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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, June 21, 2013

The 231st Session of the Virginia Annual Conference opened in the Hampton Roads Convention Center with the Clergy Executive Session in Ballrooms D, E, F and G and the Laity Session in Halls B and C.

CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bishop Young Jin Cho, resident bishop of the Richmond Area, called the Clergy Executive Session to order at 1:01 p.m. He expressed his joy at being with the clergy of the Virginia Annual Conference. He welcomed the members of the clergy session, and expressed appreciation to those who had prepared for the session. The Rev. Herbert Brynildsen, Chair of the Order of Deacons, the Rev. Frances T. Cooper, Chair of the Order of Elders, and the Rev. Leigh Anne Taylor, Director of Music Ministries at Blacksburg United Methodist Church on the Roanoke District, led in worship.

The Rev. Edward R. Walker, Chairperson of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, welcomed Bishop Cho to the leadership of the annual conference, and offered the prayerful support of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Rev. Walker referred to the printed booklet of Minute Questions and an addendum sheet, and pointed out the page for submitting corrections. He moved that the bar of the clergy session be the three sections on the left facing the platform, and that the section on the right be for members of the clergy session with voice but without vote. The motion was approved. Rev. Walker moved that staff members for the bishop and the director of ministerial services, the sign language interpreters, diaconal ministers, and the conference chancellor be admitted into the clergy session with voice but without vote. The motion was approved.

The Rev. Walker led the members in the presentation of the Minute Questions. The entire printed booklet of Minute Questions, with additions and corrections distributed separately, was presented in an itemized manner. Members of the clergy who were retiring at this session of Annual Conference were invited to stand for recognition. Persons receiving their first appointment as local pastors in all categories were invited to the platform to be recognized by the members. Bishop Cho asked the historic questions of those persons who were to be ordained. Candidates for commissioning, ordination, recognition of orders and transfer into the conference from other denominations were presented and approved. Appropriate recognition was given to all persons being received into a new relationship with the Annual Conference at the current session.

The Rev. Beth C. Downs, Director of the Center for Clergy Excellence, described changes by General Conference to Minute Question (MQ) 43.c, related to administrative location. The General Conference removed "failure to perform the work of ministry" from the list of chargeable offenses in paragraph 2702 of The Book of Discipline, and added it to the reasons for placing a person on administrative location. The decision to place persons on administrative location for failure to perform the work of ministry was therefore a matter properly before the clergy executive session, and not a matter for the judicial process.

The Rev. Edward R. Walker described the reason for granting one person honorable location. He reported that one person being recommended for administrative location had withdrawn from the ordained ministerial office (see the Business of the Annual Conference, MQ 43). He described the reasons for placing another person on administrative location. The Rev. Walter B. Failes, Jr., Chair of the Administrative Review Committee, reported that the committee had reviewed the process for granting honorable location and administrative location by the Board, and had found the process to be fair in each case. Bishop Cho offered a prayer for those persons granted honorable location and placed on administrative location in this session of the Annual Conference.

Rev. Walker corrected the printed booklet for Minute Question number 58 to number 57. All Minute Questions were passed with the required majorities. Bishop Cho thanked Rev. Walker and Rev. Downs for their work. The members of the session applauded Bishop Cho for leading his first executive session. Bishop Cho dismissed the clergy session at 2:47 p.m.

LAITY SESSION

Cross Purposes, the praise band of Wellspring United Methodist Church on the York River District, sang a medley of songs as the lay members gathered on Friday afternoon in the Convention Center. Members of the band were: Ms. Peel Hawthorne (guitar, vocals), Mr. Kenny Johnson (keyboard), Mr. Gene Kittell (bass, vocals), Mr. Eric Plato (percussion), Ms. Lori Shahan (vocals), Ms. Diane Shakes (keyboard), Ms. Gail Scullion (vocals), Mr. Tim Scullion (guitar, vocals) and Mr. Tom Williams (vocals).

Mr. Warren R. Harper, Conference Lay Leader, welcomed the lay members of annual conference at 1:08 p.m. He asked all present to stand in worship as Cross Purposes sang "Draw Me Close." Mr. Dan Dietze, Fredericksburg District Lay Leader, guided those gathered in an exercise of Centering Prayer. Ms. Joyce Duncan, Lynchburg District Lay Leader, and Ms. Peggy Oakes, Danville District Lay Leader, led in a litany of the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Gene Cross, Arlington District Lay Leader, shared an ecumenical reading of the Lord's Prayer as found in the United Methodist Hymnal. Ms. Kathy Lutman, Winchester District Lay Leader, shared a reflection on prayer. Mr. Keith Willyard, Elizabeth River District Lay Leader, read the Lord's Prayer as found in Luke 11:2-4, New International Version. Ms. Janie Nuttall, Richmond District Lay Leader, offered an interpretive reflection of the Lord's Prayer. Ms. Iris Smith, Eastern Shore District Lay Leader, read the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13, as translated in The Message, followed by a reflection by Mr. John Meeuwissen, Arlington District Lay Leader. Ms. Brenda Brooks, Roanoke District Lay Leader, introduced the Designed By God Praise Dancers, who performed a liturgical dance to the musical selection, "The Lord's Prayer" by Antwaun Stanley. A dramatic presentation of a prayer conversation between God and a young man was performed by Mr. Harper and Mr. Luke Jordan, a member of Providence United Methodist Church on the James River District. This skit encouraged believers to pray the Lord's Prayer instead of simply repeating it. Cross Purposes led the laity in the singing of "Breathe." Mr. Rodney Bussard, Harrisonburg District Lay Leader, introduced Ms. Olma Garibay, Multi-Ministry Director of Resurrection United Methodist Church on the Elizabeth River District. She shared a message on the 125th Anniversary of the Ministry of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries.

