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Bishop Sally Dyck, Presiding

Rev. Deborah Tinsley-Taylor, Secretary

THE MISSION OF OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“The purpose of the 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. (Par. 601)

THE VISION OF OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Making and supporting vital Christians in vital congregations that engage with their communities and the world for peace, justice and mercy”.

CORE VALUES

In responding together to God's call for our Annual Conference, we desire a culture that values:

- Focus on mission
- Evaluation, accountability and support for growth
- Experimentation and risk-taking (with room for failure) for the purpose of learning
- Transparency
- Honesty and graciousness with each other
- Safe spaces for sharing
- Relationship-building
- Provision of resources/services closer to the local church
- Fostering and celebrating diversity (as a conference, in our community and in the world)

Presented at Annual Conference, Sunday, June 5, 2016

THE CABINET



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Lisa Kruse-Safford
District Superintendent
Rockford

2016 ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING CLASS



The candidates for full membership and ordination as deacon or elder. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Linny Khin Hartzell, Fabiola Grandon-Mayer, Esther EunJin Lee, Bishop Sally Dyck, Brittany Cox, Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Hyang Sook Choi; (back row, left to right): Thomas Yang, Lawrence A. Paris, Hong-kien Jeremiah Lee, Megan A. Smick, Hannah Linnea Kardon, Mary Elizabeth Bohall, Grace Kang Oh, Jin Yang Kim, Kimberly N. Lewis-Davis, Carolyn Lukasick, William Edward Green. (Not pictured: DooSoo Lee)



The candidates for provisional membership and commissioning as deacon or elder. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Ran Yoo, Bishop Sally Dyck, Nancy Carol Lee Grim Hunter, Tiffany Garcea; (back row, left to right): Juyeon (Julie) Jeon, Pamela Lee Pirtle, Chan Ik Choi, Yeonshin Rosa Lee.

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**DOCUMENT 100 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
NOMINATING COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT – JUNE 2016**

In accordance with the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Conference, the following persons, shown in **BOLD FACE** have been elected at this 2016 Annual Conference, to serve for the new Quadrennium, through June 30, 2020 or as noted at the end of this report. These newly elected persons, along with the others listed, form the official membership of these committees.

001 Council on Finance and Administration

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

Name	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Rob Hamilton (2010) (Chair)	D	C	W	M	Young	
Amos Oladipo (2012)	CNW	C	B	M	Adult	
Kelli Beard (2012)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	
Teri Lafferty (2012)	R	C	W	F	Adult	
Abbey Ogunbola (2012)	CNW	L	B	M	Adult	
Joyce Frankfother (2012)	D	L	W	F	Older	
Lynette Rice (2012)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Luis Reyes (2012)	A	C	H	M	Adult	
Ed Page (2013)	CS	L	B	M	Adult	
Rudy Smith (2013)	CS	L	B	M	Adult	
Stephanie Uhl (2012)	CS	L	W	F	Young	
John Peter Meyers (2013)	D	C	W	M	Older	
Stephanie Escher (2016)	CNW	C	NA	F	Adult	
Tammy Scott (2015)	A	C	W	F	Adult	
Scort Christy (2016)	CNW	C	A	M	Adult	
Cynthia Zolk (2016)	CS	C	W	F	Older	
Consultant: Andrea Davidson	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Treasurer: Lonnie Chafin	CNW	L	W	M	Adult	
Cabinet Representative: Jacques Conway						

002 Committee on Personnel

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Pamela Pirtle (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	2020
Avani Cosset Christian (2012)	A	C	A	F	Adult	2016
Cheryl Haack (2015)	CNW	L	W	F	Older	2019
Betty Erickson (2015)	A	L	W	F	Adult	2019
Janet Kyte (2016)	E	L	W	F	Adult	2020
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Treasurer: Lonnie Chafin (2000)	CNW	L	W	M	Adult	
Human Relations: Woody Bedell						

003 Committee on Nominations

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Cerna Rand

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Ligaya Marasigan (2015)	CNW	L	A	F	Adult	2020
Colleen M. Norman (2012)	E	C	B	F	Adult	2020
Jonathan Crail (2010)	CS	C	W	M	Adult	2017
Cerna Castro Rand (2010) (Chair)	E	C	A	F	Adult	2017
James Loeppert (2009)	E	L	W	M	Adult	2017
Nancy Jean Pendergrass (2016)	CNW	L	W	F	Adult	2020
Mary Rawlinson (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	2020
Ayla Samson (2016)	CS	C	A	F	Adult	2020
Gary Waters (2016)	E	C	W	M	Adult	2020
Cabinet Representative: Darneather Murph-Heath	E	C	B	F	Adult	
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Jessie Cunningham	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
UMW Rep.: Jessie Cunningham	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
UMM Rep.: George Groves	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Retired Clergy Assoc. Rep.:						
Council on Youth Ministries Rep.:						
Young Adult Council Rep.:						
Fellowship of Asian Americans Rep.:						
Black Methodists for Church Renewal Rep.: Deborah Dangerfield	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
LaJunta Rep.: Ramiro Rodriguez (2016)	CS	C	H	M	Adult	

004 Annual Conference Committee

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
William Green (2010)	E	C	W	M	Young	
Alka Lyall (2012) (Chair)	CNW	C	A	F	Adult	
Esther Lee (2014)	A	C	A	F	Young	
Nancy Vidad (2013)	R	C	A	F	Adult	
Marc E. Dean (2012)	CS	L	B	M	Adult	
Terry McDorman (2012)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Tedd Steele (2012)	A	C	W	M	Young	
David Jungnickel (2014)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Katie Voigt (2015)	R	C	W	F	Adult	
Barbara Farley (2016)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Melissa Meyers (2016)	D	C	W	F	Adult	
Hyerncherl Paul Lee (2015)	D	C	A	M	Adult	
Sharon Rice (2016)	A	C	W	F	Young	
Deborah Tinsley Taylor (Conference Secretary)	A	C	B	F	Adult	
Jack Ryder (Asst. Sec. Standing Rules)	CS	L	W	M	Adult	
FAA: Sung Ja Lee Moon (ex-officio)	E	C	A	F	Adult	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Mark Manzi (2016)	A	L	W	M	Adult	

006 Credentials Committee

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Cerna Rand

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Ryan Sutton (2010) (Chair)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Roger Curless (2010)	A	L	W	M	Older	
Christopher Druce Jones (2010)	R	C	B	M	Adult	
*Diana Davis (2016)	CNW	L	B	B	Adult	
Rose Faulkner (2016)	CS	L	B	F	Older	
Kathy Dickerson (2016)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Conference Registrar:						

008 Board of Pensions

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Jim Loeppert

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Sandra Jones (2010)	CS	L	B	F	Adult	2024
Dennis Langdon (2012)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	2020
Emery Percell (2012)	CS	C	W	M	Older	2020
Juancho Campaño (2013)	A	C	A	M	Adult	2020
Caleb Hong (2014)	A	C	A	M	Adult	2020
*Daniel Diss (2016)	A	C	W	M	Adult	2024
Michael Mann (2016)	A	C	W	M	Adult	2024
C. Estelle Beaumont (2016)	E	L	W	F	Older	2024
Christina Vosteen (2016)	CS	C	W	F	Adult	2024
Rod Dye (2016)	D	C	W	M	Adult	2024
Lisa Schilling (2016)	E	L	W	F	Adult	2019
Lindsey Joyce (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Young	2020
Katherine Paisley (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	2024
Stephen C. Williams (2016)	E	C	W	M	Adult	2024
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Josie Martinez (GBOPHB Support Staff)						
Treasurer: Lonnie Chafin (2000)	CNW	L	W	M	Adult	
Human Relations: Woody Bedell		L	W	M	Adult	

009 Board of Trustees

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Jim Loeppert

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Joseph Johnson (2014) (Chair)	E	C	W	M	Adult	2020
Timothy Biel Sr. (2010)	CS	C	W	M	Older	2020
Martha Rudy (2012)	CNW	L	W	F	Adult	2018
Robert Burkhart (2007)	CNW	C	W	M	Older	2017
Constance Augsburger (2012)	D	L	NA/W	F	Adult	2020
Vern White (2014)	R	L	W	M	Older	2018
Walton Davis, Jr. (2016)	CS	L	B	M	Older	2019
*Jon Stewart (2016)	D	L	W	M	Adult	2020
*George Wentworth (2016)	E	L	W	M	Older	2017
*Gary Kaufman (2016)	R	L	W	M	Older	2018
Alvin Vidad (2016)	R	L	A	M	Adult	2019
Chafin, Lonnie (Conf. Treasurer)		L	W	M	Adult	
Cabinet Rep.: Martin Lee	CS	C	A	M	Adult	

013 Archives & History

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Keck Mowry (2012)	E	C	W	M	Adult	
Dan Swinson (ex-officio)(Conf. Historian)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Carol Noren (ex-officio)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	
Betty Lusk (ex-officio) NJC	CS	L	B	F	Older	
Donald Lusk (ex-officio) African American Heritage Center	CS	L	B	M	Older	
Richard Wang (ex-officio)	R	C	W	M	Older	
Deanna Moore Mede (2015) (ex-officio)	R	C	W	F	Adult	
*Kimberly Davis (2016) (ex-officio)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	

020 Board of Ordained Ministry

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

Appointed by Bishop, elected by Annual Conference

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Bell, James (2016)	E	E	W	M		
Bross, Jeffry (2016)	A	E	W	M		
Byrne, Brenda (2016)	R	E	W	F		
Cheema, Jane (2016)	CNW	D	W	F		
Cunningham, Jessie (2016)	CS	L	B	F		
Darr, Rich (2016)	A	E	W	M		
Davis, Walton (2016)	CS	L	B	M		
Engert, Sharon (2016)	A	LP	W	F		
Friedrich, Laura Dean (2016)	CNW	L	W	F		
Gilbert, Brian (2016)	D	E	W	M		
Grandon-Mayer, Fabiola (2016)	R	E	H	F		
Himel, Scott (2016)	R	E	W	M		
Hong, Yong-Min (Caleb) (2016)	A	E	A	M		
Jang, Sejoon (2016)	R	E	A	M		
Johnson, Joseph (2016)	E	E	W	M		
Judd, Paul (2016)	D	E	W	M		
Marasigan, Ligaya (2016)	CNW	L	A	F		
Meyers, Melissa (2016)	D	E	W	F		
Moon, Soong-In (2016)	CNW	E	A	M		
Oh, Hyo Sun (2016)	D	E	A	F		
Rice, Lynette (2016)	E	L	W	F		
Roh, Kenneth (2016)	A	E	A	M		
Telomen, Lisa (2016)	CS	E	W	F		
Williams, Doug (2016)	R	E	W	M		
Anderson, Cynthia (2014)	A	E	W	F	Adult	
Dickson, Wesley (2014)	D	E	W	M	Adult	
Elder, Ann (2014)	D	L	W	F	Adult	
Myers, Mark (2014)	R	E	W	M	Young	
Rogers, Derrick (2014)	A	E	W	M	Young	
Rossmiller, Pam (2014)	R	E	W	F	Adult	

Brock, Kathy (2013)	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
Gross, Gregory (2013)	CNW	D	W	M	Young	
Hayes, Gerald (2013)	CNW	L	B	M	Older	
Javier, Pong (2013)	CNW	L	A	M	Older	
Jones, Christopher Druce (2013)	R	E	B	M	Adult	
Jueng, Ouk-Yean (2013)	E	E	A	F	Adult	
Langdon, Dennis (2012)	CS	E	B	M	Adult	
Mikels, Lynn (2012)	E	D	W	F	Adult	
Nieves, Miguel (2012)	A	A	H	M	Adult	
Preston, James (2012)	D	E	W	M	Adult	
Scates, Sheryl (2012)	R	D	W	F	Adult	
Woo, Kyeong Ah (Kay) (2012)	E	E	A	F	Adult	
Culpepper, Calvin (2011)	R	E	B	M	Adult	
Doh, Eun Bae (2011)	E	E	A	M	Adult	
Marino, Cindy (2011)	A	E	W	F	Adult	
Reed, Adonna Davis (2011)	CS	E	B	F	Adult	
Talbert, Allison (2011)	CS	D	B	F	Adult	
Dorr, Wesley (2010)	CNW	D	W	M	Young	
King, Claude (2010)	CS	E	B	M	Adult	
Pulgar-Hughes, Shirley (2009)	CNW	LP	H	F	Adult	
Taylor Sanders, Michelle (2009)	CS	E	B	F	Adult	
Anderson, Danita (2008) (Chair)	A	E	B	F	Adult	
Aves, Kris (2008)	D	L	W	F	Adult	
Harden, Harlene (2008)	D	E	B	F	Adult	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Jessie Cunningham	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
BOD 635.1: Dick Wisdom						

022 Equitable Compensation Commission

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
David W. Davies, Jr. (2012) (chair)	D	C	W	M	Older	
Larry Dunlap-Berg (2016)	CNW	C	W	M	Adult	
Cindy Nelson	A	L	W	F	Older	
BOD 625.1: Darneather Murph-Heath	E	C	B	F	Adult	

028 Episcopacy Committee

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Sung Ja Lee Moon (2010)	E	C	A	F	Adult	
Don Plock (2014)	R	L	W	M	Adult	
Greg Chapman (2016)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Jacqueline P. Ford (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Rita L. Smith (2016)	CNW	L	B	F	Adult	
Timothy Biel, Jr. (2010)	CS	C	W	M	Adult	
Board of Trustees Rep. Harry Nicol	E	C	W	M	Older	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Jessie Cunningham	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
Appointed 2010: Greta McDonald	A	C	W	F	Adult	
Appointed 2011: Adonna D. Reid	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Appointed 2016: Phil Frey	D	L	W	M	Adult	
Appointed 2016: Wesley Dickson	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Appointed 2016: Jeffrey Brace	R	L	W	M	Adult	
Jurisdictional Episcopacy: Gregory Gross	CNW	C	W	M	Adult	
Jurisdictional Episcopacy: Elisa Gatz	D	L	NA	F	Adult	

032 Committee on Investigation

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

Appointed by Bishop and not elected by Annual Conference.

Presented for information only.

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Anna Shinn (2016)	A	C	A	F	Adult	2020
Luis Reyes (2016)	A	C	H	M	Adult	2020
Jane Eesley (2016)	R	C	W	F	Adult	2020
Brian Gilbert (2016)	D	C	W	M	Adult	2020
Greg Chapman (2016)	A	L	W	M	Adult	2020
Vivian Matthews (2016)	CNW	L	B	F	Adult	2020
Jack Ryder (2016)	CS	L	W	M	Adult	2020
alternates						
Ryan Sutton (2016)	D	C	W	M	Adult	2020
Anne Hampson (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	2020
John Wesley Lee (2016)	R	C	W	M	Adult	2020
Mark Himel (2016)	A	L	W	M	Adult	2020
Phil Frey (2016)	D	L	W	M	Adult	2020
Sue Layng (2016)	R	L	W	F	Adult	2020

044 Congregational Development and Redevelopment

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

Appointed by Superintendents. Not elected by Annual Conference.

Presented for information only.

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Cecilia Harris (Chair)	E	C	B	F	Adult	
Jeffry Gross (2016)	A	C	W	M	Adult	
Rich Fassig (2015)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Hwa-Young Chong (2015)	CNW	C	A	F	Adult	
Jeff Brace	R	L	W	M	Adult	
Walton Davis, Jr. (2015)	CS	L	B	M	Older	
Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment: Martin Lee	CS	C	A	M	Adult	

045 Keagy/Town and Rural Committee

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

Appointed by Rockford and DeKalb District. Not elected by Annual Conference.

Presented for information only.

