

\$23,000 to 18 recipients in 2017. A new scholarship opportunity - Dollars for Scholars – if a local church offers a scholarship to a student, Higher Education and the Foundation will each match the scholarship up to \$1000. Rev. Walters reminded the conference to consider how the Foundation can help us leave a legacy.

Rev. Walters and Rev Harry Nichols recognized Janet Boryk who retires at the end of June, providing personal reflections on her service. The conference thanked Janet for her years of service with a standing ovation.

Rev. Walters thanked the Annual Conference for its attention and entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

2:00 pm The Bishop called the Annual Conference back into session.

#### **BISHOP'S APPEAL AWARD**

Lonnie Chafin reported the total received was \$71,424.27. Bishop Dyck presented The Bishop's Appeal Award (Traveling Trophy) to the Aurora District. The Rev. Dick Wisdom received the award from the Bishop.

#### **CABINET REPORT**

The Rev. Young-Mee Park, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the Annual Report. She was joined on the dais by: The Rev. Arlene Christopherson, The Rev. Dick Wisdom, The Rev. Lisa Kruse-Stafford, The Rev. Zaki Zaki, The Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, the Rev. Jacques Conway, the Rev. J. Martin Lee.

Rev. Park acknowledged two reasons for celebration: Bishop Dyck was reassigned to NIC, and Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith-Malone was elected to the episcopacy and assigned to the North-Eastern Ohio Conference. Other changes to the cabinet include: the Rev. Jacques Conway as new DS of Chicago-Southern district; and, Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson who left the position of Dir. Of Connectional Ministry to assume a position in the local church.

Rev. Park reported on the status of promises made the previous year:

- 1) Church Conferences have been designed to be more relational, interactive missionally-focused, and less administrative;
- 2) there are intentional opportunities for clergy and laity to gather in worship, for fellowship, and resourcing;
- 3) commitment to equipping and training clergy and laity and bringing training closer to the local church;
- 4) enhancing clergy relationship by all-clergy retreat and mission day;
- 5) prioritize building and ministry assessments with the development of the Conference Ministry and Building Assessment Team;
- 6) and, develop a Mobile DS model to brings the District Superintendent close to the local church.

Gifts were given to the Bishop and her husband, and to Rev, Park.

Bishop announced the new Dean of the Cabinet is Rev. Lisa Kruse-Stafford and the new Secretary is Rev. Young –Mee Park.

#### **DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY**