, but she spent much of her life in her Burlington home. She was a shining example of all that is honorable and virtuous. Tennie's kindness, gentleness and sense of humor will be missed by all who have known and loved her.

She is survived by her loving family: daughter, Carol R. Ward and husband Rudy; granddaughters, Christina Ward Sulzer (Tom) and Carrley Ward Norton (Ryan); and five great-grandchildren, Hudson, Ann Harper, Hatcher Sulzer and Brody and Annabelle Norton. She is also survived by her brothers, Joe Meads (Irene) and Fred Meads (Frances); sister, Emma Meads; sisterin-law, Kathleen; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Anne Alfriend Noland, 68, died May 15, 2016. Wife of the Rev. James R. "Jim" Noland, retired, who is currently serving Huguenot UMC, Richmond District, Mary Anne is also survived by her sister, Esther, and brothers, Terry (Bonnie) and Mac (Carole). She was a mother to three sons, Jake (Stormy), Josh (Amy) and David (Katie); and "Grammy" to 10 beloved grandchildren.

Mary Baird, wife of the Rev. Donald A. Baird, 97, retired, died May 7, 2016

Margaret Weigle Quillian died May 4, 2016, at Westminster Canterbury where she and her late husband of 74 years, William F. Quillian Jr., had lived since 2003.

She is survived by four children, William F. Quillian, III (Tina) of Lynchburg, Va.; Anne Acree Quillian of Lynchburg, Va.; Katherine Quillian Solberg (Terry) of Cody, Wyo.; and Robert M. Quillian (Sue) of Olympia, Wash. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

The Quillian family came to Lynchburg in 1952 when Margaret's husband became president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a position which he held for 26 years until retiring in 1978. Throughout this period of time she frequently entertained in her home various student, faculty and parent groups and numerous visiting dignitaries. She was well known for her famous orange blossom cupcakes. She was actively involved in community affairs, serving on the boards of Court Street UMC. the Adult Care Center, The Red Cross, Lynchburg Women's Club, Lynchburg Guidance Center and the YWCA. She

held various offices in several PTAs and was the first president of American Field Services. Her service to the community was recognized by her being named to the Academy of Women by the Lynchburg YWCA. She was also a member of the Hillside Garden Club.

Peter R. Falbo, 73, died April 30, 2016. Born in Phoenix, Ariz., he was the son of the late Peter Falbo and Virginia "Dede" Falbo. He is survived by his wife, Susan; sister, Rae Chornenky; daughter, Catherine Falbo; son, Brian Falbo (Jenn); stepson, Brian Morris (Maile); stepdaughter, Sarah Morris (Chris); six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Raised in Phoenix, Ariz., Pete graduated from Arizona State University before attending Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. A dedicated and progressive pastor, Pete served The United Methodist Church in various churches in Southern California for 37 years before retiring in 2007. After moving to Glen Allen, Va., Pete continued to work part-time with churches that needed interim pastoral leadership.

Retired pastor **John Sweeney**, 70, died April 26, 2016, in Virginia Beach. John and his wife, Sandi, were members of St. Paul's UMC in the Emmaus community when he began as a local pastor. He also served the Oak Hall charge on the Eastern Shore.

BIRTHS

Thomas Stewart Montgomery
Box was born April 19, 2016. Thomas
is the second son of the Rev. Oliver
and Kate Box. The Rev. Box is pastor
of Cameron UMC, Alexandria District.



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FROM THE BISHOP



May the grace and peace from our risen Lord be with you.

he 2016 General Conference (GC) is adjourned. Delegates from all around the world worshiped together, conversed with each other and struggled together. It was not only a time of discussions, prayer and discernment, but also a time of celebrating and experiencing the global nature of The United Methodist Church. Although we have different cultures and languages, we confirmed that we also have one Lord, one baptism and one mission.

As I said in my pastoral letter on May 26, 2016, the GC asked the bishops to lead and work for the unity of the Church which is divided over the issue of human sexuality. This decision was the dominant news covered by the media, but there were also other good decisions. We will continue to work to increase the number of vital congregations and for our four areas of focus:

developing leadership, growing new places for new people, ministering with the poor and improving global health. And to reflect the global nature of our churches, we will keep on working on preparing the *Global Book of Discipline*. The budget for the upcoming quadrennium will be slightly increased because of the last-minute action to increase by \$5 million the theological education fund for the Central Conferences.

As I observed the GC, I remembered a book I read during my seminary years: "The Spirit of Protestantism" by Robert McAfee Brown. In this book Dr. Brown talks about the characteristics of Protestantism. One interesting chapter is entitled, "Authority: The Achilles' Heel of Protestantism." This chapter discusses the authority issue as a weakness or vulnerability of Protestantism. Protestant churches replaced the authority of the Church with the authority of Scripture. But in interpreting the Scripture, we see many differences. Who has the authority to make a decision in this situation?