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Karen Hundrieser (Chair) (2016)	D	C	W	F	Adult	
Bonnie Davies	D	C	W	F	Older	
Jean Frey	D	L	W	F	Older	
Ann Hecathorn	D	L	W	F	Adult	
Bob Oorlog	R	L	W	M	Adult	
Bev Lundquist	D	L	W	F	Older	
John Wesley Lee (2014)	R	C	W	M	Adult	
June Slick	R	L	W	F	Adult	
Ex-officio DeKalb DS: Young-Mee Park	D	C		F	Adult	
Ex-officio Rockford DS: Lisa Kruse- Safford	R	C		F	Adult	

060 Program Council

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Officers:						
Chris Winkler (2012) (Chair)	E	C	W	M	Adult	
Carol Hill (2013) (Secretary)	CNW	C	W	F	Young	
Program Ministry Chairs:						
Nurture:						
Outreach: Mary Zajac	A	C	W	F	Adult	
Witness/Advocacy: P. Devon Brown	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
Members at Large:						
Elizabeth Bowes (2014)	A	C	W	F	Adult	
Kristina Gaughan (2016)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Deborah L. Dangerfield (2016)	C	L	B	F	Adult	
Linda Lowery	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Mark Manzi (2016)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Lonnie Chafin (Conf. Treasurer)		L	W	M	Adult	
Anne Marie Gerhardt (Conference Director of Communications)		L	W	F	Adult	
UMW Social Action Coordinator: Beverly Bochenek	CNW	L	B	F	Adult	
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment: Martin Lee	CS	C	A	M	Adult	

061 Board of Church and Society

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Wendy A. Witt (2012) (Chair)	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Tiffany Garcea (2016)	CS	C	W	F	Young	
Paula Schwartzwalder (2012)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Ted Steele (2010)	A	C	W	M	Young	
Doug Asbury (2012)	CS	C	W	M	Older	
Rita L. Smith (2016)	CNW	L	B	F	Adult	
Jim Best (2016)	A	C	W	M	Adult	
Betsy E. Ingstrup (2012)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Luther Mason (2016)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
UMW Social Action Chair: Beverly Bochenek	CNW	L	B	F	Adult	

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NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
062a Education Work Area:						
Committee on Nominations Liaison:						
Dan Diss (2014)	A	C	W	M	Adult	
Sharon Rice (2012)	A	C	W	F	Young	
Cindy Nelson	A	L	W	F	Older	
David Aslesen	CNW	C	W	M	Adult	
062b Evangelism Work Area:						
Committee on Nominations Liaison: Jonathan Crail						
Robert Sathuri (2012) (Chair)	A	C	A	M	Adult	
Monty Fox (2012)	R	C	W	M	Adult	
Bob Carroll	R	C	W	M	Older	
Lillie Childs (2012)	CNW	L	B	F	Older	
Fabiola Grandon-Mayer (2016)	R	C	A	M	Adult	
Juyeon Jeon (2016)	E	C	A	F	Adult	
John Wesley Lee (2016)	R	C	W	M	Adult	
Conference Evangelist: Rich Rubietta	E	C	W	M	Adult	
Conference UMW Membership Coordinator: Kathy Welk	R	L	W	F	Adult	
062c Spiritual Formation Work Area:						
Committee on Nominations Liaison:						
Sara Rosellini (2012)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Judy Pohlman (2012) (chair)	E	L	W	F	Older	
Paul Andrew Judd (2010)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Irene Taylor (2012)	E	C	B	F	Adult	
Barb Miller (2010)	CNW	L	W	F	Adult	
Bonnie Rich (2016)	CNW	L	W	F	Older	
Colleen M. Norman (2016)	E	C	B	F	Adult	
Jan Shaulis (2013)	D	C	W	F	Adult	
*Mi-Sook Yoo (2016)	E	C	A	F	Adult	
Brian Roots (2016)	CNW	C	W	M	Adult	
Fritz Bartels	CS	C	W	M	Adult	
UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Varsha Parmar	CNW	L	A	F	Adult	
062e Worship Work Area:						
Committee on Nominations Liaison:						
Kathryn Harr (2014)	CNW	L	W	F	Older	
Avani Christian (2015)	A	C	A	F	Young	
Jacqueline P. Ford (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Marlene Stratton (2016)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
David Aslesen (2016)	CNW	C	W	M	Adult	
Leanne Keate (2016)	D	C	W	F	Adult	
Consultant: Andrea Davidson (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
062f Safe Sanctuary:						
Committee on Nominations Liaison:						
Linda Lowery (2012) (Chair)	E	L	W	F	Adult	
Jackie Wills (2016)	D	C	W	F	Adult	
Staff Liaison: Natarsha Gardner	E	L	B	F	Adult	
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	

063 Board of Global Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Mary Ann Burson (2013)	E	L	W	F	Older	
Larry Dunlap-Berg (2012)	CNW	C	W	M	Young	
Mary Bohall (2015)	R	C	W	F	Young	
Hyewon Sophia Hyon (2016)	D	C	A	F	Adult	
Danice Loveridge (2016)	R	C	W	F	Adult	
Christina Meyer (2016)	D	L	W	F	Adult	
Conference Mission Secretary: Shirley Pulgar Hughes	CNW	C	H	F	Adult	
Aurora District Mission Secretary: Steve Mindrup	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Chicago NW Mission Sec:						
Chicago So. Mission Sec: Jan Stone-Paris	CS	L	W	F	Adult	
DeKalb District Mission Co-Sec: Ed Heyer	D	C	W	M	Older	
DeKalb District Mission Co-Sec: Linda Frana	D	L	W	F	Adult	
Elgin District Mission Secretary: Eunbae Doh	E	C	A	M	Adult	
Rockford District Mission Sec:						
NIC UMW E&I Coordinator: Susan Johnson	D	L	W	F	Adult	
Aurora District UMW E&I Coordinator: Barbra Farley	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Chicago NW UMW E&I Coordinator: Hae Shin	CNW	L	A	F		
Chicago Sou. UMW E&I Coordinator: Clara Houston	CS	L	B	F		
DeKalb Dist. UMW E&I Coordinator: Cherie Quillman	D	L	W	F		
Elgin Dist. UMW E&I Coordinator: Lois Voss	E	L	W	F		
Rockford UMW E&I Coordinator: Judy Behnke	R	L	W	F		
Disaster Coordinator: Christina Vosteen	CS	C	W	F		
Hunger Coordinator:						
UMM Rep.: George Groves	A	L	W	M		
Refugee Coordinator: Jon & Rhodalyne Crail	CS	C/L	W	M/F		
VIM Coordinator: Carol Meynen	CNW	L	W	F		
Urban Ministries Coordinator: Robert Biekman	CS	C	B	M		
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F		
Cabinet Liaison: Zaki L. Zaki	CNW	C	A	M		

064 Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Jonathan Crail

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
*Hattie Koher (2016)	CS	L	W	F	Young	
Leah Ostwald (2012) (Chair)	E	L	W	F	Young	
Varsha Parmar (2016)	CNW	L	A	F	Adult	
Robert J. Anderson (2016)	A	L	W	M	Older	
Thomas Board (2016)	CNW	L	W	M	Older	
Sang Han (2016)	E	C	A	M	Adult	
Hannah Kardon (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Young	
Robert McClerren (2016)	CS	C	W	M	Adult	
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Cabinet Rep.: Zaki L. Zaki						

065 Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Alka Lyall (2012)	CNW	C	A	F	Adult	
Megan Dean (chair) (2016)	E	C	ME	F	Adult	
Edgar Hiestand (2012)	CNW	C	W	M	Older	
Britt Cox (2015)	CNW	C	W	F	Young	
Gary Hougen (2016)	A	C	W	M	Older	
Hyerncherl Paul Lee (2015)	D	C	A	M	Adult	
Uziel Hernandez (2016)	E	C	H	M		
Lindsey Joyce (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Young	
David Poust (2016)	R	C	W	M	Adult	
Ecumenical Officer: Catiana McKay	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	

066 Commission on Religion and Race

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Cerna Rand

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Adonna Davis Reid (2015) (Chair)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Lennox E. Iton (2012)	A	L	B	M	Adult	
Katherine Paisley (2012)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	
Pamela Pirtle (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Marcus L. Tabb, Sr. (2016)	CNW	C	B	M	Adult	

067 Commission on Status and Role of Women

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Colleen Norman

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Irma Clark (2013)	CS	L	B	F	Older	
Laurel Gilbert (2012)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Barbara Farley (2016)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
ex-officio UMW: Beverly Bochenek	CNW	L	B	F	Adult	
ex-officio UMW: Kathy Welk	R	L	W	F	Adult	

071 Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Stephen Somuah (2012) (Chair)	CNW	L	B	M	Adult	

072 Committee on Accessibility Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Jessie Cunningham

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Terry McDorman (2011) (Chair)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Mark Harkness (2012)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
Eddie Eddy (2016)	A	C	W	M	Adult	
Fred Berchtold (2016)	E	C	W	M	Older	
Violet Ricker (2016)	CS	L	W	F	Young	
Kathy Wellman (2016)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Sandra Jones (2016)	CS	L	B	F	Adult	

074 Committee on Native American Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Nancy Rethford (2014)	A	C	W	F	Adult	
Adrienne Trevathan (2012)	CNW	L	NA	F	Young	
Gene L. Green (2015) (Co-chair)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Michelle Oberwise Lacock (2014) (Co-chair)	A	C	ME	F	Adult	
Kent Svendsen (2013)	A	C	W	M	Adult	
Ex-Officio: Joseph Standing Bear Schranz	CS	L	NA	M	Adult	

075 Commission on Communications

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Cerna Rand

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Eun Young Ko	D	C	A	F	Adult	
Anne Marie Gerhardt (Conference Director of Communications)		L	W	F	Adult	

078 Council on Older Adult Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
C. Estelle Beaumont (2012)	E	L	W	F	Older	
Aquilino Javier, Jr. (2013) (Chair)	CNW	L	A	M	Older	
Darla VanBuskirk (2013)	R	L	W	F	Older	
Vanessa Jones-Lyles (2016)	CS	L	B	F	Adult	
Betty Erickson (2015)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Lora Zink (2016)	A	C	W	F	Older	

079 Council on Young Adult Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Rosa Lee (2016)	D	C	A	F	Adult	

080 Council on Youth Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Ayla Samson (2016)	CS	C	A	F	Adult	
Dennis Langdon (2016)	CS	C	A	M	Adult	
Conference Youth Secretary						

081 Board of Laity

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Jessie Cunningham	CS	L	B	F	Older	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Mark Manzi	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Elisa Gatz	D	L	NA	F	Adult	
Rose Faulkner (2011)	CS	L	B	F	Older	
Gerald Hayes (2015)	CNW	L	B	M	Adult	
Karen Jeschke (2014)	E	L		F	Adult	
Joanne Mendicino (2012)	A	L		F	Adult	
Char Hoffmann (2012)	E	C	W	F	Adult	
Conf. Lay Servant Ministries Dir.: Peggy Hansen	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Aurora Lay Leader: Greg Chapman (2010)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
CNW Co-Lay Leader: Donna Sagami	CNW	L	A	F	Adult	
CNW Co Lay Leader: Vivian Matthews	CNW	L	B	F	Older	
CS Lay Leader: John Abney	CS	L	B	M	Young	
DeKalb Lay Leader: Jim Miller	D	L	W	M	Older	
Elgin Lay Leader: Kathy Dickerson	E	L	W	F	Older	
Rockford Lay Leader: Sue Layng	R	L	W	F	Adult	
UMW President: Dottie Priddy	A	L	W	F	Older	
UMM Rep.: George Groves	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Conference UMYF President:		L				
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	

083 Children's Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Cerna Rand

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Robbie L. Moultrie (2012)	CNW	L	B	F	Older	
Nancy Grim Hunter (2016)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	
Noah Reyes Panlilio (2016)	D	C	A	M	Adult	
Erin Simmons (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	

088 Board of Outdoor & Retreat Ministries

Committee on Nominations Liaison: Jim Loeppert

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Cathryn Caliendo (2012)	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Irene Nance (2014)	CS	L	H	F	Older	
Karen Hoffman (2014) (Co-Chair)	R	L	W	F	Adult	
Hong-kein Jeremiah Lee (2015)	A	C	A	M	Adult	
John Smoke (2015)	A	C	W	M	Adult	
Lynn Pries (2015)	A	C	W	M	Older	
*Kimberly Davis (2016)	CS	C	B	F	Adult	
Christina Vosteen (2016)	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
Charles Rea (2016) (Co-Chair)	D	L	W	M	Adult	
Victoria Hadaway (2016)	R	C	W	F	Adult	
Director of Connectional Ministries: Arlene Christopherson	CS	C	W	F	Adult	

126 Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Rodney C. Walker (2013)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
Dennis M. Oglesby, Jr. (2013) (Chair)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
Ryan Sutton (2016)	D	C	W	M	Adult	
*Julie Fleurinor-Moore (2016)	CNW	C	ME	F	Adult	
Dwight Steward (2016)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
Ex-officio CNW DS: Zaki L. Zaki						
Ex-officio CSD DS: Jacques Conway						
Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment: Martin Lee	CS	C	A	M	Adult	

127 Committee on Restorative & Transformative Justice

Committee on Nominations Liaison:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Richard Mosley (chair) (2015)	CNW	C	B	M	Adult	
Mary Rawlinson (2015)	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	
Christopher Pierson (2016)	A	C	B	M	Adult	
Jacques Conway (2015)	CNW	C	B	M	Adult	
<i>Church & Society:</i>						
<i>SBC21:</i> Rodney Walker (2015)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
<i>COSROW:</i>						

Conference Positions:

NAME	DIST	C/L	RACE	M/F	AGE	CLASS
Conference Co-Lay Leader: Jessie Cunningham (2016)	CS	L	B	F	Older	
Conference Co-Lay Leader: Mark Manzi (2016)	A	L	W	M	Adult	
Conference Co-Lay Leader: Elisa Gatz (2016)	D	L	NA	F	Adult	
Conference Secretary: Deborah Tinsley-Taylor (2015)	A	C	B	F	Adult	
Assistant Secretary Standing Rules: Jack Ryder (2002)	CS	L	W	M	Adult	
Secretary of Global Ministries: Shirley Pulgar-Hughes (2013)	CNW	C	H	F	Adult	
Urban Ministries Coordinator: Robert Biekman (2013)	CS	C	B	M	Adult	
Treasurer: Lonnie Chafin (2000)	CNW	L	W	M	Adult	
Statistician: Lonnie Chafin (2016)	CNW	L	W	M	Adult	
Conference Chancellor: Sam Witwer (2013)	CNW	L	W	M	Older	
Conference Chancellor: Richard Godfrey (2016)						
Conference Lay Servant Ministries Director: Peggy Hansen (2016)	A	L	W	F	Adult	
Conference Registrar:						
Conference Ecumenical Officer: Catiana McKay	CNW	C	W	F	Adult	
Conference Disaster Coordinator: Christina Vosteen	CS	C	W	F	Adult	
VIM Coordinator: Carol Meynen	CNW	L	W	F	Adult	
Refugee Coordinators: Jon and Rhodalayne Crail	CS	C/L	W	M/F	Adult	

KEY

* Currently Serving

() Year of First Service or First Election

Bill Smith - Bold Faced – Nominated to be elected at this Annual Conference.

Bill Smith - Plain Faced – Not elected or not to be elected at this Annual Conference

DISTRICT	Member Type	Race
Aurora=A	Lay=L	Asian=A
Chicago Northwestern=CNW	Clergy=C	African American=B
Chicago Southern=CS	Elder=E	Hispanic=H
DeKalb=D	Deacon=D	Multi-Ethnic=ME
Elgin=E	Retired Elder=RE	Native American=NA
Rockford=R	Retired Deacon=RD	White=W
	Associate Member=A	
	Local Pastor=LP	

1. Board of Pension members are elected for a term of 8 years. Only those persons in the class of 2020 are being elected for an 8-year term now. Those shown in the class of 2016 will fill out the remainder of that term.
2. In other committees with class designations, only those in the class of 2016 are being elected today for a full term. In other classes, they will complete that term.
3. All persons shown, other than the above, are being elected now for term lasting to the end of the current Quadrennium on June 20, 2020.
4. Offices or committees listed before person's name indicate membership because of office. These persons are ex- officio and have both voice and vote, but are not elected by Annual Conference. They are chosen by the organizations, committees that they represent or are members because of the office they hold.
5. Consultants have voice but not vote.
6. Persons classified as BOD xxx.x (Book of Discipline paragraph.section) are disciplinary full members of the committee and not elected by Annual Conference.

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One Hundred Seventy-Seven Session
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Sunday, June 5, 2016
CLERGY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The clergy session was called to order by Bishop Sally Dyck at 3:00 pm. Rev. Addison Shields led us in singing "And Are We Yet Alive."

SEATING OF DESIGNATED LAITY AND CLARIFICATION OF VOTING

Bishop asked that the Standing Rules be suspended to allow the laity on BOM to attend the clergy session. Bar was set. **Motion carried.**

Bishop clarified that only members in full connection are able to vote in the clergy session.

BISHOP'S REFLECTIONS

Bishop Sally Dyck's opening remarks addressed the contentious General Conference that has just concluded. She then read from Ephesians 13:14. We are in a difficult place in the church having narrowly avoided schism at General Conference. There were no changes in the Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality. At the General Conference, bishops were asked to form a commission to go through the Book of Discipline to evaluate what can be done regarding its sometimes contradictory and unnecessarily hurtful language around issues relating to human sexuality. The Bishop challenged us to consider "Is this all that we are as The United Methodist Church? Are we not more than a one issue impasse?" She suggested that we shouldn't minimize our disagreements over human sexuality but that we should look beyond those things to what we can do together. She said that God calls us to work together and to trust God as we work to find a way to help the whole body to move forward. She reminded us that the world not only needs our witness, but it needs the light of Christ now more than ever. We dare not let the problems of the church keep us from being the Church. UMC Clergy have something to offer this world that nobody else has. She invited the clergy to let their light shine in the "midnight" of the world even though it "is hard to be where we are, this is not the first time we've been in this situation. She concluded "Let your light shine!"

Bishop advised the session that due to the change in schedule, we will reorder the agenda to first address the business items that we are required to do; we will complete the other agenda items as time is available.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Rev. Danita Anderson chair elect of the Board of Ordained Ministry reflected on the work of the BOM this past year. Rev. John Bell, past chair, members whose tenure was ending, as well as those who have been invited to join the BOM were acknowledged. Rev. Anderson spoke about a new structure consisting of five teams: Recruitment, Candidacy, Fruitfulness, Leadership Development, and Executive. BOM will continue meeting with the chairs of District Committees. Upcoming changes: some meetings will be held by video conferencing; the results of psychological testing will be valid for 5 years; candidates can submit sermon videos online; candidates paperwork can be submitted via email; and the Candidates' conference will be split into two sessions: candidate interviews will be divided in three groups (Home group, theological, and church life), at least 9 persons will participate with candidates and interviews and will be conducted the first week in March; there will be online guidance for mentors and candidates. Cultural competency will be considered, as well as extensive training provided on religion and race; review forms for appointed clergy will be re-evaluated; Residency programs, recruitment, and credentialing will be updated. BOM is working on is a new online guidebook to replace the candidacy guidebook. Rev. Anderson asked the clergy session to hold the BOM in prayer.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Rev. Scott Field (Crystal Lake) requested the floor and was recognized by Bishop Dyck. He offered a motion: **Concerning Northern Illinois Conference Board of Ordained Ministry's "Open Letter to the United Methodist Church."** Motion was seconded.

Discussion included the reading of the Open Letter from the NIC Board of Ordained Ministry by Rev. Danita Anderson, Chair of BOM. **Motion Failed.**

Rev. Fields requested the floor again and was recognized by the Bishop. Rev. Field requested a decision of law:

1. Is the conference BOM required to discern whether a candidate is living up to the fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness standard?
2. Can the BOM recommend a candidate who is discerned not to be living up to the fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness standard?

The Bishop has 30 days to respond in writing and this is automatically referred to the Judicial Council. Bishop's written response will be distributed to the Northern Illinois Conference.

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Cynthia Anderson and Kris Aves presented the following who are recommended for full membership and ordination.

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The following is recommended for **certification: Jackie Bogolia**

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Each candidate was presented along with a brief introduction.

Bishop Dyck made the motion to accept these candidates. **Motion carried with acclamation.**

Certificates were distributed by Rev. Danita Anderson.

ELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Consists of three clergy in full connection and two alternatives who are not members of the cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry or their immediate family (¶636).

Committee: Elizabeth Bowes (2009)
Cerna Rand (2012)
John Bell (2016)
Alternates: Alka Lyall (2012)
Myron McCoy (2016)

Bishop Dyck made the motion to accept these candidates. **Motion carried.**

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF ORDERS AND FELLOWSHIP

Order of Elders: Dennis Langdon

Order of Deacons: Greg Gross

Fellowship of Local Pastors: Sharon Engert

Bishop Dyck made the motion to accept these candidates. **Motion carried.**

CONFERENCE RELATIONS REPORT

Liz Okayama, Chairperson of the Conference Relations Committee, thanked the committee and presented the report. The Conference Relations Report was approved as presented.

MORAL AND OFFICIAL CONDUCT OF ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LOCAL PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone, Dean of the Cabinet, stated there were no reports against clergy this year.

LOCAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Tim Mitchell, Chairperson of Local Pastors Fellowship, presented the report. The report was accepted as presented. All motions were approved. Licenses were presented to new local pastors. Bishop Dyck thanked them for their ministry.

ORDER OF DEACONS REPORT

Rev. Gregory Gross presented the Deacons' report.

ORDER OF ELDERS REPORT

Rev. Dennis Langdon presented the Elders' report.

At 4:45 pm, Bishop Dyck adjourned the Clergy Session, and Rev. Mark Meyers closed in prayer.

LAITY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The Laity Session began with worship at 3pm.

Arnold Rivera, Conference Lay Leader, welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Rivera introduced Mark Miller, Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School. He will be leading worship for the Annual Conference this year. The various elements of Annual Conference were explained: change in schedule; seating arrangements; process for removing items from the Consent Calendar; location of the Laity Journal; congregational reporting requirements from the Book of Discipline; the Nominations process for this year; online evaluation; explanation of various legislation to be voted on this year; and discussion of Landscape Plan. Board of Laity members were introduced. Remarks were made by the Rev. Chris Pierson who will be leaving the Laity Board this year. Other remarks made by Roger Curless and John Abney. The Rev. James E. Swarthout, Clergy Community Relations Coordinator for Rosecrance, spoke about the Bishop's Appeal and how funds would be used. New Conference Co-Lay Leaders – Jessie Cunningham, Mark Manzi, and Eliza Gatz were introduced. Arnold Rivera was honored with a gift for his 12 years of service. Laity Session was closed.

2016 ORDINATION SERVICE SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016, 7:00 PM

After the Words of Welcome were spoken, Bishop Dyck asked the Historical Questions of the candidates. The Rev. Arlene Christopherson introduced our ecumenical guest, Bishop Wayne N. Miller, serving the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and is president of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago. He gave greeting to the Annual Conference and the Candidates. Candidates for Commissioning, Recognition of Orders, and Ordination as Deacons and Elders were presented. The ordination sermon, *The Polka of Ministry*, was preached by Bishop Sally Dyck. Bishop Dyck conducted the General Examination of those to be commissioned and ordained.

Gifts were presented to those who were commissioned and ordained. The Bishop celebrated Holy Communion with those commissioned and ordained. The Annual Conference was dismissed with a blessing to go and celebrate with those who were commissioned and ordained.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 OPENING PLENARY

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Miller opened the session with praise and devotion.

Bishop Sally Dyck called the 177th Session of the Northern Illinois Conference to order at 8:01 am, June 6, 2016 in the Mega Center. The theme for the Annual Conference is *Walk by Faith*. The Rev. Kimberly Davis prayed the opening prayer. The Annual Conference

was greeted and welcomed, as well as the host church, Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, The Rev. Mary Zajac, Pastor, by The Rev. Alka Lyall, Chairperson of the Annual Conference Committee. Rev. Lyall thanked Pheasant Run for its hospitality, and made a few opening announcements.

ORGANIZATING MOTIONS

Rev. Alka Lyall presented the organizational motions:

1. That the agenda for this session of the annual conference be the agenda printed in the booklet we received at registration. **Motion carried.**
 2. That the registration list be the roll call of this session of the Annual Conference. **Motion carried.**
 3. That the Standing Rules as found in the *2014 Journal* be the Standing Rules of the conference. **Motion carried.**
 4. That the members of The Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA), the Conference Board of Trustees, who are not already members of the annual conference, the Conference staff, persons who are here in relationship to the documents before us, and all other persons, certified by the Credentials Committee who are not otherwise voting members, be seated within the voting bar of the conference, and be given the right of voice for this session of the annual conference. **Motion carried.**
 5. That the plenary floor for this session of Annual Conference be- the area of the Mega Center from the end of the tables on the north (right) of the room to the south (left) wall of the room and from the platform on which we presently are, to the western wall of the room, excluding the seating in this space designated for guests and visitors. **Motion carried.**
 6. That the plenary floor as just described, be the voting bar of the conference. **Motion carried.**
- This concludes the organizational motions.

Beloved Community (Monitor's Report)

Rev. Adonna Reid, Chairperson of Committee of Religion and Race – introduced the monitors: Lennox E. Iton, Laurel Gilbert, and Rev. Katherine Paisley. Rev. Reid introduced the work of the monitor in helping to establish the Beloved Community within the Annual Conference. Members of the Annual Conference were asked to participate in the self-monitoring process used at General Conference by asking oneself three questions:

- 1 – Do you feel that diverse voices have been included in discussion? Are there voices that have been missing?
- 2 – Have we demonstrated the spirit of Christian Conferencing in our deliberations and conducted ourselves as the Body of Christ in our gathering?
- And, 3 – Have I intentionally prayed with and /or for someone with a differing opinion from mine?

THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Rev. Katie Voight presented the Consent Calendar for consideration.

A motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented was made. **Motion Carried.**

The Rev. Dick Wisdom offered prayer for the discontinuing of First United Methodist Church, Westmont.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF DAILY PROCEDURE

The Rev. Katie Voight, Chairperson of Daily Proceedings, moved to accept the Historical Reports, Document 400. **Motion carried.**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Rev. Cerna Rand and Jim Loeppert seeking corrections to Document 100 – Boards, Commissions and Committees Nominating Committee Preliminary Report – June 2016. Nominations can be made or resignations accepted to the document until today, Monday, June 6, at noon. Positions are available through the quadrennium, June 30, 2020.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (CCF&A) REPORT –

Kristina Gaughan, President of CCF&A, addressed the conference.

Members of CCF&A in attendance were: The Rev. Kelli Beard, The Rev. Rob Hamilton, The Rev. Luis Reyes, Lonnie Chafin, The Rev. John Peter Meyers, The Rev. Teri Lafferty, Joyce Frankfother, Lynette Rice, Stephanie Uhl, The Rev. Tammy Scott, The Rev. Lisa Kruse-Stafford, The Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, and Nancy Pendergrass.

In the past four years, there have been a 28% decrease in money given to the NIC by local churches. In 2014 a financing plan was structured due to acknowledgment of the significant shortfall. In 2015 a budget was not presented to the Annual Conference and a Special Session was scheduled in order to present a more thorough plan. The plan identified four areas of focus: income, expense, long-term, short-term spending. The conversation included: What is it that the Annual Conference is doing and needs to continue to do? The Possibility of consolidating districts, and researching what other conferences did to meet their budget shortfalls and models for consolidation if any. The details of this discussion can be found in the Historical Reports. The budget that is being presented this year for 2017 is significantly decreased from 2012 - the 2012 budget was \$9,210,312 and the 2016 is \$6,615,959. The budget will be presented for vote during Plenary #5 on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Rev. Luis Reyes, Budget chair, presented a description of the budget process and some starting expectations and assumptions. First, what was actually received in 2015; next, what is the amount that would be required in order for the Annual Conference to pay its apportionment in full. Other assumptions are that 2016 apportionment receipts would equal 2015 actuals apportionment payments, and that the amount paid in apportionment is a true reflection of the financial status of the local congregations. \$22,000 would be required in order for the Annual Conference to pay its apportionment in full. It would require every church to pay apportionments at 83%, when the current average is only 73%.

Rob Hamilton – vice-chair CCFA advised that building maintenance costs have risen exponentially while apportionments have remained relatively flat per giver; but giving units have declined.

The Rev. Kelly Beard spoke about Red Door Fund. Since Fund was instituted in 2013 there are 26 congregations participating and the conference serves as the guarantor.

Approximately \$750,000 have been saved in mortgage costs, and \$300,000 in current reserves. All churches are up to date with mortgage payments and we are on track to be able to pay off two years early.

Kristina Gaughan and the Rev. Rob Hamilton shared that we are in a time of change and we will continue to look at sharing technological resources across churches, as well as administrative and staffing efficiencies. We will look at developing a new apportionment formula, and exploring a tithe budget would look like. Current formula is about 14% of local church budget. Many people in the Landscape discussions indicated that a tithe budget should be considered. The Annual Conference was thanked for its giving. Churches who paid 100% of apportionments have certificates available. Mary Bunt our apportionment coordinator has accepted other employment and Christine thanked her for her report. (Please see the Historical Reports for more detail.)

Rev. Adrienne Ann Ilsemann closed the session in prayer.

BIBLE STUDY

Drs. Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain, both faculty members at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. They are fascinated with questions regarding faith. Using Hebrews 11, they asked: What prompts us to ask questions about God? What role can the church play in resourcing and nurturing the growth of faith? How does faith shape our public commitments and vocations?

THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS: THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The theme of the Annual Conference for 2016 is *Walk by Faith*. Bishop Sally Dyck presented the state of the NIC through her message, she read Matthew 14:22-33 and showed a video clip from *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. In the scene Indiana Jones must make a “leap” of faith, stepping out into a chasm to proceed across a hidden bridge to the chamber holding the holy grail. Since last year’s annual conference we have had challenges to face and to walk where we don’t know. We are afraid in the church today because we are uncertain about the future. If we walk by faith and not by sight we will find ourselves doing new things in the midst of the “old” dying around us.

Bishop Dyck spoke to our financial concerns and recruiting the Landscape group. We need to be good stewards of our purpose and budget. “The purpose of the Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church” (¶ 605). The Annual Conference is to serve the local church, not the other way around and in the process “making and supporting vital Christians in vital congregations....”

We all have been hurt at one time or another, we have to choose whether we stay in hurt, or whether we will build-up our relationships. We cannot let anger and pain take over. We must never think that we have ever reached the final destination, we must continually be ready to take new steps of faith. There are no new or old bridges that we can use to get us where we need to go. We must trust that God is the bridge beneath our feet. “Let us be gentle with each other as we walk by faith and not by sight.”

THE LANDSCAPE REPORT

Susan Czologsz – Consultant for Samaritan Center regarding the Landscape Process. She was joined on the dais by Mark Manzi, Rev. Rob Hamilton, Rev. Arlene Christopherson, Bishop Sally Dyck, Rev. Young Mee Park, Rev. Dennis Langdon, Elizabeth Gracie, and Rev. Hannah Kardon,

Often the concerns about limited resources and prioritizing the budget come from a perspective of scarcity. Key questions guiding this discussion: What do the local congregations need that only the Annual Conference can provide? What is the role of the bishop and other leaders?

The Annual Conference needs to articulate for itself a clear sense of purpose, equip people for leadership, reallocate time/structure/staff/and resources, and focus on clergy morale.

What has been gained from the Landscape process is a cause for celebration. The bad news is that there is difficult and challenging work ahead, the good news is that this is faithful and good work. Changing structures, staffing, programming is hard work but it is good work for God's purpose.

Our results mirrored those of other regional associations who have stepped out ahead of their national church to innovate and change their associations for transformation within the parameters of their denominations. We are poised to do the same. They have done the work over the last seven to eight years and have been successful. Just like them we can be successful doing that work, walking by faith. Cultural change is more painful than cosmetic change; but if we are to move forward and claim God's promises, we need to be willing to do so. She closed remarks with a quote from Pope Francis, "I prefer a church which is bruised, chaotic, and dirty because it has been out on the streets doing good work rather than rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

Table discussions: What does the Connection (among churches, pastors, laity, and DS) look like at its best?

- How does your church building enhance your ministry or impede it?
- Do you see any immediate opportunities for reconfiguration in your present context (sharing in ministry, programs, staff or facilities)?"
- In spite of the challenges, what keeps you – both clergy and laity in ministry?
- What does the local church need that only the AC can provide?
- Consider what we can do to be a more Christ-like AC. God is still at work in our church and ministry.

Bishop Dyck declared that the Landscape Team is done with their commissioned work, thanked them, and then led us in prayer. (Please see the Historical Reports for more detail.)

12:00 noon - dismissed for lunch.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

PLENARY SESSION 2

JUNE 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Bishop Sally Dyck called the session to order at 2:07 pm; prayer was led by Rev. Elizabeth Bowes.

DISCUSSION OF PRIVILEGED MOTION

Bishop Dyck informed the Annual Conference that there was a request for a ruling of church law during the clergy session yesterday. She then read the request and stated that she will issue her ruling within the time allotted (30 days) and that it would go to the Judicial Council in the fall session.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSION & HEALTH BENEFITS (CBPHB)

Rev. Joseph Johnson, Chair of CBPHB was joined on the dais by Woody Bedell. Rev. Johnson presented the conference report. Health and Pension rates have remained constant for the conference over the past several years. The conference claims have been low. Therefore, the conference board of pension received a rebate of \$1,000,000. The Board will be focused on three areas: collection from the 10% of churches who have defaulted in benefit payment; exploring choice in health care coverage; wellness programs. Rev. Johnson and Rev. Cynthia Zolk will be rotating off the Board. They were presented gifts and offered thanks for their work. (Please see the Historical Reports for more detail.)

SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Rev. Michael Mann, chair, was joined on the dais by Rev. Michael Morrell, Richard Allen, Phyllis Tholin, and Rev. Nancy Rethford. Rev. Mann reported the goal of the Task Force is to look at what the conference needs to do to be sustainable. They conducted a survey of over 3,000 persons including clergy, lay members which asked: "What is your church doing to become more green?" Most people had no idea how to start. A new initiative called Green Faith Certification Program was created to develop a plan for making sustainability a conscious decision. The Task Force is looking for twenty congregations to be a part of the process. A video was shown regarding sustainability and Rev. Rethford invited Annual Conference members to visit the Green Team display table.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF (PAUMCS)

Betsy Smith, Regional Administrator for the DeKalb and Rockford Districts presented the annual report. PAUMCS offers a strong network to assist in the ministry of church administrators. It offers connection through an on-line newsletter, a weekly forum for asking questions and advice, and a website that offers other resources. Four members are taking on-line courses and will be certified, this year. NIC will host the national PAUMCS conference in May of 2017. The theme is "Diversity for Ministry" the keynote speakers will be Rev. Tracy Smith-Malone, Rev. Young Mee Park, and Rev. James Preston.

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS (CCUIR)

The Rev. Megan Dean presented the annual report and was joined on the dais by Rev. Catiana McKay, Uziel Hernandez, Rev. Amos Oladipo, and Rev. Brittney Cox. Bishop Dyck acknowledged the work of the Illinois Conference of Churches and its Executive Director, Laurie B. Vial. She praised its interreligious team, anti-racism team (ICER), and leadership team. Ms. Vial was presented the Bishop's 2016 Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Award which she accepted on behalf of the ICC. She thanked the NIC for its the support of ICC, and asked present or past team or annual assembly members to stand in recognition.

MISSION COLLECTION REPORT

Rev. Michael Mann announced the winner of the district mission challenge. The challenges were assigned to the districts based on the cost of each items: Honorable mention is St. Mark – Chicago gave 1144 pencil sharpeners, Rochelle UMC gave 1122, East Jordan gave 1116. Second place District was Chicago Northwestern. First place was the DeKalb District. DeKalb District is the defending champions. Each district met 100% of its goal. The bishop thanked Rev. Mann but also all those who gave to those kits and the stress that it alleviates for families.

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL MINISTRIES (ORM)

Jeff Casey, Director of Outdoor Retreat Ministries, was joined on the dais by Jim Miller, Chair, and Rev. Chris Pierson, Director of Connectional Ministries. Mr. Casey confessed that he was hired to close the outdoor ministry program, however in the past three years, the use of the camps has doubled. Many of the buildings have been made accessible, and for the first time in a long time, the ORM is now financially solvent. Mr. Casey thanked Rev. Pierson and Mr. Miller for their work and their support.

BISHOP'S APPEAL OFFERING

The offering for 2016 is for Rosecrance which is celebrating 100 years of service throughout Illinois and now Iowa. They are building a new facility - a recovery home for 30 young adults on Ashland and Waveland (Lakeview neighborhood) in Chicago Rosecrance began as an orphanage in 1916 in New Milford, and operated as a children's home until it began a substance abuse treatment facility in Rockford in 1982.

Phil Eaton, Executive Director, has been with Rosecrance since 1971 and president since 1982.

Mr. Eaton advised that the money from the bishop's appeal will support a new recovery home in Chicago which will provide structure, accountability and support for those early in their recovery. Mr. Eaton thanked the bishop for the opportunity to speak to the NIC and for the support of Rosecrance. A short video was shown.

The bishop called the DSs forward to get their baskets to collect the offering.

Bishop Dyck offered prayer for the offerings that were received to support the work of Rosecrance.

3:19 pm Session adjourned until 3:30 to prepare for Memorial Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 6, 2016, 3:30pm

We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years and now share the triumph of Christ. The Memorial Sermon, *Comfort Walk*, was presented by Rev. Cerna Rand, and Bishop Dyck led us in a symbolic act of remembrance as today we remember:

Bishop Jesse R DeWitt

November 26, 2015

Bishop DeWitt was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit, Wayne State University and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1948 with a Masters of Divinity. Over the years, he also received four Honorary Doctorate degrees. Jesse began his ministry in the Methodist Church in 1944, serving two parishes in Illinois while in seminary. From 1946 to 1950 he was the pastor of the Aldersgate Methodist Church in Redford Township, and from 1950 to 1958 he was the pastor of Faith Methodist Church in Oak Park. During the years from 1958 to 1972, he served in three administrative positions within the denomination, and in 1972 he was elected to the Episcopacy. There he served as Bishop of the Wisconsin area for eight years before being appointed to the Northern Illinois Conference to serve for another eight years. He retired in 1988 and continued to be active with the many social justice groups and concerns which had been central to him throughout his career.

RETIRED CLERGY

Russell Carlson	June 24, 2015
Adelaida Gonzales	July 27, 2015
Carl Sattelberg	August 19, 2015
Paul Olson	August 25, 2015
Fred Hinshelwood	October 29, 2015
Paul K Zeman	December 02, 2015
Stanley G Lane	December 20, 2015
Ernest Cummings	April 05, 2016
Sung Sang Park	April 06, 2016
E. Dale Kleinschmidt	April 20, 2016
John Jenkins	April 21, 2016
Kenneth W. Kortemeier	May 11, 2016

SPOUSES OF DIACONAL MINISTERS

George Bush	June 28, 2015
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SPOUSES OF RETIRED CLERGY

Raymond Marrello	June 03, 2015
Patty Walden	September 23, 2015
Judith Hougsted	October 09, 2015
Janet Watson	February 19, 2016

SURVIVING SPOUSES

Shirley Lodal	July 06, 2015
Ruth Vandoske	July 19, 2015
Mary Houff	February 26, 2015
Ellen Hendrix	September 20, 2015
Mary Dearborn	July 24, 2015
Betty Roberts	December 05, 2015

LAY EMPLOYEES & SURVIVORS

Florence Posey	June 19, 2015
Lorraine Smith	September 01, 2015
Lois Douglas	October 20, 2015
Charsteen Henderson	October 28, 2015

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Joanne Hale Aggens	August 13, 2015
Daniel P. Wilson	November 11, 2015
Daisy Lee Bell	December 27, 2015
Robert Lowe	December 22, 2015
Deena McGuire	December 29, 2015
Stanley Lane	December 31, 2015

Blessing & Benediction, the session was adjourned by Bishop Dyck for dinner until 6:45pm.

MONDAY EVENING
PLENARY SESSION 3
June 6 2016, 6:45pm

Opening Worship began at 6:45pm, led by Mark Miller. Bishop Sally Dyck called the session to order at 7:00 pm. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Raney Good.

REPORT FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION

Eliza Gatz, Chair of General Conference Delegation was joined on the dais by: Rev. Alka Lyall, Co-chair, Rev. Carol Hill, Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone, Lonnie Chafin, Dr. Irma Clark, Jack Ryder, Rita L. Smith, Joyce Carrasco, Nancy Pendergrass, Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Chris Winkler, Rev. David Lagos-Fonseca.

Ms. Gatz asked for all those who attended General Conference to stand up to be recognized. She gave thanks for the prayers offered on their behalf during the General Conference. She gave a synopsis of the legislation approved and defeated as she acknowledged that it became apparent that it was a "tale of two churches":

A petition to stand against bullying LGBTQ teens was defeated;
Ties were severed with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, and the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Conflict;

United Methodist Women's updated resolution on Responsible Parenthood was defeated;
Pension divestment from companies which used Fossil Fuel was defeated;
Increasing awareness of demeaning mascots was approved;
White Privilege was acknowledged as a sin;
Approved adding age and gender to the list of non-discrimination for membership;
Officially recognized deaconesses and home ministers;
Voted to create a new digital hymnal;
Directed churches to welcome newly arriving immigrants into our congregations;
Voted for full communion with the Moravian church.

Rumors of schism were fueled by social media, and our Bishops issued a Statement of Unity. A special commission will be created by the Bishops named to completely examine and possibly recommend revisions of every paragraph in the Book of Discipline related to human sexuality. Fifty-six (56) pieces of legislation were tabled until the Commission meets.

Rev. Alka Lyall lifted up the many anniversaries that were celebrated at this General Conference: 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women; the 250th Anniversary of John Street, the United States' first Methodist Church; 200 years since Francis Asbury's death; 60 years of the ordination of women; 25 years of Africa University; and 20 years of the Order of Deacons. Because of the success of Imagine No Malaria, The United Methodist Church is committed to positively impact the lives of children everywhere, aiming to reach 1 million children with lifesaving interventions by 2020. The initiative aims to ensure safe births, address nutritional challenges, prevent and treat diseases, and promote children's health and wholeness.

Bishop reminded the Annual Conference that UMC.org/general conference tracking, is the best way to determine if a specific piece of legislation was passed or defeated.

URBAN STRATEGY

Rev. Robert Biekman, Urban Ministries Coordinator, was joined on the dais by: Rev. Rodney Walker (Grace-Calvary UMC), Rev. Andrea Davidson, (Hartzell UMC), and Kim Coffing, Director of Church Relations for ChildServ. A video was presented "Equipping for Strategy."

Rev. Andrea Davidson reported on Safe Haven - safe sanctuaries for urban children during months with no school. It partners with the Chicago Public Schools to teach conflict resolution and anger management practices. It has grown from 3 sites in 2013 to 10 churches in 2016.

Kim Coffing, Director of Church Relations for ChildServ, reported on our partnership with ChildServ to develop a curriculum to systemic treat and improve the lives of those who have been or are being traumatized as children.

Rev. Rodney Walker discussed a restorative justice program that serves as Alternatives to incarceration by: Diverting youth from incarceration; providing youth activities after incarceration; and offer alternatives to after-school activities.

Our churches can be places to be used for any of these programs. We have the space! Rev. Biekman thanked the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, the Rev. Zaki L. Zaki, the Rev. Martin Lee, and the Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone for support. He requested support from NIC churches as participants in the Hunger Walk on June 25, 2016 which will benefit food pantries in Chicago, and he also asked for ideas to provide camping experience for inner-city children.

PLUMBLINE

The Rev. Michael Mann, reported the purpose of this event is to take High School youth from throughout the conference to New York City where they visit the United Nations and the Church Center at the United Nations in New York City. Youth gather together to study root causes of injustice, and to reflect on social justice issues from a Christian perspective. The cost is \$700, includes travel, hotel and meal costs. 25 youth will be invited to attend year. The next trip is planned for October, 2016.

LEGISLATION

The Rev. Katie Voight presented the following documents for consideration:

Doc. 700.02 – Support for FAIR COPS. **Motion approved.**

Doc 700.03 – Building Assessment Team – Presentation of amendment to line 35, by the Rev. David Aslesen. **Motion failed.**

Presentation of amendment to line 33, by the Rev. Joseph Johnson to read: “selected (due to expertise) by the bishop, cabinet, treasurer, and board of trustees. Other related district or...” **Motion approved.**

Closing worship led by Mark Miller.

TUESDAY MORNING **PLENARY SESSION 4** **June 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Bishop Sally Dyck called the session to order 8:00 am. Opening music led by Mark Miller. Prayer was led by Rev. Nick Nicholas.

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES REPORT

The Rev. Adonna Reid was joined on the dais by Laurel Gilbert, the Rev. Katherine Paisley, Lennox Iton, and Karen Sersen. They received responses to the questions they asked in the Opening Plenary session. They acknowledged the actions taken by Annual Conference teams to create diversity at tables. She issued a challenge to the conference to participate in the Nominations process in order to achieve diversity of geography, age, etc, in those serving on committees. The Annual Conference is invited to continue to visit the General Commission on Religion and Race website.

At 8:07am, Bishop Dyck recessed the Northern Illinois Annual Conference session.

THE UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, June 10, 2014

At 8:07am, Bishop Dyck called the corporate annual meeting of the United Methodist Foundation to order. The By-laws of the United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference provide that the Annual Conference will convene as the Annual Meeting of the Foundation for the purpose of electing board members and receiving an annual report.

Board Chair Linnea Kooistra was joined on the dais by the Rev. Jane Easley, Jeff Wallen, the Rev. Martin Lee, the Rev. Chris Walters, Ergeline Calimlim, Larry Thomas, the Rev. Tom Rawlinson, the Rev. Deb Percell, the Rev. John Peterson, Jim Lumberg, and Janet Boryk. The 2016 meeting of the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Foundation was called to order.

The first order of business was to elect New Board Members and recognize those members rotating off the Board. The Rev. Martin Lee (11 yrs), Linnea Kooistra, and Art Muir are rotating off, the Annual Conference was invited to celebrate those who have served. The Board has been reduced from 29 to 21 members and terms reduced from 4 to 3 years. This year there is only one vacancy, the Rev. Kelli Beard was recommended for the vacancy. Motion was made to elect Rev. Beard to a seat on the board. **Motion carried.**

All 2016 Board Members were recognized. The Rev. John Peterson, Board President has resigned for family reasons. The Board has conducted a search and Rev. Peterson will work with selection of replacement.

Jim Lumberg – Investment Consultant and Board member discussed the concept of Impact Investing which are investments that honor UM social concerns while maximizing income. Investing in good companies is good stewardship.

Ms. Kooistra gave highlights of the Grants Program. In 2016, 22 grants totaling \$22,000 were distributed. Applications are welcome for 2017 but the deadline is in September 2016. The 2015 Stewardship Summit in Barrington UMC was a success. Planned Giving brochures, as well as several other new resources are available for purchase – visit their website.

A video about planned giving featuring Dick and Phyllis Tholin was shown. Bishop Dyck recognized their presence in the audience. The Foundation has been a partner with the Annual Conference since 1949, yet many churches, clergy and laity are not utilizing its services and resources.

Rev. John Peterson took the podium. Gave thanks for his time in Northern Illinois. He thanked the board, and he acknowledged the work of Board staff, Carolyn Cook, Joann Turner, and Janet Boryk. He also recognized Linnea Kooistra's work as the chair of the Foundation, and presented her with a snow globe and gift certificate in appreciation for

her work. Ms. Kooistra thanked the Annual Conference for its attention and entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 am.

The Bishop called the Annual Conference back into session.

CABINET REPORT

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the Annual Report. She was joined on the dais by: The Rev. Arlene Christopherson, The Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, The Rev. Dick Wisdom, The Rev. Lisa Kruse-Stafford, The Rev. Zaki L. Zaki, The Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath.

The Rev. Dr. Smith Malone spoke about the work of the cabinet, including praying for all of the clergy in the churches. She introduced the members of the cabinet. Beginning July 1 the role of Director of Connectional Ministry will combined with Assistant to the Bishop. The Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson was recognized for his service as the Director of Connectional Ministry. The Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath joined the cabinet on July 1, 2015 as Elgin Region District Superintendent.

The Cabinet is working on various initiatives to create relevant resources for clergy and laity that can be resourced through the District Superintendents: an on-line transitional manual for clergy and churches experiencing a pastoral change; strengthening of the transition workshop for clergy by adding a cultural competency component to assist the transition in cross-cultural appointments and to address the culture of the area around churches; introducing and using the "Rule of Christ" as a means of dealing with conflict in local churches; access to CAT (Church Assessment Tool) to help churches evaluate and assess its ministry; working with BOM to provide continuing education opportunities for clergy; the cabinet has been intentional in their involvement in the Landscape process.

There is a commitment to make church conferences more relational, ministry related and less administrative. They want to go deeper. All church conference forms will be submitted on-line with a common due date. The only administrative items will be compensation and election of leadership. The DS will come prepared to share the ministry that's happening on the district so that local church can find out how they are connected to the ministries of the district. Each district is different and beautifully unique. Cabinet also commits to equipping and training clergy and laity, with intentionality in bringing training closer to the local churches.

The cabinet will experiment with and all clergy retreat and mission day. To encourage morale of the clergy and to give an opportunity to serve together. Ministry assessments will be a priority. The DS will be spending less time in the office and more time out in the district.

Rev. Dr. Smith Malone gave thanks to the bishop, thanks to Debbie, Ashley, Betsy, Marva, Nartarsha and Judy, and thanks to the conference staff who pour out themselves on behalf of the church and the NIC church. We are blessed to have amazing clergy and laity in the NIC. Rev. Malone invited Bishop Dyck and Ken Ehrman to the podium in order to present them with a gift – a gift card and a novelty pen that makes obnoxious noises. Bishop Dyck offered thanks for the work of the cabinet and the work to make changes.

The Bishop announced Rev. Young Mee Park as the new Dean of the Cabinet for 2016-2017 and Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford as the new Cabinet Secretary. She gave thanks to Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson and Rev Michael Mann who leave the Cabinet to return to the local church. She advised that the Jurisdictional Conference is coming up in July and asks for prayers for Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone as she is a candidate for Episcopal election.

9:10 am the Session was adjourned for Bible Study. Closing Prayer was led by Rev. Sherry Scates.

BIBLE STUDY

Drs. Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain, both faculty members at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Bible study focused on issues of faith using John 5:1-18.

TUESDAY MID-MORNING

PLENARY SESSION 5

June 7, 2016, 10:00 am

CALL TO ORDER

10:10 Session called to order by Bishop Dyck. Opening music led by Mark Miller. Opening Prayer led by Rev. Kimberly Neace.

LAITY ADDRESS

Arnold Rivera, Annual Conference Lay Leader, gave the Laity Address. He commented on the theme we have celebrated over the past four years, Who Is My Neighbor, and that of this current conference, Walk by Faith. "Our mission," he said, "is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. He read Mark 1:16-18 (KJV) and noted that it is often not that simple for us to follow. If we want to make disciples, we need to talk to people, get to know them, learn how to relate to them... People are not just walking into our churches, we need to go out to get them." Mr. Rivera reflected on a presenter at the 2016 General Conference in Portland, OR, who invited attendees to get to know people in one on one encounters by sharing their story. "We need to be ready in season and out of season to build relationships" modeled on the one we have with Jesus Christ.

Mr. Rivera lifted up the Board of Laity and the work they do, and thanked all those who serve on various committees within the conference structure. He highlighted Laity Sunday, and the Laity Convocation. "We need a greater emphasis on what God will do, rather than on ourselves. We need to embrace our reality and to seize the moment to claim God's plan. The mission field is wide open. More than ever before people have left the church and are looking for something. We are Easter people and we need to share the gospel of Jesus Christ as we go out to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Mr. Rivera thanked his "co lay leader" (his wife) for her work, and he thanked the Annual Conference for being allowed to serve as conference Lay Leader for the past eight years.

He thanked all those who have worked with him, taught him, encouraged him and corrected him. Bishop Dyck offered words of appreciation for Mr. Rivera's work as Lay Leader. She shared examples of his commitment to the conference and to building up the laity. Beginning July 1, 2016, there will be three co-lay leaders: Elisa Gatz, Mark Manzi, and Jessie Cunningham.

LEGISLATION

The Rev. Katie Voigt presented the following documents for consideration:

Doc. 680.01 – Benefit Program. **Motion carried.**

Doc 700.01 – Organization Task Force –

Presentation of amendment to line 39(p.12), by the Rev. Fred Berchtold (ret). Add a new line 39 to read: "(Bullet point) A member of the Annual Conference Accessibility committee", and move the current lines 39-41 to 40-42(p.12). **Motion carried.**

Presentation of amendment to line 40(p.12), by the Rev. Oscar Carrasco (Prophetstown). Add a new line 40 to read, "(Bullet point) Two (2) members of a new faith community, and one to be an immigrant from the Latino New Faith Community." Note: this would move lines 40-42 down to lines 43-45(p.12). **Motion carried.**

Presentation of amendment to line 41, by Ms. Trygstad (Wesley, Naperville). Add a new line 41 (p.12), to read, "(Bullet point) At least one person shall be a deacon." Note: this would move lines 43-45 down to lines 46(p.12) and line 1 and 2(p.13), **Motion carried.**

Presentation of amendment to line 3 (p.13), by the Rev. David Aslesen (Park Ridge). Skip line 3 and add a new line 4 (p.13), to read, "The Task Force will establish at least, but not limited to, two (2) listening sessions for ongoing dialogue with an invitation to all clergy and laity of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference to participate before a final report for adoption is presented to the 2017 Northern Illinois Annual Conference." Note: The remaining lines will be adjusted downward as necessary. **Motion carried.**

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

The Rev Lynn Mikels presented to Jackie Begolia with a Professional Certification in Christian Education.

BUDGET QUESTIONS AND VOTE

Kristina Gaughan, President of CCF&A was joined on the dais by the Rev. Rob Hamilton, Vice-President, the Rev. Lisa Kruse-Stafford, Dekalb District Superintendent and Cabinet Representative to CCF&A, and Lonnie Chafin, Conference Treasurer.

Questions about the budget, apportionment formulas, balancing the budget, the Hilltop Ministry Center, how payments for specific resources were handled (i.e., the Landscape Process, the Red Door Fund), electronic giving, and others were answered. David Quinn, the new Apportionments Coordinator was introduced. Ms. Gaughan presented Doc.600 – Budget for approval. **Motion carried.**

COKESBURY PUBLISHING HOUSE

Rev. James Preston and Rev. Dennis Oglesby, Board Members of the United Methodist Publishing House, along with Erick McKnight, community resource consultant for Cokesbury explained some of the benefits of Cokesbury and Cokesbury.com for the conference. There is a new resource for Teens now available. Rev. Preston and Rev.

Oglesby will be concluding their service with Cokesbury and they are grateful to have been able to serve the Annual Conference in this ministry.

Session adjourned for lunch, prayer offered by Rev. Teran Loepke.

RETIREMENT SERVICE FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 7, 2016, 2:00 pm

The Retirees receive a pin in recognition of their years of service to the Northern Illinois Conference. The Retirees have all been invited to share their wisdom with the conference on one of four questions:

1. How did Jesus call you to walk with him in ministry?
2. Was there ever a time things looked hopeless to you in your ministry? How did you return to trust in God and God's people?
3. When is a time you were surprised by what God was doing in your ministry? How did you respond to God's new thing?
4. What are you most hopeful for, as you look at the church today and consider its future path?

The mantle was passed from Rev. Fernando Siaba to Rev. Linny Hartzell.

A list of those retiring, the number of years served; the question they addressed is in parenthesis after their name:

Gessel Berry, Jr., 47 yrs. (1)	Sally Ann Bowers, 32.5 yrs. (3)
Jamison S. Geiger, 39 yrs. (3)	Jonathan David Hutchinson, 26.25 yrs.
Duk Kyu Kwon, 33 yrs. (3)	Michael A. Morrell, 11 yrs.
Carol Marie Noren, 42.25 yrs. (1)	Bonnie G Ogie-Kristianson, 29.5 yrs.
Sung Kown Oh, 28.25 yrs.	Diana K. Otterbacher, 6.5 yrs. (4)
Young Ok Park, 24 yrs. (2)	Rex E. Percy, 39.25 yrs.
Fernando Siaba, 42 yrs. (4)	Nancy L. Weingartner, 17.5 yrs.
Roger Zavala, 23.25 yrs. (4)	Cynthia A. Zolk, 28 yrs. (4)

Session adjourned until 3:30 for the final plenary.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

PLENARY SESSION 6

June 7, 2016, 3:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

3:30 Session began with music led Worship Leader Mark Miller. Prayer was led by Rev. Tammy Scott.

BISHOP'S APPEAL AWARD

Silent Auction for Annual Conference Art Work by the Rev. Kristine Marshall (First UMC, Palatine). Auction benefits the Bishop's Appeal and raised \$2,725.00. Bishop Dyck

presented The Bishop's Appeal Award (Traveling Trophy) to the Rockford District. Total is nearly \$60,000, The Rev. Lisa Kruse-Stafford received the award from the Bishop.

NIC FOUNDATION

Ms. Linnea Kooistra – announced that the position of President of the United Methodist Foundation has been offered to the Rev. Chris Walters, former Secretary of Board, and accepted. Rev. Walters – thanked the board and the Annual Conference for the opportunity to serve in this way; he hopes to multiply resources for Christ's ministry.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Rev. Cerna Rand and Jim Loeppert presented the nominations report, Document 100, for the Annual Conference's review. A motion was made to accept Document 100.

Motion Carried.

LEGISLATION

Rev. Katie Voigt presented the following document for consideration:

Document 702.01- Mandatory Participation in Conference-Wide Insurance Program (CWIP) – Presented with editorial changes to line 29 with addition of "liability" to read "...oversees a conference-wide property and liability insurance program." And, at line 10 change "Insurance Committee" to "Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Church Insurance Association Board." Presentation of amendment to line 9 by Rev. Mary Zajac, to read: "liability policies, and in any event, no later than July 1, 2017, exclusion from such". **Motion carried.**

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Rev. Wendy Witt, presented the Todd Singley Peace with Justice Award to Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson.

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Mark Manzi, Chair, announced a challenge to all churches. In 2017 one church from each district and its pastor will be honored with a grant of \$1,000 for gaining the most newly baptized and adult confession of faith members.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Rev. Dr. Pierson and Woody Bedell presented a parting gift to Susan Geisler, who will be retiring this year.

CLOSING WORSHIP AND FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop was joined on the dais by the six (6) District Superintendents and the Conference Lay Leader for the fixing of appointments. Appointments are now fixed on-line. Worship was led by Worship Leader Mark Miller.

Next Annual Conference

June 4-6, 2017 at Pheasant Run, Mega Center, St. Charles, IL.

4:55pm Bishop Sally Dyck closed the conference in prayer.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

(The Conference Sessions prior to 1968 are listed on pages 222-23 of the 1968 JOURNAL of the Northern Illinois Conference. The Conference Sessions between 1969 and 2010 are listed on page 41 of the 2015 JOURNAL of the Northern Illinois Conference.)

<u>NO.</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BISHOP</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
172	St. Charles, IL	June 8-11, 2011	Hee-Soo Jung	Lora Zink
173	St. Charles, IL	June 6-9, 2012	Hee-Soo Jung	Lora Zink
174	St. Charles, IL	June 5-8, 2013	Sally Dyck	Lora Zink
175	St. Charles, IL	June 8-10, 2014	Sally Dyck	Lora Zink
176	St. Charles, IL	June 14-16, 2015	Sally Dyck	Lora Zink
177	St. Charles, IL	June 5-7, 2016	Sally Dyck	Deborah Tinsley-Taylor

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Regina Davis-Bridges
Eve Harris
Larry Moody
Thomas Petty
Andrew Pittman
Dean Shapley
Daniel Swinson
Michele Watkins-Branch

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is the correct record of the proceedings of the 177th Annual Session (counting all antecedent conferences) of the Northern Illinois conference of The United Methodist Church, held in St. Charles, IL June 5-7, 2016.



SALLY DYCK, PRESIDING BISHOP



REVEREND DEBORAH TINSLEY TAYLOR, CONFERENCE SECRETARY

ORDINATION

Certificate of Ordination

This certifies that on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois, in accordance with the provisions of ***The Book of Discipline*** of The United Methodist Church and the election of the Northern Illinois Conference, I ordained as Elders in Full Connection:

Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger

Mary Elizabeth Bohall

Brittany Cox

Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

William Edward Green

Linny Khin Hartzell

Hannah Linnea Kardon

Esther EunJin Lee

DooSoo Lee

Hong-kien Jeremiah Lee

Carolyn Lukasick

Grace Kang Oh

Lawrence A. Paris

Megan A. Smick

Thomas Yang

This certifies that on Tuesday, June 5, 2016 at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois, in accordance with the provisions of ***The Book of Discipline*** of The United Methodist Church and the election of the Northern Illinois Conference, I ordained as a Deacon in Full Connection:

Kimberly N. Lewis-Davis

Hyang Sook Choi



SALLY DYCK, PRESIDING BISHOP

SCENES FROM 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE





2016 LOCAL CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

All appointments are fulltime unless indicated by a fraction.

No indicator signifies Elder in full connection.

In co-pastorates, the first name listed is "in charge".

In multiple staff charges, the second name listed is "associate" if full or provisional and "assistant" if local pastor or assigned.

Paragraph numbers refer to the 2012 Book of Discipline unless otherwise noted.

DSS	DS Supply	LP	Local Pastor
AM	Associate Member	¶358.6	Retired Elder
DI	(¶416.3) Diaconal	TBS	To Be Supplied
D	(¶238) Deacon	¶331.8	Deacon from another Annual Conference
PD	Provisional Deacon	¶346.1	Ordained Pastor from another Conference or Methodist Denomination
PE	Provisional Elder	¶346.2	Clergy from another denomination
NFC	New Faith Community (Harvest 20/20)	¶309.2	Changing Orders

Aurora District – Richard Carl Wisdom, Superintendent (6)			
Appointment	Pastor's Name	Yrs	%
Aurora			
Bethany of Fox Valley	Sung Myung Park	2	
First Nueva Vida	Martin Lopez (DSS)	5	¼
Flowing Grace	Jeffry Bross	3	
Fourth Street	Deborah Tinsley-Taylor	7	
Wesley	John D. Bell	4	
Batavia			
Batavia	Cynthia Anderson	3	
	Joshua Bailey-Green (LP) (Associate)	3	
Bolingbrook			
Crossroads of Faith	Thomas Bourke	3	
Friendship	K. Anna Shin	6	
Carol Stream: St Andrew	Michael Mann	1	
Channahon	Steve Good	5	
Downers Grove			
Faith	Charles Insun Yoon	1	
First	James B. McDonald (Co-Pastor)	7	
	Greta Schumm McDonald (Co-Pastor)	7	
Frankfort	Kenneth Roh	4	
Geneva	Richard Darr	2	
	Esther Lee (Associate)	2	
Glen Ellyn			
First	Kristen J Larsen	6	
St Thomas	Jeremiah Lee	3	
Green Garden	Richard Young (358.6)	5	¼
Hinsdale	Jon McCoy	4	
Joliet			
Grace	Daniel Diss	4	
Hope	Linny K. Hartzell	1	
	Susan Ritts (D) (331.8)	8	½
Ingalls Park	Leona Tichenor	4	¾
Trinity	Leona Tichenor	4	¼
Kaneville	Avani-Cossett Christian	4	
Lemont	Hyo Sun Oh	1	
Lisle: Faith	Craig Jones (346.1)	4	¼

Aurora District (continued)			
Lockport			
Christ	Sharon Engert (LP)	10	¼
First	TBS		
Lombard			
Faith	Amos Oladipo	3	¼
First	Luis F. Reyes	6	
	Virginia Rainey (D)	5	¼
Manhattan			
	Douglas Carroll	3	
Millbrook /Plano			
	Stevan Saunders (LP)	1	
Millington			
	Kirk Scott (DSS)	12	½
Minooka			
	Sarah Hong	3	
Mokena			
	TBS		
Morris: First			
	Robert Sathuri	3	
	Laura Wilson (PE)	2	
Naperville			
Naperville Korean	Kwan Woo Park	9	
Community	Rose Grace Kinya Imathiu (346.1)	5	
	Stephanie M. Escher (PE) (Associate)	1	
Grace	Cindy Marino	2	
	Tammy Biltgen (D)	3	
	Matthew Johnson (Associate)	3	¼
Portico (NFC)	Matthew Johnson	3	¾
Wesley	Tedd Steele	1	
Wheatland Salem	Jennifer Wilson	4	
Oswego Campus (NFC)	Derek Rogers	2	
	Kimberly Neace (D)	6	½
New Lenox			
	Jay D. Carr	7	
	Matthew Krings (PE)	2	
Orland Park			
Faith	Caleb Yong-Min Hong	7	
	Caitlyn Butler (LP)	2	
First Korean	TBS		
Oswego Good Shepherd			
	Philip Wayne Sheets	12	
	James Best (PD)	3	½
Palos Heights			
	Barbara L. Good	1	
Peotone			
	Richard Young (358.6)	4	¼

Aurora District (continued)			
Plainfield			
First	Eun-Hye Choi	6	
	Chris Walters (Associate)	6	
	Sheryl A. Scates (D)	10	
Sharon	Young Eun Choi	3	½
Plattville	Terry McLaughlin (358.6)	6	½
St. Charles: Baker Memorial	Mary Zajac	4	
Sandwich: United	Steven Mindrup	3	
Sugar Grove	CheonEui Oh	3	
West Chicago: First	Nancy Rethford	2	
Wheaton			
Aldersgate	Joseph T. Kim	1	
Gary	Chris Pierson	1	
	Brian Jones (Associate)[346.1]	2	½
Wilmington	Thomas Kingery	3	
Wilton Center Federated	Rich DeVries		
Winfield			
Community	Bruce Anderson (LP)	1	¼
South Asian	Man Singh Das (358.6)	25	¼
Woodridge	Danita Anderson	3	
Yorkville: Trinity	Michael Stoner	4	

Chicago Northwest District – Zaki L. Zaki, Superintendent (5)			
Appointment	Pastor's Name	Yrs	%
Chicago			
Adalberto Memorial	Emma Lozano (DSS)	2	¼
African Community	Fredrick Lartey (DSS)	3	½
Berry Memorial	Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger	3	
Bethany/Jesus El Buen	Jenny Moller (DSS)	4	½
Broadway	Alka Lyall	2	
Church of the Three Crosses	John Hobbs (346.2)	13	
Edison Park/Philipino (NFC)	Victor Melad, Jr.	5	
The Redeemer of Calvary	Shirley M. Pulgar-Hughes (LP)	4	
Elston Avenue	Krista Paradiso (PE)	2	
Emanuel	Auderine Molina (LP)	3	¾
	Jesus Molina, Jr. (LP)	3	¼

