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Bishop John L. Hopkins Presiding



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Voting Rights for Clergy and Lay Members at the 2021 Annual Conference

Clergy WHO ARE eligible to vote:

- Clergy members in full connection
- Provisional clergy members
- Associate clergy members
- Full-time and part-time local pastors

Clergy WHO ARE NOT eligible to vote:

- Clergy from other conferences or denominations
- Clergy on Honorable Location or Administrative Leave
- Clergy on Involuntary Leave of Absence

Clergy WHO HAVE VOICE BUT NO VOTE:

- Affiliate Members
- Ordained and provisional clergy from other annual conferences
- Ordained clergy from other Methodist denominations

Voting Rights for Lay Members (§ 602.6)

Laity ARE eligible to vote for:

All the business of the 2021 Annual Conference

Annual Conference Leadership



Bishop John L. Hopkins, retired Bishop of The United Methodist Church, is serving as interim bishop in the Northern Illinois Conference for 2021. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama, and spent his childhood in Montgomery, Houston, Atlanta, and Ft. Wayne. After marrying Elaine M. Smithson in 1964, he attended Indiana University, receiving a B.A. with Honors in Psychology. He graduated from Yale Divinity School and was selected for the two-year Wheelock Residency at the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College where he practiced hospital, campus, and parish ministry. During this residency, he served as the Protestant Chaplain at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, New Hampshire. He was ordained deacon and elder in the North Indiana Conference. After serving a two-point charge in LaPorte, Indiana, Hopkins was appointed in 1976 as Wesley Foundation Director at Ball State University. In 1983 he became Director of the Council on Ministries in North Indiana and, in 1989 was appointed in South Indiana as Senior Pastor at The Methodist Temple in Evansville.

He was elected to the episcopacy in July 1996 at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Minnesota Area for eight years. In September 2004, Bishop Hopkins was assigned to the Ohio East Area until retirement in 2016. Bishop Hopkins was appointed by the Council of Bishops from 2004-2012 to serve as the first Chair of the Connectional Table which provides a forum for the understanding and implementation of the vision, mission, and ministries of the global church. During this time, Hopkins helped lead The Call to Action effort focused on increasing vital congregations around the world. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops, the United Methodist Publishing House Board, the General Board of Church and Society, the General Council on Ministries and the Committee for the Advance for Christ and His Church. Bishop Hopkins was instrumental in the formation of Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone and Liberia. His mission travel has included Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Korea, China, Japan, Mexico, Bulgaria, Germany, the Philippines, and Vietnam. Currently, he serves on the board of Educational Opportunities, Inc. that provides scholarships for clergy to study in the Holy Land. Bishop Hopkins and Elaine live in Indianapolis. They have three sons and seven grandchildren. Bishop Hopkins enjoys exercise, technology, kite flying, music, and guitar jams.



Worship Leader Rev. Rich Rubietta is an Elder from the Northern Illinois Conference and has been a Circuit Riding Musicianary for 20 years. Rich criss-crosses the Midwest each weekend to help create family-friendly worship experiences with local church musicians. With the creative use of music, he helps children, parents and grandparents worship happily together, crafting upbeat worship experiences that defy categories of traditional or “contemporary.” His mission is to use music to help bring people closer to God and to one another. Learn more at umcalive.org. Rich has a music degree from Northwestern University, an MDiv from Trinity Divinity School in Deerfield, and has pastored churches in Freeport, Morris, Joliet and Grayslake in Illinois.

Annual Conference Leadership (continued)



Bible Study Leader Bishop Julius C. Trimble was assigned July 16, 2016 to the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. Before his appointment to Indiana, he served eight years as the bishop of the Iowa Conference. Trimble, a native of Chicago and a graduate of Illinois State University, earned his Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. Trimble, ordained a deacon and elder in the Northern Illinois Conference, served two churches in his home conference before receiving an appointment in and transferring his membership to the East Ohio Conference.

Bishop Trimble's mission statement is "to encourage all people with the love of Jesus Christ to rise to their highest potential" or "Be Encouraged" for short. Bishop Trimble married First Lady Racelder Grandberry-Trimble, a professional counselor and graduate of Methodist Theological School in Ohio, in May 1979. The couple has three adult children: Cameron, Candiace (Herman Wake), and Julius Thomas. In June 2018, the Trimbles celebrated the birth of their first granddaughter, Corrine.



Memorial Service Preacher Bishop Hee-Soo Jung is resident bishop in the Wisconsin Annual Conference and has served in this role since September of 2012. Prior to leading the Wisconsin Conference UMC, Bishop Jung served eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference. He was instrumental in inspiring the Harvest 2020 movement in Northern Illinois, which resulted in many new faith communities.

