

## XIII. HISTORICAL STATEMENT

The Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church is the direct descendant of the original annual conference of the United Brethren in Christ and of one of the six original conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The present conference was formed in 1970, by the merger of the Virginia Conference, formerly Methodist, with the former Evangelical United Brethren Conference of the same name. It is the successor to 39 Annual Conferences of eight denominations. Since the oldest of these dates back to the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784, the 1970 session was declared to be the 188th session of the Conference (two "annual" sessions having been held in 1791 and 1841).

These 39 antecedent conferences are as follows:

### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Virginia (1784-1844), Baltimore (1784-1939), Philadelphia (1784-1869), North Carolina (1836-1844), Washington (1864-1939), Delaware (1864-1939), Virginia and North Carolina Mission (1864-1868), Virginia (1868-1906), North Carolina (1869-1939), Wilmington (1869-1939), East Tennessee (1880-1939), Holston (1906-1939), West Virginia (1906-1939), Atlantic Mission (1906-1912), Blue Ridge- Atlantic (1912-1939)

### THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BROTHERN IN CHRIST

Original ("Old" or "Mother") (1800-1829), Hagerstown (1829-1830), Virginia (1830-1946)

### THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

East Virginia (1829-1834), Maryland (1829-1939), Virginia (1834-1870), North Carolina (1860-1939)

### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Virginia (1844-1939), North Carolina (1844-1874), Baltimore (1866-1939)

### INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE

Baltimore (1861-1866)

### THE METHODIST CHURCH

Virginia (1939-1968), Washington (1939-1965), Delaware (1939-1965), East Tennessee (1939-1965), North Carolina-C.J. (1939-1965), North Carolina-Virginia (1965-1968)

### THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BROTHERN CHURCH

Virginia (1946-1968), Central Pennsylvania (1948-1964), Susquehanna (1964-1968)

### THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Virginia-M (1968-1970), Virginia-E (1968-1970), Susquehanna (1968-1969)

Virginia was the scene of the ministries of many of the pioneers of the Methodist and United Brethren churches, most notably among them Francis Asbury, one of the first two Methodist bishops; William Watters, Methodism's first Native American minister; Philip William Otterbein, bishop and leader in the founding of the United Brethren in Christ; and Christian Newcomer, United Brethren pioneer in Virginia and later bishop.

Twenty bishops of the denominations now comprising the United Methodist Church were born within the bounds of the Virginia Conference. They are: William McKendree, Enoch George, John Early, Samuel Hiestand, Beverly Waugh, David S. Doggett, William Taylor, John C. Granbery, William W. Duncan, James W. Hott, Collins Denny, William B. Beauchamp, Paul B. Kern, Paul Neff Garber, Edgar A. Love, Walter C. Gum, Carlton P. Minnick, Jr., R. Kern Eutsler, H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., and Timothy W. Whitaker.

### SOME LANDMARK DATES OF THE CONFERENCE

May 11, 1766: Earliest known property for a Methodist Church in America deeded to Methodist Society in Leesburg.

November 14, 1772: Missionary work carried on during 1772 in Southern Virginia by Robert Williams, William Watters and Joseph Pilmoor results in organizing, in Portsmouth, what is now Monumental Church, the oldest church now in existence in the Conference.

May 19, 1778: The Sixth American Methodist Conference held in Leesburg.

May 13, 1781: Harry Hosier preaches first recorded Methodist sermon by a Negro, at Fairfax Chapel in Falls Church.

May 1, 1785: First Session of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at home of William Mason in Brunswick County.

1792: Virginia was the center of the first schism of American Methodism, led by James O'Kelley, a member of the Virginia Conference. It resulted in the formation of the Republican Methodists, now a part of the United Church of Christ.

September 25, 1800: First Session of the Original Conference of the United Brethren in Christ (later called the Virginia Conference) at the home of Peter Kemp, near Frederick, Md.

May 25, 1808: First United Brethren Conference to be held in Virginia, at Abraham Niswander's home near Middletown.

March 31, 1816: Francis Asbury, pioneer Methodist bishop in America, died at the home of George Arnold, near Spotsylvania.

March 29, 1827: First native American itinerant, William Watters, died at his home in McLean.

May 1, 1846: First General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met at Union Street Church, Petersburg.

November, 1870: Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church merged with the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Lynchburg.

October 16, 1939: Virginia Conference of The Methodist Church organized, including all or parts of nine previous conferences, at Richmond.

June 10, 1968: Virginia Conference and North Carolina-Virginia Conference, formerly of The Methodist Church, are merged to form the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, at Richmond.