Mr. Warren Harper recognized four former Virginia Conference Lay Leaders: Ms. Shirley Cauffman, Mr. Ron Hardman, Ms. Darlene Amon and Mr. Bob Carpenter. Mr. Harper invited those representing their districts at the Annual Conference for the first time to stand to be recognized. He shared information about the conference including the conference Bible study, details about the bar of the Conference, and how to be recognized by the Bishop to ask a question. He encouraged those in attendance to take on their responsibility as the connection for their local churches to the conference. Cross Purposes shared a final song, "Sing Until the Whole World Hears," followed by the benediction from Mr. Gene Mims, James River District Lay Leader. The Laity Session of the 231st Virginia Annual Conference was dismissed at 2:20 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, June 21, 2013

PLENARY SESSION

Bishop Young Jin Cho called the first plenary of the 231st session of the Virginia Annual Conference to order at 3:03 p.m. Mr. Willis Rosenfeld, Director of Music for Sterling United Methodist Church on the Arlington District, led the members and guests in singing the Charles Wesley hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive," accompanied by the band from the Sterling Church. An opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Raymond F. Wrenn, in his 73rd year as a member of the annual conference. Mr. Tim Hares, a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church on the Fredericksburg District, who was attending his first Annual Conference, also offered an opening prayer. The sign language interpreters for the 231st session were Ms. Virginia Bryant, Ms. Christina York-Nunez, and Ms. Shirley Musik.

Bishop Cho expressed appreciation to the members of the Annual Conference Planning Committee, chaired by the Rev. Sung Il Yoo, the York River District for their preparatory work, and the Rev. Joanna S. Dietz, Music Director for the Annual Conference session.

Bishop Cho welcomed Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes Jr. to the platform. Bishop Hughes is a retired bishop and a former member of the Virginia Annual Conference. Bishop Cho thanked the Rev. Stephen G. Bray, Chair of the Conference Rules Committee, for serving as Parliamentarian for the after-

noon session. A member of the youth delegation was also seated at the platform during each of the conference plenary sessions.

Bishop Cho introduced the Rev. Joseph D. Carson, Superintendent of the York River District, who welcomed members and guests to the 231st Session of the Virginia Annual Conference. Rev. Carson introduced Mr. Booker Brown, York River District Lay Leader. Mr. Brown recognized the Rev. Kiok Chang Cho, wife of Bishop Cho, and Ms. Donnie Carson, wife of Rev. Carson.

The Rev. Carson welcomed Bishop Hughes to the conference session, and also recognized his wife, Ms. Mera Hughes. Rev. Carson recognized Bishop Ray W. Chamberlain Jr. and his wife, Ms. Martha Chamberlain, who were absent. Rev. Carson recognized Bishop C. P. Minnick, who was absent, and noted the recent death of Bishop Minnick's wife, Ms. Mary Ann Minnick. Rev. Carson recognized Bishop R. Kern Eutsler, who would be present later in the session, and his wife, Ms. Eva Eutsler, who could not be present. Rev. Carson recognized Bishop Timothy Whitaker and his wife, Ms. Melba Whitaker, who were absent. Bishops Chamberlain, Minnick, Eutsler and Whitaker are retired bishops and former members of the Virginia Annual Conference.

The Rev. Carson noted two deaths since last year's conference. Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly died on June 28, 2012. Ms. Mary Ann Minnick died on May 7, 2013. Rev. Carson shared that Bishop Kelly was a member of the Virginia Annual Conference at the time of her election to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdiction in 1984. She was only the second woman, and the first African-American woman, to become bishop in any major Christian denomination. She was assigned to the San Francisco Area, where she served until her retirement in 1988. Bishop Cho offered prayer for the retired bishops and their spouses and a prayer of thanks for Bishop Kelly and Ms. Minnick.

The Rev. Carson moved to establish the bar of the conference as consisting of the platform and all seats with the exception of the three seating areas designated by a perimeter of yellow floor tape in the front right and the rear of the hallway and that the technical and camera platforms be considered part of the bar. The motion was approved. Rev. Carson moved that the schedule printed on pages 7 and 8 in the *Book of Reports* be adopted as the agenda, and that the following orders of the day be established: the Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion on Friday at 7:30 p.m., worship on Saturday at 11:15 a.m., the Service for the Ordering of Ministry on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and worship on Sunday at 11:15 a.m. The motion was approved.

The Rev. Robert C. Blinn, Conference Secretary, moved the election of the Rev. Delano Douglas and Ms. Beverly Myers as assistant secretaries to the Annual Conference, and of Mr. Neill Caldwell as Editor of the *Journal*. The motion was approved. Rev. Blinn moved the election of the Annual Conference committees and tellers, listed on page 39 of the *Book of Reports* and the green addendum sheet found in the official packet. The motion was approved. Rev. Blinn reminded members that all other proposed amendments to the agenda must be submitted before the end of the Friday afternoon session.

The Rev. Blinn announced that Meeting Room 106 on the main level of the Convention Center has been designated as a Prayer Room throughout the Annual Conference. He also announced that the Consent Agenda Committee had determined that the deadline for requests to lift items from the 2013 Annual Conference Consent Agenda is 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 21. He noted that signatures of thirty conference members were required for such requests to be valid. Rev. Blinn asked members to bring to the secretary's desk a written copy of all motions and reports made from either the podium or the floor. He stated that, with the exception of Consent Agenda requests, electronic versions of motions and reports were preferred.

The Rev. Stephen G. Bray, chair of the Rules Committee, moved the suspension of the rules in order to have time to present his report. The rules were suspended. Rev. Bray presented the report found on pages 39-42 of the *Book of Reports*. He described proposed changes to the clergy nominating process. He noted that clergy nominations, unlike lay nominations, would not be subject to district conference election, and that the first clergy ballot would be for election, not nomination.

The Rev. William A. Davis Jr., pastor of Bon Air United Methodist Church on the Richmond District, offered the following amendment:

I move that the phrase, "those desiring," in Section III.2.a, second paragraph, be amended by substitution with the phrase, "those who consent to or desire," and that the phrase, "All clergy desiring nomination must complete," in the third paragraph be replaced with the phrase, "Each clergy nomination shall be submitted on." I further move that after the word, "elections," be inserted, "The form shall include the names of at least two clergy who are eligible to vote who are making the nomination. Alternatively, any clergy who desires nomination must complete a clergy nomination form," and that the phrase "the nominee may indicate his or her" be replaced with, "in which may be indicated the nominee's."