Previously, Bishop Jung served as an elder in the Wisconsin Conference, where he was a pastor and a district superintendent. He is currently the president of the General Board of Global Ministries and chair of the UM Korean National Plan. Previously, Bishop Jung served as president of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and as a member of the Board of Directors for the General Board of Discipleship, the UM National Hispanic Plan, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, and the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Bishop Jung earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds an M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; an M.A. from the Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea; and a B.Th. from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea. Im-Hyon, Bishop Jung and his wife Im-Hyon are the parents of two adult sons, Jae-Hugh and Jae-Joon, who is married to Brittney.

Annual Conference Leadership (continued)



Ordination Preacher Bishop Tracy S. Malone was assigned to the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church effective September 1, 2016. She also is currently the president of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the secretary of the Council of Bishops, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Africa University. Malone is the daughter of the late Rev. Willie and the late April Smith. She grew up in The United Methodist Church and accepted her call to ministry at the early age of 13.

During her ministry, she has pastored several churches in the Northern Illinois Conference, represented that conference at four General and Jurisdictional Conferences, served as a district superintendent, and dean of the Cabinet. Malone received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Sociology, with a minor in Computer Science, from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

She holds a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, where she was selected a Crusade Scholar, a Maceo D. Pembroke Scholar, and a Bishop Edsel A. Ammons Scholar. She earned her Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Malone received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal in 2007, and was the recipient of North Central College's 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award. She received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and in 2018 received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary.

She and her husband Derrick are the parents of two daughters.

Annual Conference Leadership (continued)



Annual Conference Committee Chair Deborah Dangerfield is a Christ-filled woman born and raised in Chicago, Ill. She developed her calling at an early age and has eagerly served in various ministries and communities throughout her life. She is a proud alumnus of Fisk University and Governor's State University, earning both a B.A. in Biology and Business Administration and a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration. She has pursued a professional career at the Union Medical Clinic at the Sidney Hillman Health Centre. She is a faithful member of Chicago: Maple Park UMC since 1963, currently serving as Lay Member to Annual Conference, on the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Sanctuary Choir, Maple Park United Methodist Women and Church Treasurer. Deborah currently is on the NIC Nominating Committee, Conference Pension Board, AC Shepherding Team, and Program Ministry Reorganization Task Force. She's served as a Jurisdictional Delegate for the NIC, on the General Pension and Health Benefits Board, and as President of the Board for the Marcy Newberry Association. She's pleased to serve as the new chairperson for the Northern Annual Conference Committee. She currently is the Treasurer for the (IESDG) Inter-Ethnic Strategic Development Group for the United Methodist Church. She also served as President of the Chicago BMCR Caucus twice, past Chairperson of the North Central Jurisdiction BMCR, and past President for the National Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR).



Annual Conference Secretary Randy Hayes is a retired Licensed Local Lay Pastor and former Conference Co-Chair of the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty. Having spent his professional career in Behavioral Health as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Certified Addiction and Drug Counselor, he has published and lectured on Statistical Process and Quality Control as well as writing for the United Methodist Publishing House on teaching Church School. Randy was a lecturer in introductory Addiction Counseling Skills and Diversity In Counseling at Triton College. Mr. Hayes was a part time behavioral health surveyor for the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) following his retirement from full time employment. He is currently the registrar for the DeKalb (Prairie South) DCOM and is the Lay Leader and chair of the SPRC at Faith United Methodist in Polo, Ill. Celebrating 50 years of marriage this October, Randy and his wife have a son, Colin (Heather) and a granddaughter. Hayes plays a variety of musical instruments, played violin in a number of local symphonies, and collects African and Asian art. He is the chair of the board of the Polo Area Senior Services where he is an active member.

The Cabinet



Interim Bishop John J. Hopkins



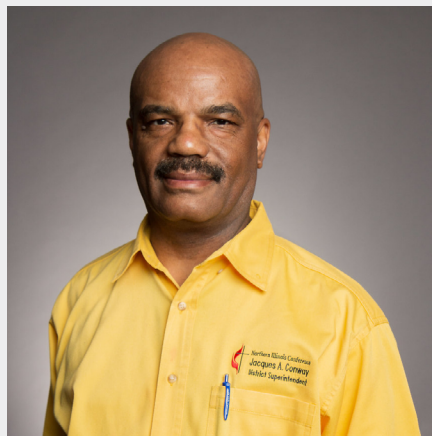
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Session Agenda (subject to change)

Presentations, reports and informational videos will be shared throughout the two days during voting process and break times.

Friday, July 16 | 9am - 3pm

- 8:45am** **Opening Music**
Way Maker by Sinach – Voices of Praise, North Central College
- 9am** **Plenary 1**
Welcome/Prayer
Technical Training
Bible Study with Bishop Trimble
Pre-Conference Briefing Overview
Break
- 10:30am** **Plenary 2**
Opening Motions
Historic Reports
Consent Calendar
Reports and Reflections
Legislation and Voting

- Noon** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm** **Memorial Service**
- 1:20pm** **Plenary 3**
Laity Address
Legislation
- 2:45pm** **Adjournment for the Day**

Saturday, July 17 | 9am - 3pm

- 8:45am** **Opening Music**
- 9am** **Plenary 4**
Welcome/Prayer
Bible Study with Bishop Trimble
Legislation
Break
- 10:30am** **Plenary 5**
Reports/Reflections
Legislation

- Noon** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm** **Retirement Service**
- 1:20pm** **Plenary 6**
Legislation
- 2:45pm** **Closing Celebration**

Conference Strategic Goals



GOAL #1

To grow and reach new disciples of Jesus Christ

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19: ESV)



GOAL #2

To live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching

[Jesus said] “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

(Matthew 22:36-39: ESV)



GOAL #1

To increase the number of highly vital congregations

All of you together are the body of Christ.
Each one of you is a part of that body.

(1 Corinthians 12:27: ICB)

Message from the Bishop

This annual conference session is the bridge between the end of one church year and the beginning of another. It is a time to hear about our work as the church in the past year and plan for our work as a church in the year ahead.

What a year it has been. Serving as your interim bishop since January, my tenure has been nothing like anything I have experienced before. Zooming from churches, to towns, to committees, to groups, I have seen and learned much. I have met with countless clergy and laity giving witness to our mission without driving one mile.

The theme of the 182nd Northern Illinois Annual Conference this year is “Jesus Makes a Way.” Building on the lyrics of “Way Maker,” written by Nigerian gospel star Sinach, we know Jesus as a miracle worker, promise keeper, and light in the darkness. Jesus has made a way in this in-between time as we moved into pandemic mode and now tentatively learn what it means to be on the other side.

In Matthew 14:13-21, we find Jesus preaching in the countryside to a massive following. As the day grows long, the disciples realize there is no food for the hungry crowds. They ask Jesus to send the crowd away so they can find food in neighboring villages. But Jesus replies: “They need not go away.” The disciples were concerned for the well-being of the crowd, but Jesus makes a way. Somehow a meager offering of five loaves and two fish are gathered up for Jesus’ blessing. Then this woeful supply of food is passed out to the crowd. The food keeps stretching and stretching and stretching. Five loaves and two fish feed the multitudes with leftovers to spare. In this miracle of hospitality, we learn that “all ate and were filled.” “Jesus Makes a Way.”

We have experienced Jesus making a way again and again in these past 15 months. Through the harnessing of technology for worship, fellowship and community. Through the pooling of our resources to feed and shelter those who have lost so much. Through the voices and witnesses against racism. Through the prayers of our congregations as we mourn more than 600,000 dead in the United States and more than 7 million who have died worldwide in this global pandemic. We mourn the suffering and we thank God that “Jesus Makes a Way.”

Our shift to a virtual world hasn’t been perfect. We are learning as we go. Even this year, our annual conference session is a compromise between what we know and love when we gather in person and what we can accomplish under challenging circumstances. We gather, bound by our common love of God and connected by our commitment to the United Methodist Church. Even as we name our losses, we celebrate what we have gained.

We have gained technical know-how. We have gained confidence in our witness. We have gained a deeper relationship with our Savior. We have gained a sense of priority. We are filled with thanksgiving as “Jesus Makes a Way.”

I pray that you will enter into this time of holy conferencing ready to be filled. Many have labored to provide this moment for us. Through the Memorial Service, Bible Study, Retirement Celebration, reports, reflections, and legislation, again and again, our theme is confirmed, “Jesus Makes a Way.”

~Interim Bishop John L. Hopkins

Memorial Service

Friday, July 16 (Video Premiere)

Welcome and Introduction – Bishop John L. Hopkins

Gathering Song – For All the Saints

Soloists – Dennis Oglesby Jr., Evanston: Sherman UMC

Sarah Bang – Flossmoor: South Suburban Korean UMC

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
sing to our God, the Christ and Holy Ghost

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Participating Organists: Mindy Pugh (Elgin: First), Eun Joo Ju (Oak Park: First), John Schuman (Park Ridge: First), Yangiu Choi (Flossmoor: South Suburban Korean) Josiah Montgomery (Chicago: East Side), Robert Neal (Chicago: St. Mark) playing the Greenstone UMC's historic 1882 Steere and Turner Opus #170 Manual Tracker Pipe Organ – Pullman National Monument.

Memorial Service (continued)

Lament I – State of Our Souls

REV. AMOS OLADIPO, (OAK LAWN: FIRST UMC AND PARK FOREST: GRACE UNITED PROTESTANT)
AND IKE OLU HARRY (Amos' granddaughter)

We should be grateful. Most of us still have a roof over our heads, food on our tables, clothes on our backs, a measure of health, and the affirmation that, through it all, "I'M STILL HERE!" And yet, we confess that we have become weary in the tribulations of this past year, and feel a certain sadness as we consider all that has been lost.

²³ **Wake up! Why are you sleeping, Lord?**

Get up! Don't reject us forever!

²⁴ **Why are you hiding your face,**

forgetting our suffering and oppression? (Psalm 44:23-24, CEB)

Over the past 17 months, we have witnessed the deaths of more than 600,000 of our fellow Americans and more than 3.5 million of our brothers and sisters, worldwide, to the Coronavirus alone. At this point, we all know someone who has been personally impacted by COVID-19. And yet, to be able to proclaim, "I'M STILL HERE" is no small affirmation.

²⁵ **Look: we're going down to the dust;
our stomachs are flat on the ground!**

²⁶ **Stand up! Help us!**

Save us for the sake of your faithful love. (Psalm 44:25-26, CEB)

We are grateful for our own lives and the lives of so many that we love, but we can't help missing that "great cloud of witnesses," being concerned for those who will still contract the virus and with a yearning to be in the same physical space with loved ones.

O God, help us! Save us for the sake of your faithful love!

For the brokenness of my people, I am crushed. I mourn; horror has gripped me.

²⁰ **The harvest has ended, the summer has passed and we are not saved!**

²² "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician here?" (Jeremiah 8:20-21, KJV)

We are exhausted by the waiting.

Memorial Service (continued)

Song (Please join in singing) – We’ve Been in the Storm

**We’ve been in the storm so long, O Lord, please give us some time to pray.
We’ve been in the storm so long, O Lord, please give us some time to pray.
Please give us some rest today.**

Charles Butts (Morris: First UMC)

Let’s take a moment to pray silently now . . .

Lament II – State of the Nation and World

LOIS MORELAND-DEAN, (CHICAGO: ST. MARK)

George Floyd became the current face of brutality and our inhumanity toward one another. A generation of young people got “sick and tired of being sick and tired” and took to the streets, while Zoom, livestream and texting stood in the gap for healing human contact. Our innate fear of the “Other” mutated and manifested itself in unspeakable violence toward non-white Americans and continued neglect of all women and children, here and abroad.

We sink down to the dust, our bodies cling to the ground.
Rise up and come to our help. Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love
(Psalm 44:25-26, NRSV)

We have placed our trust in the promise of democratic institutions and even they have been battered by our divides.

**Get up, God! Are you going to sleep all day?
Wake up! Don’t you care what happens to us?
Why do you bury your face in the pillow?
Why pretend things are just fine with us? (Psalm 44, CEB)**

Memorial Service (continued)

George's death will fade from our collective memories and another one of these videos will reignite the powder keg, with perhaps even more explosive results. Meanwhile, we all ache for gentle, healthy human touch and remember Jesus' words, "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and throw stones in order to kill those who are sent to you. Many times I have wanted to gather your people together. I have wanted to be like a hen who gathers her chicks under her wings. And you would not let me! (Matthew 23:37, NIRV) And yet, still we cry:

**Here we are—flat on our faces in the dirt,
held down with a boot on our necks!.**
If you love us so much, Help us! (Psalm 44:23-26, The Message)
Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love. (NIV)

Song (please join in singing) – We've Been in the Storm

We've been in the storm so long, O Lord, please give us some words to pray.
We've been in the storm so long, O Lord, please give us some words to pray.
Please give us some faith to pray.

Felicia Patton (Buffalo Grove: Kingswood)

Let's take a moment to pray silently now . . .

Lament III – The State of the Church

PASTOR INNIS LANDRUS MILLER (CHICAGO: GRACE CALVARY AND BLUE ISLAND: GRACE)

We are grieving about how much energy we've wasted, erecting fences, defining who's in and who is out.

While Jesus, the way maker ate with the outcasts, fed the hungry and offered sinners breathing room.

God help us ask, "What is the Spirit about?"

We've decided in advance which questions are acceptable and which aren't, afraid that we'll lose control if we question systemic evil, traditions that exclude and the sacred writings themselves. We've been afraid to let the Word of God made flesh give us the obvious answers to ethical questions upon which the Bible is silent. "What would Jesus do?"

Memorial Service (continued)

God help us ask, “What IS the Spirit about?”

We’ve stayed active in church for a lot of the wrong reasons, asking “How do we get people to do the work, so we can keep our buildings?” rather than asking guests and hungry souls, “What needs do you have that brought you here and how can we help you follow God’s call?”

We grieve for the lives that were lost, the precious persons who left while we debated, the spiritual life and energy wasted addressing the wrong questions, studying topics for which we already knew the answers.

From this day forth, help us ask, “What is the SPIRIT about?”

Song (please join in singing) – We’ve Been in the Storm

**We’ve been in the storm so long, O Lord, you’ve held us along the way.
We’ve been in the storm so long, O Lord, please lead us to life, we pray.
Please lead us in Jesus’ way.**

Fabiola Grandon-Mayer (Prairie North District Superintendent)

Let’s take a moment to pray silently now . . .

REV. NANCY BLADE (KANEVILLE)

Prayer for Staying Power: O Lord, as much as we are afflicted and oppressed, with our faces to the ground, we know that you “never slumber nor sleep; he is the Guardian -- God for his people.” (Psalm 121:3-4m, TPT). Lord, restore our weary, depleted souls. Help us, as the terrible, awful pandemic continues to rage across the earth, and as we continue to wander through the valley of the shadow of death. Help us not to be afraid, because you are with us. Help us, even as we are separated, not to feel isolated. Help us, O shepherd, not to live in lack, but to know your abundance. Help us, O Lord, not to give in to despair, but to see and give thanks for all that is good in our lives. Help us to see, that in the presence of the enemy, you give us tables that overflow with goodness. Thank you, O God, on this day, for your presence among us, and your promise to be with us, now and forever. AMEN.

Scripture –

LAURA DEAN FRIEDRICH (CHICAGO: PARISH OF THE HOLY COVENANT)

Matthew 5:9

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.”

– The Message

Memorial Service (continued)

JOANNE RAY (JOLIET: GRACE)

Ecclesiasticus 32:1-2

If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself;
be among them as one of their number.
Take care of them first and then sit down;
when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place,
So that you may be merry along with them
and receive a wreath for your excellent leadership.
–Apocryphal or Deuterocanonical Book

Message – A WREATH FOR YOUR EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP Bishop Hee Soo Jung

Act of Remembrance – Video & Music by Jeffrey Owen Roscoe, featuring “AdVentum”

Active Clergy – Joseph T. Kim

Retired Clergy – Robert E. Ash

Aaron Louis Johnson
William Blomberg
George Ewing Ogle
Linda Lou Bacon Eller
Mason E. Scholl
Barbara Diane Gillham
Raymond Thomas Vosburgh
Seymour Halford
Thomas John Walker
Roland Harkleroad
James McKendree Wall

Song: Fix me for my long white robe, fix me Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my starry crown, fix me Jesus, fix me.
Oh, fix me. Oh fix me. Oh fix me, fix me Jesus, fix me.

Natarsha Gardner (Freeport: First), Laura Johnson (Elgin: First)

Retired Clergy Spouses – Priscilla Darby Lovell
Brenda F. Dye

Memorial Service (continued)

Surviving Spouses – Eleanor Jane L. Rogers
Ruth C. Brown
Helen Naumann
Anna Hergert

Song: Fix me when I walk alone, fix me Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my journey home, fix me Jesus, fix me.

NIC Staff – Woody Bedell

Song: Fix me for the road ahead, fix me Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my dying bed, fix me Jesus, fix me.

Lay Members of the Conference – Gerald Hayes
Deji (Aydodeji) Sanyaolu

Song: Fix me for my work ahead, fix me Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my dying bed, fix me Jesus, fix me.
Oh, fix me. Oh fix me. Oh fix me, fix me, Jesus fix me.

Song – Hope by Jason Robert Brown

Vocalist – Joanne Ray, accompanied by Kevin McOlgan (both from Grace: Joliet)

I come to sing a song about hope.
I'm not inspired much right now, but even so . . .
I came out here to sing a song, so here I go.
I guess I think – that if I tinker long enough one might appear.
And look, it's here.
One verse is done.
The work's begun.

I come to sing a song about hope, in spite of everything ridiculous and sad.
Though I'm beyond belief, depressed, confused, and mad.
Well, I got dressed.
I underestimated how much that would take.
I didn't break.
Until right now.
I sing of hope – and don't know how.

Memorial Service (continued)

So maybe I can substitute “strength” because I’m strong –
I’m strong enough.
I got through lots of things I didn’t think I could.
And so did you.
I know that’s true.

And so, we sing a song about hope.
Though I can’t guarantee there’s something real behind it.
We have to try to our children we can find it.
And so today, when life is crazy and impossible to bear,
It must be there.
Fear never wins.
That’s what I hope.
See? I said “hope”.

Litany of Renewal part 1 (Toward a new way of being and living)

JUNG J KIM (PROSPECT HEIGHTS: CENTRAL KOREAN)

As a final movement to this memorial Suite, please sing along and pray that Jesus would make a way for us to become
a new church, a new community; people that know deep in our gut, that we are all beloved, that we don’t have to
compete for any resources; they are all God’s, the gifts and resources are here for all of us to share.

As we sing Sinach’s beautiful song, we ask you to join us in confessing our truth, both who we’ve been, who we are
and who we want to become.

We have been grieving the loss of time, loss of our own souls and convictions, the loss of freedom to follow Jesus
because of our addiction to comfort, privilege and control.

All: “Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine”.... (from For All the Saints - vs. 4).

Memorial Service (continued)

LEAH OSTWALD (DOWNERS GROVE: FIRST)

Stuck in the weeds, entangled by our own habits and social sin, liberate us to make a way for a new movement within our good institution. Give us clear vision, so we see all creation and siblings as connected, held together by you, the Great Spirit and all human beings.

All: We are all related....Mitaku-yeh Oyasin. We are all related! (Frank Waln – Lakota)

²I lifted up my eyes and saw, behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand! I said, “Where are you going?” And he said, “To measure the city of God, to see what is its width and length.” (Zechariah 2:1-2, NKJV)

All: May we lift up our eyes and see that your realm is bigger than our geography and imaginations. May the width and the length of our annual conference be without measure.

³“Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls....I will be to her a wall of fire all around and I will be the glory in her midst.” (Zechariah 2:4-5, NKJV)

All: May the Northern Illinois Conference be full of your Glory, O God!

Song – Way Maker Reprise

You are here moving in our midst, we worship You, we worship You.
You are here working in this place we worship You, we worship You. (repeat)

Chorus

You are Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are – Repeat 2 times.

Bridge: Christopher Grady (North Central College Class of '22)

Shackled in chains like Daniel in the lion's den
Black culture be the peace we confide in
From the bottom to the top we rise
By the mercy of the Lord who is seated on high
Through all adversity, we still embrace with a smile
Because revenge feels good until you're bitter inside
So we praise the one who makes a way out of nothing
Creator of the stars and the creator of color
Through trails and tribulations not a lot has changed
But we count it all glory to the wonderful king!

Memorial Service (continued)

Bridge: Joel Medina (Des Plaines: Nuevo Amanecer UMC)

We believe in equality, of humanity
Because in God, we see the plurality
We know Jesus loves us all
Why would we want to build a wall?

Way Maker make your new reality
Birth in us your new humanity
Abrimos nuestros brazos al otro
We open our arms to every other!

Chorus (2 times)

Bridge: Catherine Inserra (Deaconess – Kids Above All)

Then there's fragility, the inability, to relate to the sense of futility
Dismiss our-cry's acceptability, label objection as incivility
Absent humility, more hostility, indifference a recipe for volatility.
Way Maker save me, remake me with your One-for-all sensibility!

Bridge: Darneather Murph-Heath (Retired District Superintendent)

Way Maker. I'm on your image
"I don't see color" makes me grimace
My color is not all of me, but
You don't color? You don't see me!
Under law we're due equality
Why's this still our sad reality?
Justice is, love in public
Help us fix this sick republic

Chorus – extended

NIC Way Maker Gospel Choir: 2021

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Memorial Service (continued)

Litany of Rededication part II (Toward new being and living)

JOHN SANSONE (CHICAGO: EPWORTH)

4 “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for I come and will dwell in your midst,” declares Yahweh. “Many nations shall join themselves to me and you shall all be my people.” (Zechariah 2:10, NKJV)

All: Come dwell in our midst and transfigure us with holy fire from within!

We will work and invite the nations of diverse peoples into your bethel, those who do not yet believe they are welcomed by You or by us.

All: As when you moved in the acts of the early apostles, we will be buoyed by your Spirit and amazed that ‘gentile and jew’ can fall in love with each other and with You.

As for me, I will look to Jesus, the way-maker. I will follow the God of our salvation.

All: May God be the glory, the bright light of love and caring in our midst!