January 3, 1970: Present Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church organized at Madison College, Harrisonburg.

### THE NUMBERING OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The Virginia Conference was organized in May of 1785. That was its first session. It was one year old at its second session in 1786, and so on, so that its age would always be one less than the number of that year's session. Then, two annual sessions were held in April and December of 1791 and in January and November of 1841, so that in 2017, the 235th annual session, the conference was 231 years old.

### SESSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

No.	Place of Session	Date	President	Secretary
1	Mason's, Brunswick Co.	May 1785	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
2	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co.	April 1786	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
3	Rough Creek, Charlotte Co.	April 1787	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
4	Petersburg	June 1788	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
5	Petersburg	June 1789	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
6	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co.	June 1790	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
7	Petersburg	April 1791	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
8	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co.	December 1791	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
9	Manchester	November 1792	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
10	Petersburg	November 1793	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
11	Mabrey's Greensville Co.	November 1794	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
12	Salem, Mecklenburg Co.	November 1795	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
13	Mabrey's, Greensville Co.	November 1796	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
14	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co.	November 1797	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
15	Salem, Mecklenburg Co.	April 1798	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
16	Jones' Chapel, Sussex Co.	April 1799	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
17	Blount's Chapel, Isle of Wight Co.	April 1800	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
18	Drumgool's, Brunswick Co.	April 1801	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
19	Salem, Mecklenburg Co.	March 1802	Bishop Asbury	Unknown
20	Olive Branch, Brunswick Co.	March 1803	Bishop Asbury	Alex. McCaine
21	Salem, Mecklenburg Co.	April 1804	Bishop Asbury	Alex. McCaine
22	Taylor's, Caswell Co., N.C.	March 1805	Bishop Asbury	Alex. McCaine
23	Norfolk	February 1806	Bishop Asbury	T.L. Douglas
24	New Bern, N.C.	February 1807	Bishop Asbury	T.L. Douglas
25	Lynchburg	February 1808	Bishop Asbury	T.L. Douglas
26	Tarboro, N.C.	February 1809	Bishop Asbury	T.L. Douglas
27	Petersburg	February 1810	Bishop McKendree	T.L. Douglas
28	Raleigh, N.C.	February 1811	Bishop McKendree	T.L. Douglas
29	Richmond	February 1812	Bishop McKendree	T.L. Douglas
30	New Bern, N.C.	February 1813	Bishop McKendree	T.L. Douglas
31	Norfolk	February 1814	Bishop McKendree	T.L. Douglas
32	Lynchburg	February 1815	Bishop McKendree	John Early
33	Raleigh, N.C.	January 1816	Bishop McKendree	M.M. Dance
34	Petersburg	February 1817	Bishop McKendree	M.M. Dance
35	Norfolk	February 1818	Bishop Roberts	M.M. Dance
36	Oxford, N.C.	February 1819	Bishop Roberts	M.M. Dance
37	Richmond	February 1820	Bishop George	M.M. Dance
38	Raleigh, N.C.	February 1821	Bishop George	M.M. Dance
39	New Bern, N.C.	March 1822	Bishop George	John Early
40	Lynchburg	March 1823	Bishop George	John Early
41	Petersburg	March 1824	Bishop George	John Early
42	Oxford, N.C.	February 1825	Bishop Soule	John Early
43	Portsmouth	February 1826	Bishop Soule	John Early
44	Petersburg	February 1827	Bishop Roberts	John Early
45	Raleigh, N.C.	February 1828	Bishop Soule	John Early
46	Lynchburg	February 1829	Bishop Roberts	John Early
47	Richmond	February 1830	Bishop Soule	John Early
48	New Bern, N.C.	February 1831	Rev. John Early	Wm. A. Smith
49	Norfolk	February 1832	Bishop Hedding	John Early
50	Petersburg	February 1833	Bishop Hedding	John Early
51	Raleigh, N.C.	February 1834	Bishop Andrew	John Early
52	Lynchburg	February 1835	Bishop Emory	John Early
53	Norfolk	January 1836	Bishop Hedding	John Early
54	Petersburg	January 1837	Bishop Waugh	John Early
55	Richmond	January 1838	Bishop Morris	John Early
56	Edenton, N.C.	January 1839	Bishop Andrew	John Early
57	Farmville	January 1840	Bishop Waugh	John Early
58	Lynchburg	January 1841	Bishop Morris	John Early
59	Portsmouth	November 1841	Rev. John Early	Jas. A. Riddick
60	Petersburg	November 1842	Bishop Waugh	John Early
61	Richmond	November 1843	Bishop Morris	John Early
62	Lynchburg	November 1844	Bishop Soule	John Early
63	Norfolk	November 1845	Bishop Andrew	Wm. A. Smith
64	Randolph-Macon College, Boydton	November 1846	Bishop Capers	John Early
65	Chlottesville	November 1847	Bishop Andrew	John Early
66	Elizabeth City, N.C.	November 1848	Bishop Capers	John Early
67	Petersburg	November 1849	Bishop Andrew	John Early
68	Richmond	November 1850	Bishop Paine	J.D. Couling
69	Alexandria	November 1851	Bishop Andrew	J.D. Couling
70	Fredericksburg	October 1852	Bishop Capers	J.D. Couling
71	Lynchburg	October 1853	Bishop Paine	J.D. Couling
72	Norfolk	November 1854	Bishop Pierce	J.D. Couling
73	Petersburg	November 1855	Bishop Andrew	J.D. Couling