Responding to a point of order, Bishop Cho clarified that since the Rules Committee's report governs rules for the entire conference, laity and clergy could both vote on the portion of the report concerning clergy elections. Rev. Davis' motion was approved.

The Rev. Steven R. Jones, superintendent of the Richmond District, moved to replace the word, "twice," in Section III.f.8, second sentence, with the phrase, "three times." Rev. Bray, on behalf of the Rules Committee, accepted Rev. Jones' motion. The amended report of the Rules Committee was approved.

Bishop Young Jin Cho shared the Episcopal Address. The address focused on the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the Church. Bishop Cho cited the work of the All Things New-Equipping Vital Congregations Task Force, missional appointment-making, strengthening spiritual foundation, new faith communities, the proposed restructuring of the Common Table and cooperation among boards and agencies as keys to the revitalization and renewal of the Virginia Annual Conference.

Ms. Shannon Sixbey, Co-Chair of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, reported on the monitoring process.

The Rev. Tammy L. Estep, superintendent of the Eastern Shore District and Dean of the Cabinet, presented the report found on page 14 of the *Book of Reports*. She presented the nominees listed on the gold colored sheet in members' official packets for election to District Committees on Ministry. She added John S. Brenneke and James F. Brown to the Farmville District Committee. She removed Hija Yu from the Fredericksburg District nominees. She added Michael Harrington to the York River District Committee. Those included on the amended District Committees on Ministry were elected.

The Rev. Estep presented the nominees listed on a violet colored sheet in the official packets for District Boards of Church Location and Building. The nominees were elected.

The Rev. Estep presented Minute Question (MQ) 14h, found on white colored sheets in the members' packets, transferring Fellowship United Methodist Church from the Western North Carolina Conference to the Virginia Conference, in accordance with ¶260 of the Discipline. She stated that approval of the transfer of this local church requires a two-thirds vote of the members of each of the two annual conferences involved and that the Western North Carolina Conference had approved the transfer. The transfer was approved and the Fellowship United Methodist Church was welcomed to the annual conference.

The Rev. Estep amended MQ 14.f by adding The Bridge United Methodist Church on the Elizabeth River District, located at 442 Jamestown Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23704, as of July 1, 2013. She amended MQ 14.g by stating that The Bridge United Methodist Church has been renamed Renovation United Methodist Church. She corrected the listing of the Painter-Quinby Charge on the Eastern Shore District in MQ 14.j with Atlantic New Church. She placed the remaining sections of Minute Questions 14 and Minute Questions 15 and 16, including proposed changes in the list of churches and district and charge lines, before the conference. The Rev. Andrew H. Book of Renovation United Methodist Church on the Elizabeth River District offered a correction to the listing in MQ 16. It was referred to the Cabinet secretary. The amended report was approved.

The Rev. Larry E. Davies, superintendent of the Lynchburg District, moved the following:

Be it resolved that Trinity United Methodist Church on the Lynchburg District in Altavista, Virginia, be discontinued as of July 1, 2013, and that all property, real and personal, tangible and intangible of the church be transferred to the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Lynchburg District United Methodist Church and that the membership of Trinity United Methodist Church be transferred to Lane Memorial United Methodist Church except that each member who directs his or her membership be transferred to another church be transferred to that church.

The motion was approved.

The Rev. Estep offered a prayer of recognition for the ministries of this church that have touched the lives of people in their communities. Rev. Estep announced that the Rev. Larry E. Davies had been selected as the new Dean of the Cabinet.

The Rev. Mark V. Ogren, Director of the Center for Congregational Excellence, presented four new faith communities, three begun since last annual conference and one starting in July:

- September 2012—Ebenezer United Methodist Church on the Elizabeth River District started a Latino/Hispanic new faith community under the leadership of the Rev. Carl J. LeMon and Mr. David Jimenez.
- September 2012—Belmont United Methodist Church on the Richmond District started a Latino/Hispanic new faith community under the leadership of the Rev. Larry J. Cochran and the Rev. Julio Serrano.

- April 1, 2013—start of Ashburn Korean United Methodist Church on the Arlington District with the Rev. Hyun Sik Kang as planter pastor.
- July 1, 2013—start of Aldersgate United Methodist Church New Church Plant at Fort Belvoir on the Alexandria District with the Rev. Jason Micheli and the Rev. Dennis W. Perry as the planter team.

Bishop Cho greeted the new church-start pastors and their families, and offered a prayer of commissioning.

The Rev. Thomas R. Barnard, pastor of Trinity (Orange) United Methodist Church on the Charlottesville District, moved to suspend the rules in order to authorize the printing of the entire text of Bishop Cho's Episcopal Address in the *Daily Advocate*, in addition to printing it in the *Virginia Advocate*. The rules were suspended and the motion was approved.

Mr. Zack Ferguson, an elected district member from the Danville District, was granted a moment of personal privilege. Rather than lift items from the Consent Agenda pertaining to ministries with and for young adults in the conference, he called attention to the importance of seeing and hearing from young adults in the conference proceedings.

The Rev. Robert C. Blinn, Conference Secretary, reported that no items had been removed from the Consent Agenda.

Bishop Young Jin Cho presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following reports (page numbers refer to the *Book of Reports*): page 136, Africa University Endowment Fund; page 134, Bishops' Foundation; page 142, Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center; page 63, Campus Ministries/Wesley Foundations; page 141, Chaplain Service Ministries of Virginia, Inc.; page 60, Church Development Team; page 90, Communications, Virginia United Methodist, Inc.; page 141, Credit Union, Virginia United Methodist, Inc.; page 91, Commission on Disabilities; page 61, Commission on Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy; page 74, Ferrum College; page 63, Board of Higher Education Ministries; page 137, Virginia United Methodist Housing Development; page 143, Industrial and Commercial Ministries; page 44, Board of Laity; page 43, Board of Ordained Ministry; page 138, Virginia Chapter of Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries; page 138, Pell Foundation; page 139, Preachers' Relief Society; page 75, Randolph College; page 76, Randolph-Macon Academy; page 76, Randolph-Macon College; page 139, Retired Clergy Housing Corporation; page 78, Shenandoah University; page 51, Site Selection Committee; page 81, Small Church Leadership Team; page 140, Society of St. Andrew; page 61, Commission on the Status and Role of Women; page 50, Conference Board of Trustees; page 45, United Methodist Men; page 46, United Methodist Women; page 144, Virginia Council of Churches; page 79, Virginia Wesleyan College; page 135, Wellness Ministries; and page 139, Society for Wesleyan Studies. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Bishop Cho reminded members and guests about the potato drop at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday and the conference mission offering to be taken during the worship service on Saturday morning. Other announcements were given by the Conference Secretary. The plenary session recessed for dinner at 4:42 p.m.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOLY COMMUNION

A Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion began at 7:30 p.m. Worship leader for the service was Bishop Young Jin Cho. The Rev. Clarence R. Brown Jr., pastor of Annandale United Methodist Church on the Alexandria District, was the preacher. He preached on the theme, "A Can of Ps," based on 2 Chronicles 20:1-19. His sermon emphasized "Preparation," "Prayer" and "Praise." The liturgists were the Rev. Thomas W. Crosby, pastor of Cedar Grove Charge on the Staunton District and Ms. Alexandra Woody of Ocran United Methodist Church on the James River District. The deacon assisting Bishop Cho was the Rev. Joanna S. Dietz, from Floris United Methodist Church on the Arlington District. Assisting in the service was the Rev. Robert C. Blinn, Secretary of the Conference and pastor of Trinity (Disputanta) United Methodist Church on the James River District. The Acolytes were Ms. Zoe Brandt and Mr. Ian Van Deusen of St. Luke's United Methodist Church on the York River District. Communion Coordinators were the Rev. Douglas D. Gestwick, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church on the York River District, and Ms. Betty Brummer, a lay member from St. Luke's. Musical leadership was provided by the CWT (Contemporary Worship Team) of Sterling United Methodist Church on the Arlington District. Members of the band included: Mr. Willis Rosenfeld, Director (keyboard, guitar, vocals), Mr. Andrew Dietz (saxophone), Mr. Ricky Duncan (percussion), Ms. Robin Duncan (keyboard, vocals), Ms. Sharon Rosenfeld (vocals), Mr. Kyle Snoich (bass) and Mr. Chad Sokolowski (percussion). The York River Youth Choir, directed by Mr. Aaron Ward, offered an anthem. The worship planning team for this and each of the worship services in the 231st Session was led by the Rev. Sara Porter Keeling, pastor of the Rappahannock Charge on the Charlottesville District, and the Rev. David F. Vaughan, associate pastor of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church on the Roanoke District. Visuals were coordinated by the Rev. Christina Perkins, pastor of the Renwick and Goldfield United Methodist Churches in the Iowa Annual Conference, and Ms. Eunji Kim Lim of the Pleasant View Charge on the Winchester District.

During the service, memorial candles were lighted on the worship table, a chime was sounded, and persons stood as the Rev. Robert C. Blinn, Conference Secretary, read the names of clergy, diaconal ministers, clergy spouses and the lay member of the Virginia Annual Conference who died during the previous year. The congregation joined in giving thanks to God for each of these faithful people. Bishop Cho presided in the service of Holy Communion. The Rev. Joanna S. Dietz assisted at the table. Following the benediction, the evening session was adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING PLENARY SESSION, June 22, 2013

Bishop Young Jin Cho greeted the conference at 8:15 a.m. and welcomed the CWT band, which led the conference in "Singing Our Faith."

Bishop Cho introduced Dr. Steve Harper, Bible Study leader for the 231st Session. Dr. Harper is Emeritus Professor of Spiritual Formation and Wesley Studies at the Florida campus of Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. He expressed his joy in being present in the conference, and the inspiration he experienced while attending the sessions on Friday. He presented the theme, "Igniting the Flame: the Example of Christ," based on Luke 5:15-16 and 11:1, highlighting Jesus' life of prayer.

Bishop Cho thanked Dr. Harper for leading in Bible study. Bishop Cho welcomed Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes Jr. to the platform and the Rev. J. Barton Weakley, a member of the Rules Committee, to serve as Parliamentarian.

The Rev. Stanley A. Thompson presented the report of the Minutes Committee. He moved the acceptance of the minutes for the Clergy Executive Session, the Laity Session, the Friday afternoon plenary, and the evening worship service. The minutes were approved.

Bishop Cho expressed his appreciation for Mr. Warren R. Harper, Conference Lay Leader. Mr. Harper presented the report of the Board of Laity, found on pages 47-48 of the *Book of Reports*. Mr. Harper delivered the Laity Address. The theme was "Called and Empowered." He sang a portion of his message, offering a personal testimony to the presence of Christ in prayer.

The Rev. James C. Sprouse Jr., Chair of the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation, presented the report found on pages 46-50 of the *Book of Reports*. The Commission recommended that the Equitable Salary Fund apportionment for 2014 be \$500,000. The recommendation was approved. Rev. Sprouse presented the minimum compensation schedule for 2014: full connection pastors, \$40,000; probationers and associate members, \$36,500; local pastors, \$34,000. The schedule was approved. He presented the floor schedule for 2014 as well: full connection pastor, \$28,000; probationer or associate member, \$25,600; local pastor, \$24,000. The floor schedule was approved. Rev. Sprouse expressed gratitude to Conference Treasurer Mr. David Domnisse. He also introduced Mr. Tom Nealley, the new Chair of the Commission. Mr. Nealley is a member of Crossroads United Methodist Church on the Arlington District.

Ms. Shirley Cauffman, Chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy, presented a report on the Episcopal Residence. Her report was accompanied by a video presentation on the new residence and its new residents. Bishop Cho thanked the conference for providing him and his family a gracious home.

Mr. Jeffrey Davis, President of the Council of Finance and Administration (CFA), presented a preliminary report on budgetary matters before the Annual Conference. He reminded members that the full report of the CFA, found on pages 119-127 of the *Book of Reports*, would be considered on Sunday morning, June 23. The Rev. Steven J. Summers and Ms. Betty Forbes, members of CFA, assisted in the presentation. Mr. Davis announced that CFA members would be in Halls A and B after the end of the Saturday afternoon session to answer additional questions.

Bishop Cho recognized Mr. David Thompson, new President of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation. Mr. Thompson thanked the previous president, Mr. Deal Tompkins, for his good work. Mr. Thompson presented the report found on pages 51 and 52 of the *Book of Reports*.

The Rev. Marc D. Brown, Director of Connectional Ministries and Chairperson of the Common Table for Church Vitality for the Virginia Conference, and Mr. Warren R. Harper, Conference Lay Leader and Vice-Chair of the Common Table, presented the reports found on pages 52-57 and pages 60-93 of the *Book of Reports*. Mr. Harper presented the recommendations of the conference Board of Discipleship found on page 93, calling for the observance of Christian Education Sunday (with offering) and endorsing the Rev. Gregory B. West as a general evangelist. Mr. Harper presented the Advance

Specials for 2013 and 2014, found on pages 88-89. He also presented Recommendation 1 of the conference Board of Global Ministries, found on page 88, continuing relationship agreements between the Virginia Annual Conference and Heart Havens, Inc., United Methodist Family Services of Virginia, Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc., Virginia United Methodist Housing Development Corporation and Wesley Housing Development Corporation. Mr. Harper noted that proposed offerings for Heart Havens, United Methodist Family Services and United Methodist Homes, Inc., listed as Recommendation 2 on page 88, will be presented in the CFA report on Sunday. The recommendations of the Board of Discipleship and Recommendation 1 of the Board of Global Ministries were approved.

The Rev. Brown presented Recommendation 2 of the Common Table, found on pages 55 and 56 of the *Book of Reports*, replacing the existing conference vision statement with the following mission statement:

The mission of the Virginia Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

Ms. Vicki Poindexter, a member of Community of Faith United Methodist Church and an elected district member from the Arlington District, moved the following substitute mission statement:

The Virginia Annual Conference welcomes all God's people to the table. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

In response to a question from the floor, Bishop Cho described his uncertainty about whether the current vision statement is for the churches of the annual conference or for the conference itself. Responding to a point of order, Bishop Cho ruled that the Poindexter substitute had to be voted on before additional amendments could be considered. A motion to end debate on the substitute motion was approved. The substitute motion did not pass. Recommendation 2 was approved.

Mr. Warren R. Harper presented Recommendation 3, found on page 56, replacing the existing vision statement of the Common Table for Church Vitality with the new conference mission statement (see above). Recommendation 3 was approved.

The Rev. Brown presented Recommendation 4, proposing a new structure for the Common Table, effective July 1, 2013. The proposed changes were detailed on pages 56 and 57 of the *Book of Reports*. Mr. Andrew Ware, a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church on the Elizabeth River District, moved the following:

Amend Section II.A.6 of Recommendation 4 by inserting after the word "classes," the phrase, "including two young adult/youth representatives," and a corresponding change in Section III.1.

The substitute motion passed. In response to questions from the floor, Rev. Brown stated that the Common Table might not be able to meet until the requirements of this motion were met, and that one or more names on the list of Common Table nominees might have to be withdrawn. In response to a point of order, the slash (/) in the Ware motion was clarified to mean "young adult or youth representatives." Mr. Donald Stephens, a member of Dranesville United Methodist Church on the Arlington District, moved to replace "4-year classes" in Section II.A.6 with "annual classes" as in Section IV. Rev. Brown accepted the motion, on behalf of the Common Table. A motion to end debate on all that was before the conference was approved. Recommendation 4 was approved, as amended.

Bishop Cho announced an order of the day, and dismissed the morning session in order to prepare for worship.

In the worship service, Bishop Young Jin Cho presided. The preacher was the Rev. Romeo del Rosario, Country Director for the United Methodist Mission in Cambodia. Three of the liturgists were from the United Methodist Mission in Cambodia: Ms. Nou Kim San, United Methodist Women President; the Rev. Lun Sophy, District Superintendent; and the Rev. Hong Phally, District Superintendent. Other liturgists included Ms. Joyce Winston, Virginia Conference United Methodist Women President, and the Rev. Dr. Brenda J. Biler, superintendent of the Charlottesville District. Ms. Winston led the conference in a litany of celebration for the kits and other donations received in 2013. The Rev. Glenn Rowley, conference Director of Justice and Missional Excellence, participated in the service. Ms. Hannah Hanson, a member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church on the Arlington District and a mission interpreter for young adult missionary programs of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, presented the Advance Award to Rev. Rowley. The award recognized the Virginia Annual Conference for top giving to The Advance for Christ and His Church in the United Methodist Church in 2012. The 2013 Conference Offering was received with the assistance of the Holy Rollers, a bicycle group of laity and clergy. In support of the Conference Offering, they rode to the site of conference from Chincoteague by way of Tangier Island. CWT provided musical leadership. Following the service, the plenary session recessed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION, June 22, 2013

CWT led in "Singing Our Faith" at 1:45 p.m.

"A New Commission—Ministry in Retirement" celebrated the ministry of those ministers who were retiring at the 231st Session of the Virginia Annual Conference and their spouses. Bishop Young Jin Cho presided. Liturgists for the service were the Rev. Lyndsie N. K. Blakely, Minister of Discipleship at Farmville United Methodist Church on the Farmville District, and the Rev. Katherine B. "Katie" Anthony, Associate Minister, Reveille United Methodist Church on the Richmond District. The Rev. Margaret T. Kutz, pastor of Chester United Methodist Church on the James River District, preached the sermon, "Leave Boldly," based on Isaiah 40:8. Employing the image of sandcastles, she reminded us that while much of what we build in life is temporal, what we do in service to the Word of God endures forever. CWT provided the music. Ms. Jennifer Pennison and Mr. Josh Wortham, members of Chester United Methodist Church, offered a vocal and keyboard tribute, "Do It Anyway." Other Virginia Annual Conference officials assisting in the service were: the Rev. Herbert Brynildsen, Chair of the Order of Deacons; the Rev. Frances T. Cooper, Chair of the Order of Elders; and Rev. John R. Hall Sr., President of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members.

Bishop Young Jin Cho called the afternoon business session to order. He expressed appreciation to Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes Jr. for being available for consultation. He also thanked Ms. Terry Bain, a member of the Rules Committee, for serving as Parliamentarian for the afternoon session.

Dr. Steve Harper, Conference Bible Study Leader, led a time of study and conversation based on selected passages from the Book of Acts. The theme of this study was "Fanning the Flame: The Example of the Early Christians." Dr. Harper encouraged the members to "fan the flame of prayer" through obedience, pattern-following, and breakthrough.

Bishop Cho announced the total of the Conference Offering to date, \$166,228.00. Projection screens in the conference hall displayed that 9,763 pounds of food had been donated through the "4 Cans 4 Conference" appeal, that 200 volunteers bagged 50,000 pounds of potatoes for local food pantries, and that the following kits had been received for the United Methodist Committee on Relief: layette, 1,698; birthing, 5,878; health, 17,996; school, 10,216; cleaning buckets, 343; other, 345, for a total of 36,476 kits.

The Rev. Marc D. Brown, co-chair of the Conference Leadership Discovery and Development Team, announced that the nominees to the Common Table listed on page 58 of the *Book of Reports* included the Rev. Robert D. Lough, age 34, and Ms. Rachel Miller, age 30, thus satisfying the amended structure of the Common Table.

Mr. Warren R. Harper, co-chair of the Conference Leadership Discovery and Development Team, presented the report found on pages 58-60 of the *Book of Reports* and the addendum on green colored paper in the members' official packets. He reported that in accordance with VIII.A of the Charter for Common Table for Church Vitality, Bishop Cho had nominated the Rev. Marc D. Brown as Director of Connectional Ministries. Mr. Harper made the following corrections to the green addendum sheet: under Committee on the Episcopacy, remove Patricia L. Shipley (clergy) and Warren Hottle (lay); add Clark Williams (lay). Mr. Harper presented the amended nominations to committees, commissions, boards and agencies of the annual conference found in the Books of Reports, the addendum sheet, and by verbal nomination of the bishop, for election. The nominees were elected.

Bishop Cho asked all persons serving in leadership through conference boards and agencies to stand as able. Bishop Cho offered a prayer of consecration for the elected conference leaders.

The Rev. Larry E. Davies, superintendent of the Lynchburg District and Chair of the Bishop's All Things New-Equipping Vital Congregations Task Force, presented a report on All Things New-Equipping Vital Congregations. A video presentation accompanied the report. A card naming a church and its pastor had earlier been taped to the bottom of chairs throughout the conference hall. Each church/pastor of the annual conference was represented. Rev. Davies asked members to find and remove the cards and pray for the named church and pastor throughout the year. Bishop Cho asked everyone to wave their card, and then prayed for the ministry of prayer for the churches and pastors.

The Rev. Robert C. Blinn, Conference Secretary, reminded members about the bar of the conference. He reviewed the eligibilities for voting on the constitutional amendments and made other announcements.

The Rev. Thomas M. Berlin and Ms. Shirley Cauffman, Clergy and Laity Virginia Conference Delegation Chairs, respectively, presented the Constitutional Amendments found on pages 144-146 of the *Book of Reports*. As the ballots were being distributed, Ms. Cauffman reported an inaccuracy in the wording of one of the amendments appearing on the ballot. Bishop Cho declared the ballot invalid, and stated that the ballot would be corrected and the voting process repeated on Sunday.

Bishop Cho invited members and guests to observe a time for recognitions. The Rev. Lee B. Sheaffer, Executive Director of the Association of Educational Institutions, recognized the presidents of four of the conference-related educational institutions. These included Dr. Jennifer L. Braaten, President of Ferrum College; Dr. Robert R. Lindgren, President of Randolph-Macon College; Dr. William T. Greer Jr., President of Virginia Wesleyan College; and Dr. Tracy Fitzsimmons, President of Shenandoah University. Dr. Fitzsimmons addressed the conference on behalf of the Association of Educational Institutions.

Dr. Jennifer L. Braaten commented on the 100th Anniversary of Ferrum College. She pointed out the significance of United Methodist Women in founding the Ferrum Training School in 1913. She thanked the members of conference for their historic and current partnership with Ferrum College.

Ms. Beth Christian, Chair of the Conference Board of Discipleship, presented the Denman Award for Evangelism (clergy) to the Rev. Clarence R. Brown Jr., pastor of Annandale United Methodist Church on the Alexandria District. Ms. Christian presented the Denman Award for Evangelism (laity) to Mr. Brent Staul, a member of Tabernacle United Methodist Church on the York River District. The Denman Award for Evangelism (youth) went to Mr. Timothy Hares, a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church on the Fredericksburg District.

Ms. Tammy Gaines, Vice President of Business Operations at the United Methodist Publishing House, provided an update regarding Cokesbury. She reassured members that Cokesbury was committed to ongoing quality service as it transitions to only on-line purchases. Her report included a short video. Ms. Gaines introduced the following Cokesbury Resource Consultants: Mr. Brian Koontz (Richmond, Petersburg); Ms. Susan Simmons (Roanoke), Ms. Julie Chapman (Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach), and Ms. Denise Karau (Greater Washington, D.C., northern Virginia).

The Rev. Lawrence R. Thompson Jr., superintendent of the Winchester District, moved to extend the time of the afternoon session by 10 minutes. The motion was approved.

Bishop Cho adjourned the regular conference session for the purpose of convening another meeting. Dr. Stephen Mansfield, President of the Historical Society, called the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Conference Historical Society to order. He reviewed some of the achievements of the Society in the past year to preserve the history of Virginia Methodism. He presented the report found on pages 128-130 of the *Book of Reports*. He moved the election of the Trustees for the Historical Society, found on page 128 of the *Book of Reports*. The members of the Society confirmed the Trustees. President Mansfield declared the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Conference Historical Society adjourned.

Bishop Young Jin Cho reconvened the Virginia Annual Conference. He invited members to view a video entitled, "Call," about the call to representative ministry.