Benediction: Bishop John L. Hopkins

Postlude: We’ve Been in the Storm

**We’ve been in the storm so long, O Lord, please give us some hope today.
We’ve been in the storm so long, O Lord, please give us the strength to stay
And lead us in Jesus’ way and fill us with love today.**

With Vreneli V. Esguerra, Gigi V. Mencias, Litany V. Esguerra and Celinne V. Mencias

Memorial Service (continued)

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Retirement Service

A Ritual to Honor Retirees and Pass the Mantle

Saturday, July 17 (Video Premiere)

Gathering - The Anthem – Harvey: Transformation Community UMC, The Legacy Dance Group

Greeting and Reflections – Bishop John L. Hopkins

Hymn of Praise – Joyful, Joyful UMC Hymnal #89

- 1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
- 2) All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect the rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3) Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
- 4) Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer – Connor Hagemeyer

“God, this is a day of new beginnings:
a time to remember but not leave behind;
a time to believe what love is bringing;
a time to seek the new paths we are sure to find.
We know you are alive and go before us
to show and to share what your love can do.
Let us now praise God who makes all things new! AMEN.”

Retirement Service (continued)

Recognizing the Retirees – Bishop Hopkins and Rev. Arlene W. Christopherson

Siblings in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you. You were charged to preach hope and love to the brokenhearted, to visit prisoners and those held captive, to anoint those who were bruised. These things you have done.

We thank God for the community of the faithful in which you responded to God's call.

Countless persons have depended upon you for help.

You have helped so many to experience how both suffering and joy can lead to loving God.

At your ordination, you received authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to Order the life of the Church.

At your consecration, you received authority to equip the people of God, and to embody the unity of the congregation's worship with its life in the world.

By God's grace you did many things that seemed to be beyond your power.

We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful.

Death and illness have not come on schedule.

The truth has not always been easy to preach.

We know something of the grace by which you have lived, and we thank God for your vision.

Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you.

Continue to be true to your calling.

May God's love and power be with you always.

Let us pray together.

All: God of grace, you fill your servants with the vision.

You empower your servants with your Spirit.

We give thanks for the ministry of these people,

and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them.

Give them a sense of your abiding presence,

that they may continue to love and serve you,

and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

Retirement Service (continued)

Retiring Class of 2021 (Years of Service) – Timothy J. Biel Sr. (11)
Sherrie Lowly (22.25)
Young Eun Choi (35)
Chung-Nam Kwak (32)
Richard S. Darr (23)
Terry McDorman (6)
Judith Marie Giese (32)
Darneather Murph-Heath (25)
Barbara L. Good (34)
Becky Nicol (8.5)
Donna C. Hoffman (9.5)
Pastor Janice G. Shaulis (7.75)
Christine S. Hoffmeyer (38.5)
Dwight A. Stewart (41.5)
Michael Scott Stoner (36.5)

Responses from the Retiring Class

In keeping with our theme, Jesus Makes a Way, the retiring clergy were invited to reflect on one of the following questions:

Where in your faith journey did you see Jesus making a way for you?
What challenges has Jesus helped you get through?
Where do you see God making a way for those who are entering ministry now?
When was a time that God fed you, and you were filled?
When were you surprised by God's directions that turned into miracles?

Passing the Mantle – Bishop Hopkins

In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry.
The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

I transfer this mantle from our generation to the young,
indicating that the responsibilities and dedication of the older generation
will be caught up and carried on by the young,
and the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon today's Elishas.

Rev. Chung-Nam Kwak

Grant Swanson, Violet Johnicker, Sun-Ah Kang and Hope Chernich

We who come after you take up the mantle which falls upon us.
May we inherit a double share of your spirit.

Retirement Service (continued)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord,
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

Bishop Hopkins

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Closing – Riverside Gospel Medley, I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, Down by the Riverside Chorus

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time! (2x)

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time! (2x)

V1 My hatred's a burden, I ain't down for a ride
 Somehow got magnified, in me and nationwide
 My hatred's a burden, no way it's justified.
 Gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time! (2x)

V2 Gonna walk with the prince of peace, when trouble comes alive
 look evil in the eye when principalities collide.
 Gonna lay down my sword, reveal Way Maker's gentle side
 Gonna study war no more.

I'm gonna live so You can use me anywhere, Lord, any time! (2x)

Retirement Service (continued)

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I want to live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time! (2x)

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Dismissal with Blessing – Bishop Hopkins

For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven.
So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure,
fields of service not yet touched.
With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley:
May the world be your parish.

All: Go into the world and respond to the love of Christ in all you do.
Live out the vision God has given you.
May God's mercy, grace, and peace be with you.
May you be channels for God's mercy, grace, and peace
to the world wherever you may be!

Amen!
Amen!

Bishop Hopkins
People

Retirement Service (continued)

Postlude – Keep on Making a Way by Chicago: St. Mark C.F.C.