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74.....	Richmond.....	November 1856.....	Bishop Early.....	J.D. Couling
75.....	Elizabeth City, N.C.....	November 1857.....	Bishop Pierce.....	J.D. Couling
76.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1858.....	Bishop Kavanaugh.....	J.D. Couling
77.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1859.....	Bishop Early.....	J.D. Couling
78.....	Alexandria.....	November 1860.....	Bishop Paine.....	Paul Whitehead
79.....	Norfolk.....	November 1861.....	Bishop Andrew.....	Paul Whitehead
80.....	Petersburg.....	November 1862.....	Bishop Early.....	Paul Whitehead
81.....	Richmond.....	November 1863.....	Bishop Pierce.....	Paul Whitehead
82.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1864.....	Rev. Wm. A. Smith.....	Paul Whitehead
83.....	Danville.....	November 1865.....	Bishop Early.....	Paul Whitehead
84.....	Norfolk.....	November 1866.....	Bishop Pierce.....	Paul Whitehead
85.....	Petersburg.....	November 1867.....	Bishop Doggett.....	Paul Whitehead
86.....	Charlottesville.....	November 1868.....	Bishop Wightman.....	Paul Whitehead
87.....	Richmond.....	November 1869.....	Bishop Doggett.....	Paul Whitehead
88.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1870.....	Bishop Pierce.....	Paul Whitehead
89.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1871.....	Bishop Paine.....	Paul Whitehead
90.....	Petersburg.....	November 1872.....	Bishop Paine.....	Paul Whitehead
91.....	Norfolk.....	November 1873.....	Bishop Keener.....	Paul Whitehead
92.....	Elizabeth City, N.C.....	November 1874.....	Bishop Marvin.....	Paul Whitehead
93.....	Danville.....	November 1875.....	Bishop McTyeire.....	Paul Whitehead
94.....	Richmond.....	November 1876.....	Bishop Kavanaugh.....	Paul Whitehead
95.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1877.....	Bishop Doggett.....	Paul Whitehead
96.....	Petersburg.....	November 1878.....	Bishop Pierce.....	Paul Whitehead
97.....	Norfolk.....	November 1879.....	Bishop Wightman.....	Paul Whitehead
98.....	Danville.....	November 1880.....	Bishop Keener.....	Paul Whitehead
99.....	Charlottesville.....	November 1881.....	Bishop McTyeire.....	Paul Whitehead
100.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1882.....	Bishop Pierce.....	Paul Whitehead
101.....	Richmond.....	November 1883.....	Bishop Kavanaugh.....	Paul Whitehead
102.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1884.....	Bishop Keener.....	Paul Whitehead
103.....	Petersburg.....	November 1885.....	Bishop Keener.....	Paul Whitehead
104.....	Norfolk.....	November 1886.....	Bishop Granbery.....	Paul Whitehead
105.....	Danville.....	November 1887.....	Bishop Key.....	Paul Whitehead
106.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1888.....	Bishop Granbery.....	Paul Whitehead
107.....	Richmond.....	November 1889.....	Bishop Wilson.....	Paul Whitehead
108.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1890.....	Bishop Hargrove.....	Paul Whitehead
109.....	Petersburg.....	November 1891.....	Bishop Keener.....	Paul Whitehead
110.....	Norfolk.....	November 1892.....	Bishop Hendrix.....	Paul Whitehead
111.....	Danville.....	November 1893.....	Bishop Granbery.....	Paul Whitehead
112.....	Charlottesville.....	November 1894.....	Bishop Haygood.....	Paul Whitehead
113.....	Richmond.....	November 1895.....	Bishop Galloway.....	Paul Whitehead
114.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1896.....	Bishop Duncan.....	Paul Whitehead
115.....	Danville.....	November 1897.....	Bishop Fitzgerald.....	Paul Whitehead
116.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1898.....	Bishop Hargrove.....	Paul Whitehead
117.....	Petersburg.....	November 1899.....	Bishop Wilson.....	Paul Whitehead
118.....	Norfolk.....	November 1900.....	Bishop Duncan.....	Paul Whitehead
119.....	Newport News.....	November 1901.....	Bishop Duncan.....	Paul Whitehead
120.....	Richmond.....	November 1902.....	Bishop Duncan.....	Paul Whitehead
121.....	Charlottesville.....	November 1903.....	Bishop Hendrix.....	Paul Whitehead
122.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1904.....	Bishop Wilson.....	Paul Whitehead
123.....	Danville.....	November 1905.....	Bishop Galloway.....	Paul Whitehead
124.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1906.....	Bishop Hendrix.....	S.S. Lambeth
125.....	Petersburg.....	November 1907.....	Bishop Galloway.....	S.S. Lambeth
126.....	Norfolk.....	November 1908.....	Bishop Wilson.....	S.S. Lambeth
127.....	Newport News.....	November 1909.....	Bishop Morrison.....	S.S. Lambeth
128.....	Richmond.....	November 1910.....	Bishop Wilson.....	S.S. Lambeth
129.....	Salisbury, Md.....	November 1911.....	Bishop Kilgo.....	S.S. Lambeth
130.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1912.....	Bishop Wilson.....	S.S. Lambeth
131.....	Danville.....	November 1913.....	Bishop Denny.....	B.F. Lipscomb
132.....	Portsmouth.....	November 1914.....	Bishop Kilgo.....	B.F. Lipscomb
133.....	Norfolk.....	November 1915.....	Bishop Candler.....	B.F. Lipscomb
134.....	Richmond.....	November 1916.....	Bishop Kilgo.....	B.F. Lipscomb
135.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1917.....	Bishop Hoss.....	B.F. Lipscomb
136.....	Charlottesville.....	December 1918.....	Bishop Hendrix.....	B.F. Lipscomb
137.....	Richmond.....	November 1919.....	Bishop Hendrix.....	B.F. Lipscomb
138.....	Norfolk.....	November 1920.....	Bishop Hendrix.....	B.F. Lipscomb
139.....	Richmond.....	October 1921.....	Bishop McMurry.....	B.F. Lipscomb
140.....	Norfolk.....	October 1922.....	Bishop Candler.....	B.F. Lipscomb
141.....	Richmond.....	October 1923.....	Bishop Candler.....	B.F. Lipscomb
142.....	Norfolk.....	October 1924.....	Bishop Candler.....	B.F. Lipscomb
143.....	Richmond.....	October 1925.....	Bishop Candler.....	B.F. Lipscomb
144.....	Norfolk.....	October 1926.....	Bishop Denny.....	B.F. Lipscomb
145.....	Danville.....	November 1927.....	Bishop Denny.....	B.F. Lipscomb
146.....	Lynchburg.....	October 1928.....	Bishop Denny.....	B.F. Lipscomb
147.....	Richmond.....	October 1929.....	Bishop Denny.....	B.F. Lipscomb
148.....	Norfolk.....	October 1930.....	Bishop Beauchamp.....	B.F. Lipscomb
149.....	Lynchburg.....	November 1931.....	Bishop Mouzon.....	B.F. Lipscomb
150.....	Richmond.....	October 1932.....	Bishop Mouzon.....	R.M. White