This is where we are now. We have given authority to the GC to resolve this kind of situation. But some people do not agree with the GC's decision based on their conscience and insist that a prophetic voice should be honored. They also emphasize the importance of personal experiences. The other side says that the authority of the Bible and the decision of the GC should be fully respected and our covenant honored.

Today we are struggling over the issue of authority, our 'Achilles' heel.' If we cannot find a way to resolve this situation, we may face a time similar to the time of the Judges in the Bible: "In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes (21:25)."

Just repeating superficial unity will not work anymore. We need to

be aware of the seriousness of our situation. We need an honest and fair conversation on this matter.

I think, first of all, that we need to be more humble before God and each other. We are full of convictions on this matter. All of us are seeking the truth of God, but no one owns 100 percent of God's truth. Can we open our hearts and minds by saying, "I am only a human being and not perfect?" Humility begins by emptying ourselves and making room in our hearts for discernment. Is it impossible for us to honor the Lordship of Jesus Christ in making decisions through prayerful discernment rather than political maneuvering? Do we really believe that the risen Christ still leads our church through the Holy Spirit? How can we radically open ourselves to God and humbly discern and follow the guidance of the Spirit? Do we have spiritual depth and maturity, enabling us to embrace this humility? Is this an unrealistic hope?

The situation we face today is very challenging. In order to move forward toward unity in Christ we need deeper and harder prayer. Especially, thinking of the special commission that will be organized soon, we cannot stop praying for its work and its future. We pray that only God's will be done in its work.

We are already in the middle of June. After this Annual Conference, clergy will move to their new appointments, and the churches will welcome their new pastors. I, and the whole Cabinet, pray that all these transitions will go smoothly and well, and that all these appointments will be a blessing to the churches, clergy and their families.

With many thanks,

Young Jin Cho

ONE LAST WORD

("LIVING WORD," continued from page 39.)

ter than most when God calls you to be the new creature you've been transformed to be. We are called to be of Christ and to mold oneself closer to Him. The most amazing part is our celestial father has more love and hope in each of us than these earthly mothers. You are to embrace whose you are, then we have hope; if not it is just another walk across another desert.

July 31, 2016 "Death Becomes Life" Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

(Taken from the International Lesson Series)

ocus of the Lesson: People often give in to the temptation to do wrong. How can they overcome this temptation and avoid it altogether? Paul tells the Romans that through Christ they can be freed from sin and become slaves of righteousness, thus receiving sanctification and eternal life.

- 1. What issues does Paul raise in Romans 6:1-2?
- 2. In a way, Paul's comments that believers have been set free from sin and have become "slaves of righteousness" seem paradoxical. How does this change in "ownership" affect the lives of believers?
- 3. What determines who or what is lord of one's life?
- 4. What good news do you hear in this passage?
- 5. What does the symbolism of baptism teach us about our relationship with Jesus?

Renewing Baptismal Commitment:

- 1. Set out a table of supplies including a basin, paper or hand towels, water and a pitcher.
- 2. Begin by pouring the water into the basin so your class can see and hear the water.
- 3. If you use your denomination's baptismal renewal service liturgy, distribute hymnals. Invite your pastor or associate pastor to lead this service.
- 4. Have participants form a line and come to the table to dip their hands in the water as others say, "Remember your baptism and be thankful."
- 5. Have your class sit in quiet prayer remembering what they have been given through their baptism and thank God.
- 6. Conclude by reading in unison Romans 6:4.



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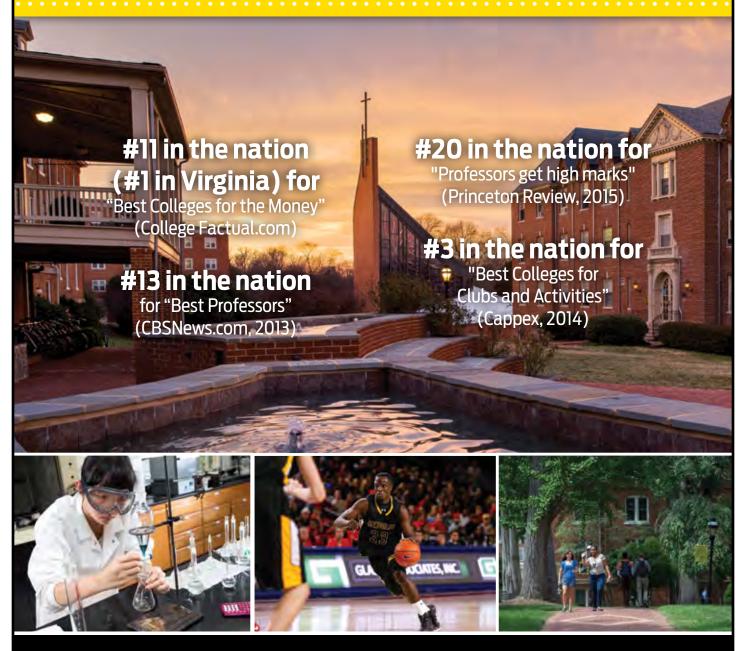


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