Keeps on making a way
over and over again.

You're always bringing me out
over and over again.

Lord, You've done so much,
all to You I owe...

[Chorus:]
I will ever sing Your praise,
glory to Your name,
keeps on making a way for me.

Keeps on making a way for me,
opening doors for me,
taking care of me.

Keeps on,
keeps on making a way for me,
opening doors for me,
taking care of me.

Retirement Service (continued)

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The Board of Laity provides this reporting guide in order to help you fulfill one of your responsibilities as a Lay Member to Annual Conference. As outlined in our Book of Discipline, “The lay member(s) of the annual conference, along with the pastor, shall serve as an interpreter of the actions of the annual conference session. These persons shall report to the local church council on the actions of the annual conference as soon as possible, but not later than three months after the close of the conference.” Your Board of Laity suggests that you also make a report to your entire congregation during worship or in a written report in your church newsletter.

This reporting guide will provide a means for you to take notes on personal highlights and take aways from the various sessions of Annual Conference.

DAY ONE: Friday, July 16

PLENARY 1 – 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY – July 16 and 17 Bishop Trimble

PLENARY 2 – 10:30AM

Lay Member Reporting Guide (continued)

MEMORIAL SERVICE – 12:30PM

LAITY ADDRESS – 1:20PM

PLENARY 3 – 1:20PM

Lay Member Reporting Guide (continued)

DAY TWO: Saturday, July 16

PLENARY 4 – 9:00AM

PLENARY 5 – 10:10AM

RETIREMENT SERVICE – 12:30PM

PLENARY 6 – 1:20PM

Lay Member Reporting Guide (continued)

CLOSING CELEBRATION – 2:45PM

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The Service for Ordination and Commissioning will be held
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ABLC – Appointed Beyond the Local Church
 ACST – Annual Conference Shepherding Team
 ACC – Annual Conference Committee
 ARTF – Anti-Racism Task Force
 BMCR – Black Methodists for Church Renewal
 BOD – Book of Discipline
 BOL – Board of Laity
 BOOM – Board of Ordained Ministry
 CBPHB – Conference Council on Pension and Health Benefits
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 CCFA – Conference Council on Finance and Administration
 CLM – Certified Lay Minister
 CCORR – Conference Commission on Religion and Race
 COSROW – Commission on Status and Role of Women
 DCD – Director of Congregational Development
 DCM – Director of Connectional Ministries
 DCOM – District Committee on Ordained Ministry
 DS – District Superintendent
 DST – District Shepherding Team
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 GBGM – General Board of Global Ministries
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 GBOD – General Board of Discipleship

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 NCJ – North Central Jurisdiction
 NIJFON – Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors
 OAM – Older Adult Ministries
 ORM – Outdoor and Retreat Ministries
 SR – Standing Rules
 UMC – United Methodist Church
 UMCOM – United Methodist Communications
 UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief
 UMF – United Methodist Foundation
 UMM – United Methodist Men
 UMGAFF – United Methodist Global AIDS Fund
 UMPH – United Methodist Publishing House
 UMRC – United Media Resource Center
 UMW – United Methodist Women
 VIM – Volunteers in Mission

Terms

Alternate Member: One who is elected to serve should the member of their congregation be unable to attend or participate in Annual Conference.

Bar (of the Conference): The boundaries that define the area in which votes for Annual Conference matters may be cast.

Building Beloved Community: Provided by CORR and COSROW offering reflections on participation, tone and balance of proceedings.

Daily Proceedings: Order of business while we are together as an Annual Conference.

Delegate: One is elected as a delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference.

Member: One is a clergy or lay member of Annual Conference Session.

Motion: The way the Conference acts on legislation. For example, should someone want to amend a piece of legislation that is before the Annual Conference, you would seek the Bishop's attention and state "I move we amend ____" (filling in the blank with the way they would like to see the document amended). If that motion is seconded, it would be brought before the Conference for action.

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Order of the Day: The agenda as agreed upon by the Annual Conference and established by the Chair of Daily Proceedings in consultation with the Bishop.

Organizing Motions: Motions made at the beginning of our work so that we all know what the agreed upon rules for working together are, for example: where people with a vote are allowed to sit, where people without a vote are allowed to sit (there are other rules as well).

Plenary: The plenary comprises all members entitled to be seated within the bar of Annual Conference Session.

Point of Order: A call to attention to make sure that the correct procedure is being followed.

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Robert's Rules of Order: Rules by which we have agreed to function as we meet. A motion needs a second in order for it to be voted upon, etc. so that there is a method to our work together.

Second: Someone agrees with the motion and desires the body proceed to work with motion.



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