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151.....	Norfolk.....	October 1933.....	Bishop Mouzon.....	R.M. White
152.....	Lynchburg.....	October 1934.....	Bishop Mouzon.....	R.M. White
153.....	Danville.....	October 1935.....	Bishop Mouzon.....	R.M. White
154.....	Richmond.....	October 1936.....	Bishop Mouzon.....	R.M. White
155.....	Norfolk.....	October 1937.....	Bishop A.J. Moore.....	R.M. White
156.....	Lynchburg.....	October 1938.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
157.....	Danville.....	October 1939.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
.....	Richmond (Organizing Session).....	October 1939.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
158.....	Roanoke.....	October 1940.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
159.....	Lynchburg.....	October 1941.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
160.....	Richmond.....	October 1942.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
161.....	Roanoke.....	October 1943.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
162.....	Lynchburg.....	October 1944.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
163.....	Richmond.....	October 1945.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
164.....	Lynchburg.....	October 1946.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
165.....	Roanoke.....	October 1947.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
166.....	Norfolk.....	October 1948.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
167.....	Richmond.....	October 1949.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
168.....	Richmond.....	October 1950.....	Bishop Peele.....	R.M. White
169.....	Roanoke.....	October 1951.....	Bishop Garber.....	R.M. White
170.....	Norfolk.....	October 1952.....	Bishop Garber.....	R.M. White
171.....	Roanoke.....	October 1953.....	Bishop Garber.....	R.M. White
172.....	Richmond.....	June 1954.....	Bishop Garber.....	R.M. White
173.....	Norfolk.....	June 1955.....	Bishop Garber.....	R.M. White
174.....	Harrisonburg.....	June 1956.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
175.....	Roanoke.....	June 1957.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
176.....	Richmond.....	June 1958.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
177.....	Norfolk.....	June 1959.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
178.....	Fredericksburg.....	June 1960.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
179.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1961.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
180.....	Norfolk.....	June 1962.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
181.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1963.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.A. Tucker
182.....	Roanoke.....	June 1964.....	Bishop Garber.....	C.T. Boyd
183.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1965.....	Bishop Gum.....	C.T. Boyd
184.....	Norfolk.....	June 1966.....	Bishop Gum.....	C.T. Boyd
185.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1967.....	Bishop Gum.....	C.T. Boyd
186.....	Richmond.....	June 1968.....	Bishop Gum.....	C.T. Boyd
187.....	Norfolk.....	June 1969.....	Bishop Herrick.....	C.T. Boyd
.....	Harrisonburg (Uniting Session).....	January 1970.....	Bishop Herrick.....	C.T. Boyd
188.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1970.....	Bishop Herrick.....	C.T. Boyd
189.....	Norfolk.....	June 1971.....	Bishop Cannon.....	C.T. Boyd
190.....	Hampton.....	June 1972.....	Bishop Cannon.....	Edward H. Kyle
191.....	Roanoke.....	June 1973.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
192.....	Hampton.....	June 1974.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
.....	Richmond (Special Session).....	December 1974.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
193.....	Norfolk.....	June 1975.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
194.....	Hampton.....	June 1976.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
195.....	Roanoke.....	June 1977.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
196.....	Hampton.....	June 1978.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
197.....	Roanoke.....	June 1979.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
198.....	Richmond.....	June 1980.....	Bishop Goodson.....	Edward H. Kyle
199.....	Hampton.....	June 1981.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
200.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1982.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
201.....	Roanoke.....	June 1983.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
202.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1984.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
203.....	Hampton.....	June 1985.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
204.....	Roanoke.....	June 1986.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
205.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1987.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
206.....	Roanoke.....	June 1988.....	Bishop Blackburn.....	Reginald H. Potts III
207.....	Norfolk.....	June 1989.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Reginald H. Potts III
208.....	Hampton.....	June 1990.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Reginald H. Potts III
209.....	Roanoke.....	June 1991.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Reginald H. Potts III
210.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1992.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Reginald H. Potts III
211.....	Hampton.....	June 1993.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Robert Watts
212.....	Norfolk.....	June 1994.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Robert Watts
213.....	Roanoke.....	June 1995.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Robert Watts
214.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 1996.....	Bishop Stockton.....	Robert Watts
215.....	Hampton.....	June 1997.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Watts
216.....	Roanoke.....	June 1998.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Watts
217.....	Norfolk.....	June 1999.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Watts
218.....	Hampton.....	June 2000.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Watts
219.....	Virginia Beach.....	June 2001.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Watts
220.....	Roanoke.....	June 2002.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Blinn
221.....	Roanoke.....	June 2003.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Blinn
222.....	Hampton.....	June 2004.....	Bishop Pennel.....	Robert Blinn
223.....	Hampton.....	June 2005.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
224.....	Hampton.....	June 2006.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn

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225.....	Roanoke.....	June 2007.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
226.....	Roanoke.....	June 2008.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
227.....	Norfolk.....	June 2009.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
228.....	Norfolk.....	June 2010.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
229.....	Roanoke.....	June 2011.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
230.....	Roanoke.....	June 2012.....	Bishop Kammerer.....	Robert Blinn
231.....	Hampton.....	June 2013.....	Bishop Cho.....	Robert Blinn
232.....	Hampton.....	June 2014.....	Bishop Cho.....	Susan Reaves
233.....	Roanoke.....	June 2015.....	Bishop Cho.....	Susan Reaves
233.....	Roanoke.....	June 2015.....	Bishop Cho.....	Susan Reaves
234.....	Roanoke.....	June 2016.....	Bishop Cho.....	Susan Reaves
235.....	Hampton.....	June 2017.....	Bishop Lewis.....	Susan Reaves