The Rev. Stephen C. Hundley, superintendent of the Roanoke District, departing soon for service in the California-Pacific Annual Conference, led in prayer to close the afternoon session at 5:18 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING, June 23, 2013 A SERVICE FOR THE ORDERING OF MINISTRY

Bishop Young Jin Cho presided at "Responding to the Call—A Service for the Ordering of Ministry," beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, represented the ecumenical community. The Rev. Thomas M. Berlin, pastor of Floris United Methodist Church, Arlington District, preached the sermon, "Undeniably Committed," based on three parables in Matthew 13:44-52. He exhorted the members about to be licensed, commissioned or ordained to recognize and commit to finding joy in representative ministry.

Virginia Annual Conference members assisting in the service included Mr. Warren R. Harper, the Rev. Edward R. Walker, the Rev. Herbert Brynildsen, the Rev. Frances T. Cooper, the Rev. Beth C. Downs, the Rev. Brenda L. Laws, the Rev. Lynne Alley-Grant, the Rev. Alex B. Joyner, the Rev. Susan M. Hannah, the Rev. Won Gyu Lee, the Rev. James G. Daniely, the Rev. Bradley S. Dulaney, the Rev. Kenneth Stephen Waclo, the Rev. Gary C. Miller, the Rev. Michelle "Mitzi" Manning, the Rev. William B. Montgomery, the Rev. John R. Hall Sr., the Rev. Christian S. White Jr., the Rev. Seonyoung Kim, the Rev. Robert E. Cooper, the Rev. Lorenzo D. Hill, the Rev. Joan M. Rudisell, and the Rev. F. Elizabeth Givens. The Rev. Leigh Ann Taylor was the music leader. Ms. Michelle Leigh Matthews offered a vocal solo, "Crash." Other musicians included Mr. Willis Rosenfeld (keyboard), Mr. Chad Sokolowski (drums), Mr. Jon Parker (guitar), Mr. Dan MacGruder (trumpet), Mr. Dylan Carson (trumpet), Mr. Wade Mirasol (French horn), Mr. Joseph Jefferson (trombone), and Mr. Kyle Snoch (tuba).

Bishop Young Jin Cho licensed, commissioned and ordained the candidates as listed in the worship booklet for the service. Following the prayer of thanksgiving, Bishop Cho addressed the members and guests in attendance. He invited those feeling led by the Holy Spirit to inquire into Christian ministry to come forward and greet him during the singing of the final hymn. Newly-ordained deacons and elders counseled with those inquiring into representative ministries and gathered contact information. The session concluded at 9:22 p.m. with the dismissal and blessing.

SUNDAY MORNING PLENARY SESSION - June 23, 2013

"Singing our Faith" was led at 8:15 a.m. by CWT. Bishop Young Jin Cho welcomed members and guests and led the conference in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Dr. Steve Harper affirmed Bishop Cho for his spiritual leadership of this session of the Annual Conference, recounting the many conversations during which persons had expressed to him their thankfulness for Bishop Cho. Dr. Harper thanked Connectional Ministries Director Rev. Marc D. Brown, and the many persons who had shown him hospitality. Dr. Harper presented the third and final lesson of his Bible study, "Spreading the Flame: The Example of Leaders." Based on a survey of messages from leaders of the early church (New Testament Epistles), he encouraged conference members and guests to spread the flame of faith with prayer in every part their daily lives.

The Rev. Joseph D. Carson, superintendent of the York River District, described the paper cut-outs of children's hands that were part of the visual backdrop of the Annual Conference session. The Rev. Christina M. Perkins, a member of the conference worship planning team, gathered the paper hands from churches across the annual conference. She strung them together into tall, open columns suspended from the hall ceiling, where they seemed to beckon in the moving air. Each hand bore a child's name and his or her local church, symbolizing prayers of praise and reaching out for God's care. Different colors and patterns of light used throughout the conference added variety to the display.

Bishop Cho thanked Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes Jr. for his assistance on the platform. He recognized Ms. Mera Hughes, wife of the bishop.

The Rev. Stanley A. Thompson presented the report of the Committee on Minutes. The minutes of the Saturday morning plenary session and worship service, the Saturday afternoon plenary session, and the Saturday evening Service for the Ordering of Ministry had been reviewed and corrected. The minutes were approved. Rev. Thompson announced that the Minutes Committee would meet on June 27, 2013, to complete the review and certification of the minutes, and moved approval for the completed minutes. The motion was approved.

Bishop Cho called for the tellers. Ms. Shirley Cauffman, lay co-chair of the Virginia Conference Delegation to General Conference, reviewed the four proposed amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church. Bishop Cho stated that elders and deacons in full connection and lay members of the conference could vote. He led in silent prayer for the ballot. The Rev. Melody P. Tanner, Head Teller, described the voting process. The corrected ballot for constitutional amendments was distributed, marked, and closed.

The Rev. Clarence R. Brown Jr., Chair of Virginia United Methodist Pensions, Inc. (VUMPI), moved to suspend the rules in order to allow time to present the reports and recommendations of the Board found on pages 94-113 of the *Book of Reports*. The rules were suspended. Rev. Brown introduced the new VUMPI Executive Director, Mr. John Fuller. Rev. Brown recognized the VUMPI staff: Ms. Nancy Blair, Ms. Trish Hutchison and Ms. Judy Astrella.

Rev. Brown reviewed the upcoming changes for conference health care insurance in the context of federal health care reform, as presented on pages 94 and 95. He described the three types of pension coverage: Ministers Reserve Pension Fund (pre-1982), Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP, 1982-2006)

and Clergy Retirement Security Plan (CRSP, 2007-present). A video presentation accompanied his report. He reviewed changes in the disability and death benefit provision, and the new Voluntary Transition Program, presented on page 100. He presented Recommendations 1 through 11. The recommendations were approved.

Rev. Brown recognized the members of the Board of Pensions seated on the platform.