Chicago Northwest District (continued)			
Chicago (Continued)			
Epworth	Juyeon Jeon (PE)	1	
First Vietnamese	Wesley Vinh Van (DSS)	3	¼
	Ashish Singh (DSS) [Assistant]	3	¼
Grace of Logan Square	Mark Schol (LP)	6	
Granville Avenue	Allen Barbour (DSS)	4	¼
	Marcus L. Tabb, Sr. (346.1)	2	¼
Humboldt Park	Paula Cripps-Vallejo (346.1)	4	
Indo Pak	Ernest C. Singh	13	
Irving Park	Katherine Paisley	5	
Chicago: Misión Hispana at Irving Park	Samuel Castro (DSS)	2	¼
Mandell	Amos Oladipo	3	¾
	Keleigh Green-Patton (DSS) (Assistant)	3	¼
New Hope	Thomas Rawlinson	3	½
Olivet	Donald Wright (LP)	13	¼
Parish of the Holy Covenant	Kelli R. Beard	2	
	Adrienne Trevathan (D)	3	¾
Ravenswood Fellowship	Linda Misewicz-Perconte	7	
Resurrection	Julie Fleurinor (LP)	5	
St. Matthew	Jacques Conway	4	¼
	Reuel A. Talapian (Associate)	3	½
United Church of Rogers Park	Catiana P. McKay	10	
	Wesley Patton Dorr (D)	8	
West Ridge	Reuel A. Talapian	3	½
	TBS		
Urban Village: Wicker Park (NFC)	Hannah Kardon	1	
Urban Village: Andersonville(NFC)	Brittany Isaac (Associate)	5	
Urban Village: Andersonville(NFC)	Monica Isaac (D)	2	
Deerfield: Christ	Brian P. Roots	8	
Elmwood Park	Scort Christy (LP)	2	¼
Evanston			
Emmanuel	Timothy B. Rathod	22	
First	Dean L. Francis	22	
	Jane Cheema (D)	14	
	Bonny S. Roth (D)	5	½

Chicago Northwest District (continued)			
Evanston (continued)			
Hemenway	Richard Mosley, Jr. (346.1)	10	
Sherman	Barbara J. Morgan	1	
Franklin Park: First	Orlando C. Moller	4	
Glencoe: North Shore	Glenna Olumstad	4	
	Barbara Javore (D)	12	
Glenview	Hwa-Young Chong	6	
	Wendy C. Hardin Hermann (Associate)	3	½
Highland Park: Galilee	Hyujae Lee	3	
Maywood: Neighborhood	Jacques Conway	15	¾
Melrose Park			
Cosmopolitan United	Kye Ile Hong	7	
Fiesta Cristiana (NFC)	Jesus Molina, Jr. (LP)	2	¼
Stone Park: Out of the Box	Jesus Molina, Jr. (LP)	14	¼
	Auderine Molina (LP)	4	¼
Northbrook			
Northbrook	Melissa Earley	7	
North Northfield	Soong-In Moon	8	
Glenbrook Korean	Eun Young Ko	1	
Oak Park			
Euclid Avenue	Martha Lynne Scott	11	
	Carol J. Hawking (Associate)	9	¼
	Teran Loeppke (D)	1	½
First	Jenny R. Weber	4	
St. John's	Lindsey L. Joyce (PE)	3	
Park Ridge: First	David P. Aslesen	2	
River Forest	Edgar F. Solís (346.1)	2	¾
	Cathryn Caliendo	2	¼
Skokie: Central	David Lee Haley	10	
Skokie: Jesus Love Korean (NFC)	Sun Hyung Jo	4	
Wheeling: First Korean	Kwangtae Kim	14	
	Kyungsu Park (PE) (Associate)	2	½
Journey Community (NFC)	Kyungsu Park (PE)	2	½
Wilmette: Trinity	Brian C. Smith	4	
	Patricia Bonilla (PD)	2	
	Byoungill Park (346.1) (Associate)	6	½

Chicago Southern District – Tracy Smith Malone, Superintendent (6)			
Appointment	Pastor's Name	Yrs	%
Alsip: Christ	Timothy J. Biel, Sr. (LP)	7	½
Blue Island		1	
Grace	Juancho Campanano	1	½
Hispanic (NFC)	Saturnino Espinoza (DSS)	2	¼
Brookfield: Compassion (NFC)	Karl Sokol	6	
Chicago			
Amor de Dios	Ramiro Rodriguez (DSS)	11	½
Ashburn/Getsemani Hispanic (NFC)	Refugio González (DSS)	5	¼
Chicago Lawn (NFC)	Robert McClerren (LP)	3	¼
	Rosa Garcia (DSS)	2	¼
Clair-Christian	Dale Kelley (346.1)	10	
East Side	Jim Galuhn	5	
Englewood/Rust Memorial	Harriette Cross	7	
Faith	Audrea F. Nanabray	4	
Fernwood	Elliott T. Parker (346.2)	4	½
First (Chicago Temple)	Myron F. McCoy	3	
	Wendy A. Witt (Associate)	6	
G2G (NFC)	Ayla Samson (LP)	5	½
Gorham	Pamela L. Pirtle (PE)	3	
Grace-Calvary	Rodney C. Walker (LP)	8	½
Greater Englewood Parish/ West Englewood	Robert Houston (DSS)	1	½
Greenstone	Luther C. Mason (LP)	4	½
Hartzell Memorial/St. James	Andrea Davidson (346.1)	2	
Hyde Park Korean	Mosung Eam	10	
Ingleside-Whitfield	Jacqueline P. Ford	7	
Kelly/Woodlawn	Michelle Taylor Sanders	2	
Lincoln	Emma Lozano (DSS)	2	¼
Maple Park	Robert Biekman	5	½
Morgan Park	Dennis Langdon	6	
New Gresham	Michael Mitchell, Sr. (LP)	4	½
Southlawn	Dwayne Craig (346.1)	3	
South Shore	Adonna Davis Reid	6	
St. Mark	P. Devon Brown	4	
	Dwight Stewart (Associate)	1	

Chicago Southern District (continued)			
Chicago (continued)			
Trinity	Delian Stone (346.2)	2	½
Union Avenue	Annie J. González	7	¼
United Church of Hyde Park	David Gregg (Interim)	3	
Urban Village: River North (NFC)	Christian Coon	8	
Urban Village: Hyde Park/Woodlawn(NFC)	Emily McGinley (346.2)	5	
Wesley	Charles Woolery, Sr.	4	
Cicero: Wesley	Cathryn Caliendo	14	¾
Crete	Frederick V. Bartels	5	
Dolton: Faith (NFC)	Charles Straight (LP)	9	
Evergreen Park: First	Lawrence A. Paris	3	
Flossmoor: Korean UMC of South Suburban	Yoon Ki Kim	1	
Harvey: First Wesley Academy/ Riverdale: Ivanhoe (Transformation Community)	Dennis M. Oglesby, Jr.	4	
Hazel Crest: Community	Juancho Campanano	1	½
Homewood: St. Andrew	Timothy J. Biel, Jr.	3	
La Grange: First	Lisa E. Telomen	3	
Lansing: First	David R. Price	1	
Oak Lawn: First	Jonathan S. Crail	4	
Olympia Fields	Claude R. King	4	
Park Forest: Grace United Protestant	Norval I. Brown	10	½
Riverside	Mark Gilmore (LP)	2	½
Thornton	Norval I. Brown	10	½
Tinley Park	Melwyn S. Alagodi	3	
University Park: Pilgrimage	Eve Harris (DSS)	1	¼
Western Springs	Christina L. Vosteen	3	

DeKalb District – Young Mee Park, Superintendent (4)			
Appointment	Pastor's Name	Yrs	%
Albany	Glen Stewart (358.6)	1	½
Amboy: United First	TBD		

DeKalb District (continued)			
Ashton			
Ashton	Laura J. Crites	1	½
Reynolds	Seamus Enright (PE)	2	
Brookville	Jerry L. Martz (LP)	9	¼
Chana	Chan Ik Choi (PE)	2	½
Coleta	Hyewon (Sophia) Hyon (LP)	2	½
Compton	David Holden (LP)	3	¼
Cortland	Yeonshin (Rosa) Lee (PE)	2	¼
Creston	Jin-Yang Kim	6	½
DeKalb: First	Paul Judd	2	
	Jungmi Deborah Kang (PE) (Associate)	2	
Dixon			
First	Timothy Mitchell	2	
	Heewon Kim (PE) (Associate)	3	
Grace	Marilyn J. Nolan	9	
Earlville	Sandra Smith (LP)	3	½
East Jordan	Jim Miller (DSS)	2	½
Elkhorn	Jerry L. Martz (LP)	9	¼
Erie	Rodney B. Dye	14	
Esmond	David G. Rogula (358.6)	8	½
Fenton	Janice Shaulis (LP)	2	½
Franklin Grove	Laura J. Crites	1	½
Genoa: Faith	Melissa Meyers	4	
Harding	Richard M. Fassig (LP)	2	¼
Harmon	Leanne Keate (PE)	4	¼
Herbert: Davis	Jaclyn K. Wills (LP)	13	¼
Hinckley: First	Sejoon Jang	1	
Kingston	Jaclyn K. Wills (LP)	5	¼
Kirkland: First	Kyeong-Ah Woo	5	
LaMoille: Community	David Jungnickel (LP)	2	
LaSalle: Grace	Brett Todd	4	
Leland	Dae-Gyu (Dave) Yim (LP)	2	½
Leon	Janice Shaulis (LP)	2	½
Lighthouse	Chan Ik Choi (PE)	2	½
Malden	Gary Brooks (DSS)	7	¼
Malta	Noah Panlilio	4	¾
Malta: Northwest	Noah Panlilio	4	¼

DeKalb District (continued)			
Maple Park: Grace	TBS		
Marseilles	Kihwan Choi (LP)	2	¼
Mendota			
First	Kent Svendsen	1	
Zion	Hogun Kim (PE)	2	
Morrison	Ryan Sutton	4	
Mt. Morris: Disciples	Julie Bunt	1	
Norway	Richard M. Fassig (LP)	1	¼
Oregon	Thomas E. Kim	1	
Ottawa			
Epworth	Carolyn Lukasick	2	
Evangelical	Grace Oh	3	
First	Cheri L. Stewart (LP)	2	
Paw Paw	David Holden (LP)	3	½
Polo: Faith	Karen Hundrieser (LP)	2	
Princeton	Brian Gilbert	2	
Prophetstown	Oscar Carrasco (358.6)	2	
Red Oak	Judy Giese	4	½
Rochelle	Robert Hamilton	2	
Rock Falls	Solomon Sudhakar (346.1)	1	
Seneca: First	Kihwan Choi (LP)	2	½
Serena	Richard M. Fassig (LP)	1	¼
Sheridan	Richard M. Fassig (LP)	1	¼
Sterling:		1	
First	Brad Wilson	2	¾
Trinity	Brad Wilson	2	¼
Wesley	Wesley Dickson	3	
Steward	Jin-Yang Kim	6	½
Suydam	Dae-Gyu (Dave) Yim (LP)	2	¼
Sycamore	Daniel Swinson	2	
	Harlene Harden (Associate)	9	
Tampico	Leanne Keate (PE)	4	¾
Triumph	Sandra J. Smith (LP)	7	¼
Walnut	Mark Harkness	4	
Waterman	Hyercherl Paul Lee	4	
Wyant	Judy Giese	4	½

Elgin District – Darneather Murph-Heath, Superintendent (2)			
Appointment	Pastor's Name	Yrs	%
Addison: Good Samaritan	Sang Hun Han	1	
Alden	Eric Blachford	3	¼
Algonquin: Christ	Ronald O. Green	2	
Antioch	C. William Landis	4	
Arlington Heights			
Church of the Incarnation	Eunbae Doh	3	
First	Ouk-Yean Kim Jueng	4	
	Lynn Mikels (D)	18	¾
Barrington			
Barrington	Christopher Winkler	4	
	Mi-Sook Yoo (Associate)	3	
Salem	Sung-Ja Lee Moon	3	
Bartlett: Good Shepherd	Timothy D. Casey	11	
Beach Park: York House	Miguel Nieves (AM/D pre-1992)	8	½
Bensenville: First	SoYoung Kim (PE)	3	
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	James Preston	5	
	Lucas Pepper (D)	4	¾
Burlington	David Seyller (358.6)	2	
Carpentersville:			
Bethel-NFC	Uziel Hernandez (LP)	3	¼
Trinity	Uziel Hernandez (LP)	3	¼
Cary	Michael Hickok	4	
	Daniel Lee (LP) (Associate)	4	
Crystal Lake: First	Scott N. Field	4	
	Cesar Hernandez (LP) (Associate)	1	
Des Plaines:			
First	Irene Taylor	2	
Nuevo Amanecer	Rose Villarreal (DSS)	5	¼
Dundee: First	Carol Hill	1	
Elgin:			
Cornerstone	James Bell	4	
El Mesias	Uziel Hernandez (LP)	3	½
Epworth	Deborah Percell	2	
First	Richard Carlson	3	
La Luz De Cristo (NFC)	Ruben Rivera (LP)	6	½
Wesley	O. Roger Zavala	6	
Elk Grove Village: Prince of Peace	Cerna Rand	6	

Elgin District (continued)			
Elmhurst:			
Christ	Joane Patton-Seaton (LP)	14	½
Faith Evangelical	W. Jason Turner	7	
First	Joseph Johnson	3	
Fox River Grove: Community	Karen Sersen (LP)	4	¼
Grayslake: United Protestant	Gary Waters	3	
Hampshire:			
First	Thomas Yang	3	
Zion	DooSoo Lee	1	
Libertyville	Jamie Hanna Williams (Co-Pastor)	6	
	Stephen C. Williams (Co-Pastor)	6	
Lindenhurst: Trinity	Daniel Davis (358.6)	3	½
Marengo	Howard J. Newcomb	2	
McHenry			
First	Scott McClellan	3	
Mt. Hope	Lori Bee (LP)	2	½
Mount Prospect:			
Sam Mool Korean	Misook Park	21	
Trinity	Colleen M. Norman	2	
Mundelein: Vision Church	Soon Chang Jang	30	
Palatine: First	Keck Mowry	2	
Prospect Heights:Central Korean	Jin Ho Hong	2	
Ringwood	Lori Bee (LP)	1	½
Roselle	Melissa Hood	4	
Schaumburg:			
Our Redeemer's	Romir Esguerra	3	
Our Saviour's	David Lagos-Fonseca	2	
Salem Korean	Theddeus J. Kim	13	
South Elgin: Community	Jan P. Comerford	7	
Villa Park: Calvary	Char Hoffman	5	
Wauconda: Federated Church	Jason Hladik (346.2)	4	
Waukegan:			
First	Ceceilia Safford Harris	4	
Living Faith	Megan Dean (PE)	2	
San Pablo	Ilza-Enid Nieve-Bosque (LP)	2	½
Winthrop Harbor			
Winthrop Harbor	Jin Hee Kang	5	
North Prairie	Miguel Nieves (AM/D pre-1992)	2	½
Wood Dale: Community Church	Terry McDorman (DSS)	2	½
Woodstock: First	Kurt Gamlin	5	
Zion: Memorial	Kwadwo Ntim	8	

Rockford District – Lisa Kruse-Safford, Superintendent (4)			
Appointment	Pastor's Name	Yrs	%
Afolkey: Bethel	Judy Sherk	3	¼
Apple River	Joseph Garcea (LP)	3	¼
Argo Fay	Paul D. Fritz (LP)	9	¼
Belvidere			
First	Monty W. Fox	2	
	Cristobal Ramirez (Associate) (LP)	6	½
Hispanic Emerge (NFC)	Cristobal Ramirez (LP)	5	¼
Blaine	Thomas T. Hay (LP)	7	¼
Burritt	Larry Alan Moody (358.6)	9	½
Capron	Bob Carroll (LP)	3	¼
Cedarville	Bettye Mixon (335) Interim	1	¼
Chadwick	Mary Bohall	3	½
Chemung	Bob Carroll (LP)	3	¼
Cherry Valley	Victoria Hadaway	2	
Dakota Rock Grove	Nancy Vidad (LP)	3	
Davis Junction	Keith Kelsey-Powell (358.6)	1	¼
Davis: Calvary	Brenda Byrne	2	½
Durand	Soon Sun Lee	1	
Elizabeth	Tiffany Garcea (PE)	2	½
Fairhaven	Mary Bohall	3	¼
Florence	Kathleen Brinkmeier (346.2)	6	¼
Forreston	David William Poust	6	½
Freeport			
Embury	Eddie, Eddy Sr. (LP)	1	½
Faith	John Wesley Lee	10	
First	Calvin Haines (PE)	3	
Trinity	Eddie, Eddy Sr. (LP)	1	½
Galena	Patricia E. Allen-Stewart	6	
German Valley	Donald Plock (DSS)	1	¼
Hanover	Tiffany Garcea (PE)	2	½
Hickory Grove	Mary Bohall	3	¼
Hunter	Thomas T. Hay (LP)	7	¼
Kent	Brenda Elaine Morris (LP)	6	¼
Lanark	Jarrood Severing (LP)	2	
Leaf River	David William Poust	6	½
Lena	Brian K. LeBaron (AM)	6	
McConnell	Matt Smith (LP)	1	½
Milledgeville	Andrew Pittman	2	½
Machesney Pk. New Life (NFC)	Mark John Meyers	6	¾
Mount Carroll	Donna Hoffman (LP)	3	
New Milford	Casey Fiut (346.2)	3	½
Orangeville	Judy Sherk	3	¾

Rockford District (continued)			
Pearl City: First	Matt Smith (LP)	1	½
Pecatonica	Kathleen R. Voigt	4	
Poplar Grove	Christopher T. Druce Jones	3	
	Danice Loveridge (PD)	3	½
Red Oak	Bettye Mixon (335) Interim	1	¼
Rock City	Brenda Byrne	2	¼
Rockford			
	Aldersgate Douglas Albert Williams	7	
	Beth Eden Mario Mayer	3	
	Brooke Road Chung Nam Kwak	3	
	Centennial Multicultural Fabiola Grandon-Mayer	3	
	Christ Jane S. Eesley	6	
	Scott S. Himel (Associate)	4	
	Deanna Mede (Associate) (LP)	2	¾
	Christ the Carpenter Montel M. Putney (LP)	10	¼
	Court Street Calvin Culpepper	6	
	Evans Teresa Jean Lafferty (LP)	3	½
	Grace Pamela M. Rossmiller	5	
	Harlem Roland Harkleroad (LP)	1	¼
Rockton	Megan A. Smick (PE)	3	
Roscoe	Paul C. Meyers	7	
Savanna: First	Jim Ketzel (335) Interim	1	
Scales Mound	Joseph Garcea (LP)	2	¼
Shannon: Bethel	Michael Jones	2	
Shirland	Mark John Meyers	3	¼
Stockton: Calvary	Jonathan Singleton	3	
Stockton: Wesley	Brenda Morris (LP)	6	¼
Thomson	Paul D. Fritz (LP)	9	¼
Van Brocklin	Kathleen Brinkmeier (346.2)	6	¼
Warren	Roger Bronkema (LP)	3	½
Willow	Brenda Morris (LP)	6	¼
Winnebago	Donald Plock (DSS)	1	¼

Document 600 - Budget

2017 Budget - Revised After GC apportionments

The Purpose of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference is to make disciples for Jesus Christ - disciples who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will make a difference in the world - by equipping its local faith communities for a ministry of witness, justice, hope and love, and by providing a connection for the mission beyond the congregation; all to the glory of God.