Mr. David Dommissie, Conference Statistician, presented the report found on page 114 of the *Book of Reports*. He noted that while 2012 membership and worship attendance numbers declined slightly since 2011, professions of faith and numbers of small groups, focal points for church vitality, increased by over 5%. He celebrated the rise in ethnic membership, 26% over five years to a current level of 6.26%. Mr. Dommissie cited "the generous spirit of our membership," pointing out that overall revenues were up 4% in 2012. He provided a summary of aggregate church expenditures:

- Clergy salaries and benefits, 27% (including 5.6% for health coverage)
- Local church program and operations, 56.6%
- Conference and general church apportionments, 5.5%
- Other, 10.9%

Mr. Dommissie, who also serves as Conference Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report, found on pages 115-118 of the *Book of Reports*. He reported that 2012 apportionment receipts were up 3.1% over 2011 receipts. Conference reserves reached \$848,630 due to increased earnings on investments and unspent apportioned receipts, as detailed on page 118 in the *Book of Reports*. Mr. Dommissie thanked the members of the conference, on behalf of his staff, for the many lives touched by the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Mr. Jeffrey Davis, President of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, invited the conference to recognize members of CFA, who stood. He also recognized the Conference Treasurer's office staff. He moved the suspension of the rules to allow time to present the report found on pages 119-127 of the *Book of Reports*. The rules were suspended. Mr. Davis presented Section 1 of the report, "Summary of Conference Budget for 2014," found on page 119, and supporting schedules found on the following pages. He highlighted line item reductions that offset, in part, other line item increases. He presented Section 2 of the report, "Recommended Apportionments to Districts and Local Churches."

Mr. John Litzenberger, an elected district member from the Arlington District, moved that CFA study a proposal allowing each district to provide cost-of-living adjustments to its superintendent's salary. Since the motion related to Section 5 of the report, Bishop Cho tabled it. In response to a question, Mr. David Dommissie, Conference Treasurer, explained that the reduction in Line 404, listed on page 119, will not result in a shortfall for any district superintendent. Sections 1 and 2 were approved.

Mr. Jeffrey Davis presented Section 3 "Apportionment Procedures," and Section 4, "Annual Conference Special Offerings," found on pages 123 and 124. They were approved. He presented Section 5 of the report, "Policies," found on pages 124-127. Bishop Cho brought up the tabled motion by Mr. Litzenberger. Mr. Davis accepted the motion, on behalf of the CFA. Section 5 was approved, as amended. Mr. Davis presented Section 6, "A Church in Mission," and Section 7, "Special Reports," and moved their acceptance along with the entire report. The entire report was accepted.

Mr. Davis presented the recommendations on page 127, reallocating proceeds of a reduced Church Extension and Development Fund Apportionment. A period of discussion was followed by a motion to end debate, which was approved. The recommendations were approved.

Bishop Cho called for the results of the vote on proposed Constitutional Amendments. The Rev. Robert C. Blinn, Conference Secretary, reported the following votes:

• Amendment I:	Yes	1,226	No	3
• Amendment II:	Yes	1,194	No	55
• Amendment III:	Yes	1,222	No	46
• Amendment IV:	Yes	1,242	No	25

The Rev. Larry E. Lenow, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, described the work of the Committee. He reminded members that "concurrence" meant approval of the resolution and "non-concurrence" meant disapproval. He referred to Resolution 2, "Bulletin Statement," found on page 132 of the *Book of Reports*. He reported that Bishop Cho, in consultation with the Resolutions Committee, had ruled the resolution out of order since the charge conference, not the Annual Conference, establishes the mission for the local church.

The Rev. Lenow presented Resolution 3, "Predatory Lending Practices," found on pages 132-134. He reported that the Committee on Resolutions recommended concurrence. Ms. Martha Dodd Slippy, a member from Main Street United Methodist Church on the James River District, moved to delete Sections 5, 6, and 7 of the resolution. The motion did not pass. Mr. Donald Stevens, a member from Dranesville United Methodist Church on the Arlington District, moved to delete Section 7 only. Responding to a point of order, Bishop Cho ruled that the motion was in order. The motion did not pass. A motion to end debate was approved. Resolution 3 was approved.

Bishop Cho recognized an order for the day and invited the members and guests to prepare for worship.

Bishop Young Jin Cho was the preacher for the closing worship service. He expressed his appreciation to those who worked faithfully in planning and preparing for the Annual Conference. He thanked the Sterling United Methodist Church CWT, the sign language interpreters, the connectional ministries staff and all those who worked behind the scenes. Bishop Cho preached the sermon, "Be Strong and Be Courageous and Be Careful," based on Joshua 1:1-9. He challenged conference members, lay and clergy, to take courage and strength from the presence of God in the face of an uncertain future. The liturgists were Ms. Pat Inge, a member of Crenshaw United Methodist Church on the Farmville District, and Mr. Harold White Jr., a member of New Mission United Methodist Church on the Eastern Shore District. CWT provided musical accompaniment. The House Band from Shenandoah University in Winchester, under the direction of Ms. DeLyn Celic, performed the anthem, "If We Are the Body." Ms. Celic played the keyboard and provided vocals. Other members of the band included: Mr. Andrew Dietz (bass), Ms. Grace Eisenhower (vocals), Ms. Virginia Greer (flute, vocals) and Mr. Nicholas Ruxton (percussion). During the anthem, the ushers distributed the "Appointments Edition" of the *Virginia United Methodist Advocate*.

Following the anthem, Bishop Cho invited the district superintendents to present the appointments for their districts. Bishop Cho presented the new district superintendents and their spouses. Superintendents completing their terms placed a stole on the shoulders of the newly-appointed superintendents. With the following changes, the preachers were stationed and the appointments were fixed as printed in the *Virginia United Methodist Advocate*:

Alexandria District, Fairfax County, Aldersgate, replace "Associate: Jason Micheli (9)" with "New Church Plant: Jason Micheli (1)"

Elizabeth River District, Portsmouth, Cottage Place-The Bridge, change name "The Bridge" to "Renovation"

Fredericksburg District, Lancaster County, Bethel-Emmanuel, replace "TBS" with "Rachel Gordon Plemmons (1) SY"

With the "Sending Forth" by Bishop Young Jin Cho, the 231st Session of the Virginia Annual Conference was adjourned at 12:29 p.m., *sine die*.

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We, the undersigned members of the Minutes Committee, have read, corrected, and approve these Daily Proceedings on today's date, June 27, 2013 (signed):

Stanley A. Thompson
Dale M. Childrey
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Willie G. Weigand III
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