	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Recommended	Notes
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Anticipated Apportionments from Local Churches	6,133,132	6,095,574	6,133,132	Local church apportionment received at 73%
Additional Apportionments to pay 100% General Church				
Other Sources		478,018	328,829	Without this income, general church paid at 83%
GCFA Episcopal Office Support	91,400	90,000	90,000	
Program Endowments, Restricted Gifts	135,266	73,886	75,000	Includes special Sundays, IT contract income, H2020 income, etc.
TOTAL INCOME	6,359,798	6,737,478	6,626,961	
USES OF FUNDS				
<u>General Apportionments</u>				
World Service Fund	886,084	973,696	974,132	Paid 90% in 2015
Episcopal Fund	212,504	313,881	288,480	Paid other General Apportionments at 72%
Ministerial Education Fund-General Church	182,521	250,717	246,763	
Black Colleges Fund	97,080	133,351	131,242	
General Church Administration	85,564	117,559	115,670	
Ministerial Education Fund-Conference	48,479	66,858	82,254	
Africa University	21,722	29,852	29,371	
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	19,042	26,156	25,731	
Jurisdictional Apportionments	18,857	19,800	14,627	
TOTAL General/Jurisdictional Apportionments	1,571,853	1,931,870	1,908,270	

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Resources Amenable to Cabinet Decision

Equipping Local Churches:

New Faith Communities	314,008	289,000	289,000	Explanatory materials follow
Church Redevelopment Programming	58,792	68,000	68,000	
Support to Local Churches	232,250	242,000	242,000	Explanatory materials follow
Intervention	48,532	50,000	50,000	
Church Relocation Expenses	146,811	150,000	150,000	
Meetings, District Events, and Ministries	97,094	81,500	81,500	Details below

TOTAL Amenable to Cabinet Decisions

897,487 880,500 880,500

Resources Amenable to Program Council

Conference Programming	649,392	673,000	673,000	Explanatory materials follow
Conference program Staff	527,731	509,836	416,110	3 Fulltime (1 TBD), 3 half time positions, details below
Annual Conference Sessions and Secretary	65,420	75,000	75,000	

TOTAL Program Council

1,242,543 1,257,836 1,164,110

Cabinet Expenses

District Superintendent Salary and Benefits	819,197	824,967	819,332	6 District Superintendents, 0% increase, details below
Cabinet Support Staff Salary and Benefits	359,814	368,974	379,126	4 Fulltime and 1 half time positions, details below
Episcopal Support Staff Salary and Benefits	219,221	205,780	192,027	1 Fulltime and 1 halftime position, details below

TOTAL Cabinet

1,398,232 1,399,721 1,390,485

Conference Committees and Boards

Board of Ordained Ministry Expenses	12,420	15,000	15,000	
Trustees Expenses	48,053	55,000	55,000	
Property and Liability Insurance	68,585	62,500	65,938	Umbrella, auto, D&O
Legal Fees	32,739	50,000	50,000	
Archives and History	9,200	9,200	9,200	Rent and supplies for archives

Document 600 (Budget) – continued

Audit	27,500	27,000	27,500	
Administrative Staff and Benefits	625,283	595,659	611,423	6 fulltime, 1 part time positions, details below
Office Expenses, Rent, Copying, Telephone, etc.	365,567	395,690	392,035	Details below
Computer Equipment Purchases and Maintenance	45,672	42,500	42,500	Servers and computers updating
Software, Internet, and support	14,665	15,000	15,000	Subscriptions to software services
TOTAL Administrative Committees	1,249,684	1,267,549	1,283,596	
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,359,798	6,737,477	6,626,961	

2017 Budget Details

	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Taxes, Cont. Ed.</u>	<u>Parsonages, Travel</u>	<u>Totals</u>
District Superintendent Salary and Benefits	518,373	200,443	12,750	87,766	819,332
Cabinet Staff – District Admins and NCD	251,149	90,812	16,229	20,936	379,126
Episcopal Support Staff and Benefits	123,638	45,240	5,564	17,585	192,027
Conference Program Staff and Benefits	313,139	77,374	15,048	10,549	416,110
Administrative Staff and Benefits	423,883	125,769	36,803	24,968	611,423
 <u>Meetings, Events, and Ministries</u>					
Interviews, Retreats, Recruitment			35,000		
District Events			36,000		
Town and Rural Ministries			10,000		
NCJ Rural Ministries			500		
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			81,500		
 <u>Office Expenses, Rent, Copying, Telephone, etc.</u>					
Supplies and Expenses			49,065	paper, pens, envelopes, binders	
Bank Fees			18,373		
Postage			23,160	Includes postage machine lease	

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Hospitality	6,000	
Printing	40,858	5 copier leases, toner, desktop printing
Volunteer Travel to Meetings	5,000	
Rent and Utilities	190,418	Chicago Temple, Elgin, Rochelle
Telephone	43,161	Office landlines, equipment, cell phones
Interns/Consultants	8,000	
Contracted Services	8,000	
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**NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

For The Years Ended
December 31, 2015 and 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Conference Council on Finance and Administration
Kristina Gaughan, Chair of Finance and Administration
Northern Illinois Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (the Conference), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's

preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at December 31, 2015 and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Conference's 2014 consolidated financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated June 16, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

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Naperville, Illinois
April 30, 2016

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2015

(With Summarized Financial Information for December 31, 2014)

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,899,271	\$826,995
Accounts receivable from churches		
For general property insurance, less allowance of \$114,997 and \$74,451 for 2015 and 2014, respectively	330,220	248,891
For health and life insurance, less allowance of \$317,005 and \$194,507 for 2015 and 2014, respectively	397,626	489,497
For pensions, less allowance of \$139,252 and \$75,728 for 2015 and 2014, respectively	191,289	256,209
Accounts receivable - other	472,659	480,218
Pledges receivable, less allowance of \$65,455 and \$26,761 for 2015 and 2014, respectively	144,336	208,096
Notes receivable	19,977,844	21,251,331
Investments	13,981,866	15,589,525
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	7,653,707	7,940,638
Prepaid expenses and other	19,053	180,505
	\$45,067,871	\$47,471,905
TOTAL ASSETS		

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$1,326,338	\$1,371,295
Mortgage and notes payable	23,140,651	24,047,283
Accrued postretirement healthcare	19,382,216	19,894,671
Interest rate swap liability	381,379	349,050
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Total liabilities	44,230,584	45,662,299
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted - undesignated	(2,858,041)	(2,105,182)
Unrestricted - board designated	64,683	62,579
Unrestricted - designated as quasi-endowment	2,580,094	2,862,985
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Total unrestricted	(213,264)	820,382
Temporarily restricted	573,018	511,691
Permanently restricted	477,533	477,533
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Total net assets	837,287	1,809,606
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$45,067,871</u>	<u>\$47,471,905</u>

NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

(With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2014)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2015	2014
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT					
Apportionments	\$6,394,504	\$ --	\$ --	\$6,394,504	\$5,993,971
Property insurance revenue	2,928,522	--	--	2,928,522	2,594,352
Health insurance and pension revenue	7,302,286	--	--	7,302,286	7,253,283
Contributions	191,785	2,377,945	--	2,569,730	2,505,011
Interest income	1,076,037	--	--	1,076,037	1,105,203
Investment return	(793,738)	--	--	(793,738)	613,702
Gain on sale of property	12,480	--	--	12,480	135,470
Rental income	30,524	--	--	30,524	134,120
Other	825,864	--	--	825,864	2,061,086
Net assets released from restriction	2,316,618	(2,316,618)	--	--	--
Total revenues and other support	20,284,882	61,327	--	20,346,209	22,396,198

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2015	2014
EXPENSES					
Program expenses					
Cabinet support	2,041,115	--	--	2,041,115	2,401,391
Miscellaneous ministry	1,310,127	--	--	1,310,127	1,424,670
General church	1,159,638	--	--	1,159,638	1,503,989
Voluntary offerings	897,561	--	--	897,561	1,079,554
Martin Keagy rural ministry	16,050	--	--	16,050	23,500
Outdoor and retreat ministries	881,292	--	--	881,292	936,320
Ministerial education activities	46,375	--	--	46,375	54,153
Board of pension activities	10,030,691	--	--	10,030,691	10,094,677
NICUM insurance activities	2,865,145	--	--	2,865,145	2,895,545
Total program expenses	19,247,994	--	--	19,247,994	20,413,799
Conference administration	2,070,534	--	--	2,070,534	3,257,473
Total expenses	21,318,528	--	--	21,318,528	23,671,272
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,033,646)	61,327	--	(972,319)	(1,275,074)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	820,382	511,691	477,533	1,809,606	3,084,680
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ (213,264)	\$ 573,018	\$ 477,533	\$ 837,287	\$ 1,809,606

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(with summarized financial information for the Year Ended December 31, 2015 & 2014)

	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (972,319)	\$ (1,275,074)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities		
Depreciation	494,305	477,389
Bad debt expense	66,889	22,998
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	(12,480)	(135,470)
Loss (gain) on sale of investments	34,674	(194,803)
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	1,063,462	(25,226)
Unrealized loss on interest rate swap	32,329	219,147
(Increase) decrease in		
Accounts receivable from churches		
For general property insurance	(81,329)	(73,205)
For health and life insurance	24,982	(50,462)
For pensions	64,920	15,911
Accounts receivable - other	7,559	5,919
Pledges receivable	63,760	166,582
Notes receivable	11,012	(123,217)
Prepaid expenses and other	161,452	(35,453)
Increase (decrease) in		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(44,957)	(657,173)
Accrued postretirement healthcare	(512,455)	445,908
Net cash from operating activities	401,804	(1,216,229)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment	17,085	136,000
Purchase of property and equipment	(211,979)	(272,526)
Purchases of investments	(706,501)	(68,332)
Sales and maturities of investments	1,216,024	115,289
Loans to churches	(19,400)	(3,133,029)
Proceeds from repayments of loans to churches	1,281,875	665,047
Net cash from investing activities	1,577,104	(2,557,551)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from borrowing	--	3,504,982
Principal payments: mortgage & notes payable	(906,632)	(846,210)
Net cash from financing activities	(906,632)	2,658,772
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,072,276	(1,115,008)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	826,995	1,942,003
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	1,899,271	826,995
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION		
Interest paid	97,009	99,569

NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2015 and 2014

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Church Insurance Association, and the Red Door Fund, NFP, (collectively, the Conference). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is an incorporated nonprofit organization, which represents United Methodist congregations located in the northern third of the State of Illinois. The Conference was organized for Christian, religious, church, benevolent, and charitable purposes. The financial aspects of the Conference are governed by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (the Council); a board elected by the Conference membership. The function of the Council is to develop, maintain, and administer the fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the Conference.

The Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Church Insurance Association (NICUM) is a related nonprofit organization brokering property insurance for the Conference's member churches. The NICUM Board of Directors is elected by the Conference trustees. The Red Door Fund, NFP was incorporated with a Board of Directors selected by the Conference's Council and the Conference's Trustees. The Red Door Fund, NFP holds mortgage notes receivable from Conference local churches funded by a note to Wintrust Bank. The note is guaranteed by the Conference and secured by mortgages on Conference property and pledges of Conference investment accounts.

Numerous United Methodist and United Methodist related organizations which have some affiliation with the Conference are not reflected in these financial statements. These organizations are separate legal entities and are governed by their own boards of directors.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements of the Conference have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less when acquired. The Conference maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts at financial institutions. The balances, at times, may exceed federally insured limits.

Accounts Receivable from Churches

Accounts receivable from churches are stated at the amount billed to member churches. The Conference provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is equal to all amounts over 365 days past due.

Investments

All investments in equity and debt securities are reported at their fair values in the consolidated statement of financial position. Pooled investment funds are valued using an estimated net asset value (NAV). Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities.

In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance in Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-07, *Fair Value Measurements (Topic 820): Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or its Equivalent)* (ASU No. 2015-07). ASU No. 2015-07 was issued to address diversity in practice of how certain investments measured at net asset value were categorized within the fair value hierarchy. ASU No. 2015-07 removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient. ASU No. 2015-07 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Conference has adopted the provisions of ASU No. 2015-07 in fiscal year 2014.

Property and Equipment

Conference policy requires that all furniture and equipment over \$1,500 be capitalized. Depreciation for furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over seven and five years, respectively. Buildings and improvements are depreciated over 30 years using the straight-line method of depreciation. Property and equipment is recorded at cost, if purchased, or at fair value on the date of gift, if received as a contribution.

Net Assets

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified as follows:

Unrestricted net assets include general and board-designated net assets of the Conference and are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by actions of the Board of Trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. The unrestricted net assets of the Conference may be used at the discretion of management to support the Conference's purposes and operations.

Temporarily Restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Conference or the passage of time. Unconditional promises to give that are due in future periods and are not permanently restricted are classified as temporarily restricted net assets.

Permanently Restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that the contribution be maintained in perpetuity. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Conference to use all or part of the income earned on these assets for general or specific purposes. Donor-imposed restrictions limiting the use of the assets or their economic benefit neither expire with the passage of time nor can be removed by satisfying a specific purpose. Such assets include primarily the Conference's permanent endowment.

Income Taxes

The Conference is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. However, the Conference is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income.

Fair Value Measurements

The fair values of assets and liabilities are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories, based on the sources of information (inputs) used to develop the fair value measurements:

Level 1: Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the report date.

Level 2: Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the report date.

Level 3: Securities that have little to no pricing observability as of report date.

Whenever available, the fair values of investments are based on quoted market values for identical asset in active markets (Level 1). When quoted market prices are not available, fair value is estimated by reference to fair values for similar securities (Level 2) or by discounting cash flows at an appropriate market rate, taking into consideration the varying degrees of risk (Level 2 or Level 3, depending on whether the inputs can be observed in the marketplace).

The derivative instrument consists of an interest rate swap. Pricing models utilize a series of market inputs to determine the present value of future cash flows, with adjustments, as required for credit and liquidity risk (Level 2).

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Apportionment Revenue

Apportionment revenue is each member church's contributions to support ordained leaders, mission and evangelism, and reconnecting the connection. Apportionments revenue is recognized in the period the contributions are received.

Contributions

Gifts of cash and other assets received without donor stipulations are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets. Gifts received with a donor stipulation that limits their use are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. When a donor stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Gifts of land, buildings, equipment, and other long-lived assets are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets unless explicit donor stipulations specify how such assets must be used, in which case the gifts are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. Absent explicit donor stipulations for the time long-lived assets must be held, expirations of restrictions resulting in reclassification of temporarily restricted net assets as unrestricted net assets are reported when the long-lived assets are placed in service.

Unconditional gifts expected to be collected within one year are reported at their net realizable value. Unconditional gifts expected to be collected in future years are initially reported at fair value determined using the discounted present value of estimated future cash flows technique. The resulting discount is amortized and is reported as contribution revenue.

Comparative Financial Information

The accompanying financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, from which the summarized information was derived.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations. In 2014, on the statement of financial position certain accounts were included in the prepaid expenses and other and due from United Methodist Foundation that are now in the accounts receivable line item and certain accounts were in the prepaid expenses and other line item that are now in the notes receivable line item.

3. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

The Conference has received pledges from various donors, primarily for the Harvest 2020 campaign to raise money for planting new faith communities in Northern Illinois.

Pledges receivable consisted of the following:

	2015	2014
Pledges receivable expected to be collected in		
Less than one year	\$ 108,794	\$ 126,098
One year to five years	109,388	114,182
Less allowance for uncollectible pledges	(65,455)	(26,761)
Less discount to present value	(8,391)	(5,423)
TOTAL	144,336	208,096

4. NOTES RECEIVABLE

The Conference loans funds to churches over terms between 7 and 30 years with interest rates ranging from 4.6% to 6%. The purpose of these loans is to provide church mortgages on more favorable terms. The notes receivable are unsecured. Notes receivable are due as follows:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 1,603,408
2017	1,603,408
2018	1,603,408
2019	1,603,408
2020	1,603,408
Thereafter	<u>11,841,099</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 19,858,139</u>

The Conference's credit quality indicators are performing and nonperforming. Performing loans are those with one or more payments made during the fiscal year. Nonperforming loans are those with no payments made during the fiscal year. The Conference considers all notes receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. Each church is evaluated for impairment individually. All churches are considered performing and current, with a balance of \$19,858,139 and \$21,120,614 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

In addition to the loans to churches, the Conference has a financing receivable to an unrelated party which is performing and current, with a balance of \$119,705 and \$130,717 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

5. INVESTMENTS

Fair value measurements at December 31, 2015 were as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS				
Mutual funds	\$ 29,584	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 29,584
Subtotal	<u>\$ 29,584</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	29,584
Money market funds				96,964
Pooled investments held at NAV				13,786,131
Certificates of Deposit				<u>69,187</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				<u>\$ 13,981,866</u>
LIABILITIES				
Interest rate swap	\$ --	\$ 381,379	\$ --	\$ 381,379
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 381,379</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 381,379</u>

Fair value measurements at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS				
Mutual Funds	\$ 30,601	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 30,601
Subtotal	<u>\$ 30,601</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	\$ 30,601
Money market funds				96,694
Pooled investments held at NAV				15,393,601
Certificates of deposit				<u>68,629</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				<u>\$ 15,589,525</u>
LIABILITIES				
Interest rate swap	\$ --	\$ 349,050	\$ --	\$ 349,050
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 349,050</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 349,050</u>

Money market funds and certificates of deposits are carried at cost. Pooled investments are carried at NAV. Investments at cost and NAV are not based on Level 1, 2, or 3 inputs.

Investments valued at NAV as of December 31, 2015:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Notice Period
General Board of Pensions pooled investment (a)	\$ 440,535	\$ --	Monthly upon approval
United Methodist Foundation pooled investment (b)	\$ 13,345,596	\$ --	Monthly upon approval

(a) This class reflects an interest in investment funds which contain various types of securities such as multiple asset, international equity, inflation protection and short term investment funds.

(b) This class reflects an interest in investment funds which contain various mutual funds.

Investment return consisted of the following at December 31,

	2015	2014
Interest and dividend income	\$ 304,398	\$ 393,673
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1,063,462)	25,226
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	(34,674)	194,803
INVESTMENT RETURN	\$ (793,738)	\$ 613,702

6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31 consists of:

	2015	2014
Land and land improvements	\$ 1,137,460	\$ 1,137,460
Buildings and building and leasehold improvements	9,178,190	9,151,268
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures	1,403,392	1,286,092
Motor vehicles	370,170	396,505
Subtotal	12,089,212	11,971,325
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,435,505)	(4,030,687)
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,653,707	\$ 7,940,638

7. MORTGAGE AND NOTES PAYABLE

The Conference's debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Mortgage payable dated February 27, 2007 with monthly principal and interest payments of \$17,991 and an interest rate equal to the five-year treasury rate plus 3.5% through March 31, 2032 secured by first mortgage lien on the mortgaged land and the building.	\$ 2,654,684	\$ 2,775,156
Note payable bank dated May 20, 2013. The Red Door Fund, NFP can borrow up to \$25,000,000 cumulatively, however, the maximum amount outstanding cannot exceed 1.43 times the value of liquid assets at any point in time. The monthly principal and interest payments are \$134,967 with a floating interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.95%. Interest on \$13,000,000 of the note is fixed at 4.06% with an interest rate swap. The note is due May 23, 2020, secured by an interest in and lien upon substantially all of the Conference's personal and real property.	20,447,703	21,200,934
Term loans payable monthly dated from June 2012 through May 2013 with principal and interest payments ranging from \$489 to \$658 with interest rates ranging from .90% to 3.33% through periods from February 2015 to November 2018, secured by personal property.	<u>38,264</u>	<u>71,193</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE AND NOTES PAYABLE	<u>\$ 23,140,651</u>	<u>\$ 24,047,283</u>

The future maturities of the term loan payable at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 900,856
2017	918,413
2018	949,381
2019	979,382
2020	1,001,687
Thereafter	<u>18,390,932</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 23,140,651</u>

The Red Door Fund, NFP loan agreement includes certain restrictive covenants including ratio requirements for debt service coverage and expendable cash and investments to funded debt.

Interest charged to operations for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$97,009 and \$99,569, respectively.

8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT - INTEREST RATE SWAP

Effective September 20, 2013, Red Door Fund, NFP entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a financial institution, with notional amounts of \$13,000,000. The purpose of these agreements is to minimize the variability of cash flows related to interest payments on the term loan above. Terms of these swap agreements run from September 20, 2013 through September 10, 2019. Under this agreement, Red Door Fund, NFP receives interest from the counterparty at LIBOR plus 1.95% and pays interest at a fixed rate of 4.06%.

Under the agreements, the Red Door Fund, NFP pays or receives the net interest amount monthly, with the settlements included in interest expense. The agreement is recorded at fair value with subsequent changes in fair value included in other revenues or expenses.

The interest rate swap agreement was contracted at market terms and had no fair value at inception. The carrying amount of the contract has been adjusted to fair value at the end of the year, which because of changes in forecasted interest rates resulted in reporting a liability for the fair value of the future net payments forecasted under the contract. The fair value of the liability for Red Door Fund's interest rate swap agreement was \$381,379 and \$349,050 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and was measured using Level 2 inputs, as described in Note 2, determined by pricing models maintained by the counterparty to the swap agreements. The pricing models utilize a series of market inputs to determine the present value of future cash flows, with adjustments, as required for credit and liquidity risk. The change in fair market value of the interest rate swap agreement was recorded as an unrealized loss of \$32,329 and \$219,147 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

9. GUARANTEED LOANS

The Conference is contingently liable for guarantees of three loans made by the United Methodist Development Corporation to member churches totaling \$2,061,667 and \$2,136,813 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The loans have interest rates ranging from 4.75% to 6.49% and maturities ranging from April 1, 2030 to December 1, 2034. Under the agreements with the member churches, the Conference is able to recover any losses from the assets of the member churches.

In relation to these guarantees, the following is summarized unaudited financial data for the three member churches as of December 31,

	2015	2014
Total Assets	\$ 6,375,000	\$ 6,097,000
Total Liabilities	2,079,560	2,183,608
Net Assets	4,295,440	3,913,392
Total Revenue	359,091	383,902
Total Expenses	381,353	415,946

9. NET ASSET RESTRICTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

Designated net assets represent limitations set forth by action of the governing board of the Conference. The designations are as follows:

	2015	2014
Camp Seager - Quasi-Endowment Fund	\$ 1,202,183	\$ 1,002,806
Millennial Challenge – Quasi-Endowment Fund	903,400	1,336,175
Program Ministry Quasi-Endowment	474,511	524,004
Ministerial Education Fund	64,683	62,579
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,644,777</u>	<u>\$ 2,925,564</u>

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, temporarily restricted net assets are as follows:

	2015	2014
Contributions restricted for general, church and missionary purposes	\$ 392,296	\$ 276,817
Endowment income restricted for rural ministries	180,722	234,874
TOTAL	<u>\$ 573,018</u>	<u>\$ 511,691</u>

Permanently restricted net assets are assets subject to the donor-imposed restriction that the principal be maintained in perpetuity and only the income be used. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Conference had permanently restricted net assets of \$477,533 and \$477,533, respectively. All income from these assets is restricted to the support of rural ministries.

10. POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH PLAN

The Conference sponsors a postretirement health care plan for all Conference employees and participating clergy that meet eligibility requirements.

The Conference received actuarial valuations of postretirement medical benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. These reports were prepared by MWM Consulting Group in both 2015 and 2014.

The Conference establishes Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) and tax free savings accounts for each clergy family (whether individual or couple). Retirees and spouses may draw funds from the accounts for health premiums, out-of-pocket expenses, and miscellaneous health care expenses. The HRAs are funded annually by the Conference at the rate of \$100 per year of service (up to 40 years); an equal amount for the clergy person and the spouse. Retirees may select the Medicare Supplement plan of their choice.

The payments per retiree are fixed amounts, therefore changes in inflation assumptions do not change the valuation. The valuation is calculated at a 4.5% discount rate and assumes 100% of eligible retirees and spouses will participate.

The following sets forth the plan's funded status reconciled with the obligation recognized on the statement of financial position at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, was as follows:

	2015	2014
Retired participants	\$ 10,868,115	\$ 11,143,356
Fully eligible active participants	4,064,525	4,372,192
Not fully eligible active participants	4,449,576	4,379,123
TOTAL	\$ 19,382,216	\$ 19,894,671

Funded status at December 31, was as follows:

	2015	2014
Benefit obligation	\$ 19,382,216	\$ 19,894,671
Fair value of plan assets	--	--
FUNDED STATUS	\$ 19,382,216	\$ 19,894,671

The projected future postretirement benefit payments at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Amount
2016	\$ 1,446,269
2017	1,455,521
2018	1,450,274
2019	1,426,703
2020	1,402,584
2021 to 2025	6,747,788

The United Methodist Clergy Fund (the Clergy Fund) is a separately incorporated related organization charged to “monitor the investment portfolio of the Clergy Fund” which can be distributed to the clergy retirement programs of the Conference. The Clergy Fund’s Board makes an annual decision on the amount of funds to distribute to the Conference’s postretirement health plan, \$1,300,000 and \$1,200,000 was transferred in 2015 and 2014, respectively. Current policy is to disburse the income or gain of the portfolio. The net present value of the amount available to distribute to the Conference is \$21,388,657 and \$22,766,926 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The postretirement health benefits paid by the Conference in 2015 and 2014 were \$1,455,505 and \$1,449,507, respectively.

12. OPERATING LEASES

The Conference leases its offices under three separate leases with expirations ranging from December 2015 to August 2022. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, lease expense totaled \$214,691 and \$233,292, respectively. Future minimum payments under noncancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2015 are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Amount
2016	\$ 230,204
2017	224,385
2018	185,846
2019	185,846
2020	185,846
Thereafter	309,744
TOTAL	<u>1,321,871</u>

13. PENSION PLAN

The Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church participates in the multi-employer defined benefit program of all U.S. annual conferences managed by The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and controlled by plan documents enacted by the quadrennial General Conference of the UMC. Assets contributed by any conference may be used to provide benefits to clergy of any participating conference. Should an annual conference make contributions less than the total liability of their participants the underfunded obligations are borne by the surviving annual conferences. A decision to withdraw from the plans is in violation of The Discipline (By-Laws of the church) and would cause an immediate suspension to the benefits of the conference’s clergy. Across all plans and all employees, the liabilities are funded at 108%.

While there is a single fund for funding the defined benefits of retirees for all annual conferences, the method to calculate the value of benefits earned varies by year of

service: before 1982, between 1982 and 2006, and after 2006. Each annual conference contributes according to the actuarial present value of benefits earned by clergy for service during those periods. The administrator of the plan, the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, annually calculates liabilities and expected contributions for each annual conference based upon demographic and market changes relative to previous year's reports.

The 2015 contribution for defined benefit plans is calculated from the demographics and assets on January 1, 2013. In the pre-82 plan, there are 691 beneficiaries, 114 are not yet retired. In the Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) program there are 977 annuitants, 536 not yet in pay status. As of January 1, 2014, in the Clergy Retirement Security Program defined benefit component (CRSP-DB) there are 528 vested participants, 96 are in pay status.

The Conference's participation in these plans by EIN/Plan Number, if applicable, is:

Pension Fund	EIN/Plan Number	Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2013	Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2014	FIP/RP Status Pending/Implemented	Conference's Contributions 2014	Conference's Contributions 2015	Surcharge Imposed
Pre-82	32-1899999	Green	Green	No	\$ 925,575	\$ 713,948	No
CRSP-DB	52-5599999	Green	Green	No	1,656,944	1,733,819	No
MPP	92-3499999	Green	Green	No	--	--	No

Unless otherwise noted, the most recent PPA zone status available in 2015 is for the plan's year end at December 31, 2013. The zone status is based on information that the Conference received from the plan and is certified by the plan's actuary. Among other factors, plans in the red zone are less than 65% funded, plans in the yellow zone are between 65%-80% funded, and plans in the green zone are more than 80% funded. The FIP/RP Status Pending/Implemented column indicates plans for which a financial improvement plan (FIP) or rehabilitation plan (RP) is either pending or has been implemented.

The funding status of the Conference's share in the multi-employer defined benefit plans for the 2015 and 2014 funding year (January 1, 2013 results) was as follows:

	2015	2014
Actuarial value of plan assets		
Pre-82 plan	\$ 46,417,686	\$ 44,217,454
CRSP-DB plan	14,704,848	11,367,720
MPP plan annuities	49,198,806	48,988,887
	<u>110,321,340</u>	<u>104,574,061</u>
Total actuarial value of plan assets		
Actuarial value of plan liabilities		
Pre-82 plan	(51,288,646)	(50,202,994)
CRSP-DB plan	(13,807,381)	(11,198,340)
MPP plan	(44,889,611)	(41,447,355)
	<u>(109,985,638)</u>	<u>(102,848,689)</u>
Total actuarial value of plan liabilities		
NET PLAN ASSETS	<u>\$ 335,702</u>	<u>\$ 1,725,372</u>

14. ENDOWMENT

The Conference's endowment consists of donor-restricted and unrestricted - designated endowment funds. As required by accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Conference Council on Finance and Administration has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the historic dollar value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds, absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Conference classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Conference in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

The Conference has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. The endowment assets are invested in accordance with predetermined asset allocation and performance benchmarks. To satisfy its long-

term rate-of-return objectives, the Conference relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Conference's spending policy provides that only the income from endowments may be used according to donor-imposed restrictions.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Donor restricted	\$ --	\$ 180,722	\$ 477,533	\$ 658,255
Board designated	2,580,094	--	--	2,580,094
TOTAL	\$ 2,580,094	\$ 180,722	\$ 477,533	\$ 3,238,349

	2014			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Donor restricted	\$ --	\$ 234,874	\$ 477,533	\$ 712,407
Board designated	2,862,985	--	--	2,862,985
TOTAL	\$ 2,862,985	\$ 234,874	\$ 477,533	\$ 3,575,392

During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Conference had the following endowment related activities:

	2015			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,862,985	\$ 234,874	\$ 477,533	\$ 3,575,392
Investment return				
Investment income-net	52,354	14,250	--	66,604
Net realized and unrealized gain	(196,516)	(52,352)	--	(248,868)
Total investment return	(144,162)	(38,102)	--	(182,264)
Transfers to board designated endowment funds	503,550	--	--	503,550
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(642,279)	(16,050)	--	(658,329)
ENDOWMENT ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,580,094	\$ 180,722	\$ 477,533	\$ 3,238,349
	2014			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,845,581	\$ 212,301	\$ 477,533	\$ 3,535,415
Investment return				
Investment income-net	72,473	17,578	--	90,051
Net realized and unrealized gain	20,320	4,995	--	25,315
Total investment return	92,793	22,573	--	115,366
Transfers to board designated endowment funds	2,791	--	--	2,791
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(78,180)	--	--	(78,180)
ENDOWMENT ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,862,985	\$ 234,874	\$ 477,533	\$ 3,575,392

15. EFFECT OF PRIOR YEAR RESTATEMENT

The unrestricted endowment net assets as of January 1, 2014 presented in the endowment footnote was restated in 2014 to include the Camp Seager - Endowment Fund in the amount of \$1,047,286.

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The United Methodist Foundation of Northern Illinois Conference, Inc. (the Foundation) is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to give financial assistance and to provide investment management and administrative services to churches and religious, charitable, and educational philanthropies and institutions related to, or affiliated with the Conference.

The Conference advances a certain portion of the Foundation's operating costs and is subsequently reimbursed by the Foundation. The amount due from the Foundation at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$30,302 and \$196,895, respectively.

Additionally, approximately 97% of all receivables are due from related parties, including member churches, in 2015 and 2014 and approximately 99% and 87% of revenue is received from related parties, including member churches, in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Conference has evaluated subsequent events through April 30, 2016, which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance.

