

**DAILY PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
36TH SESSION
OF THE
WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HELD AT THE
MADISON MARRIOTT WEST HOTEL
AND CONFERENCE CENTER
JUNE 12-15, 2005**

SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 2005

Members and friends of the Wisconsin Annual Conference gathered in the Superior Room of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Ordination of Deacons and Elders. The processional hymn was 'O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.' Bishop Linda Lee offered words of greeting and prayer, and invited all those present to reaffirm the call to ministry that is inherent in our Christian baptism. Dorothy Radley, Conference Lay leader, Richard Strait, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, David Wilkinson, Chair of the Order of Deacons, and Susan Ott-Holland, Chair of the Order of Elders, presented the following persons for Ordination and Reception into Full Membership in the Annual Conference:

To Be Ordained Deacon and Received into Full Membership:

Barbara Faye (Lade) Ristow

To Be Ordained Elder and Received into Full Membership:

Sonia Leticia Alvarado
Wendy Lee Bair Christianson
Stanley Merlin Pegram
Susan Louise Safford-Gaul
Gregory James Schrimpf
Wendell Eugene Williams

To Be Received Into Full Membership:

Bradley K. Van Fossen

Bishop Lee asked for the assent of the gathered congregation for their ordination and reception into full membership. It was given joyfully! The Ordination Choir sang the anthem, 'In the Midst of New Dimensions.' Rev. Jaime Nolla read the scripture lesson from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of John. Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz of the Methodist Church of Cuba gave the sermon, speaking in Spanish with translation by Rev. Jaime Nolla and Rev. Awilda Nolla.

Bishop Lee asked the candidates for Ordination John Wesley's Historic Questions, and the General Questions for Ordinands prescribed by the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. They all answered the questions appropriately. The clergy members present sang the Ordination Hymn, 'O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath.'

Bishop Lee, assisted by Bishop Pereira, Conference Lay Leader Dorthy Radley, the District Superintendents, and other ordained deacons and elders, ordained Barbara Faye Ristow as a Deacon in The United Methodist Church, with the laying on of hands and prayer. The gathered congregation sang 'Jesu, Jesu.'

Bishop Lee, assisted by Bishop Pereira, Conference Lay Leader Dorthy Radley, the District Superintendents, and other ordained deacons and elders, ordained Sonia Leticia Alvarado, Wendy Lee Bair Christianson, Stanley Merlin Pegram, Susan Louise Safford-Gaul, Gregory James Schrimpf and Wendell Eugene Williams as Elders in The United Methodist Church, with the laying on of hands and prayer.

Bishop Lee then received Bradley K. Van Fossen, who was ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church, into Full Membership in the Wisconsin Annual Conference and recognized his orders as an Elder.

Following the Ordination, there was a 'Time of Commitment,' when those who sensed God's Spirit within them calling them to a deeper commitment to following Christ were invited to come forward and offer themselves to God. While the congregation sang 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God,' a number of persons came forward in response to the call. They were greeted by the District Superintendents and members of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

An offering was taken in support of the Clergy in Transition Fund, which has been established by the Board of Ordained Ministry to assist ordained clergy during the difficult and sometimes unforeseen transition from active pastoral ministry at a time other than retirement.

Bishop Lee, assisted by Bishop Pereira, celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Bishop Pereira offered portions of the Great Thanksgiving in Spanish. The newly ordained Elders and Deacon served communion to the gathered congregation. During the distribution of the elements, the congregation sang several communion songs.

Bishop Pereira offered the Dismissal with Blessing in Spanish. The recessional hymn was 'You Are the Seed.' Following the Ordination Service, the congregation greeted the newly ordained elders and deacon at a reception which was held in the Ballroom of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center.

Music leadership for the service was provided by Cynthia Wilson, Monya Logan, and Justin Lowe. The Ordination Choir was made up of members of the

Congregations served by the Ordinands. Members of the Cabinet participating in the service were: Rev. Stephen J. Polster, Rev. Nancy Moffatt, Rev. Jorge Mayorga Solis, Rev. Dan Schwerin, and Rev. Forrest Wells. Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry served as Ushers for the service, which concluded at 9:25 p.m.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 2005

Members of the Annual Conference gathered in the Michigan, Wisconsin, Mendota and Geneva rooms of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center at 8:15 a.m. for a time of fellowship, music and singing, led by conference musicians Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan.

Howard Hintzman, Chairperson of the Episcopacy Committee, introduced Bishop Linda Lee, who is chairing her first Annual Conference session as Bishop of the Wisconsin Area. The conference welcomed her by singing the first verse of “My Hope is Built.”

Bishop Lee called the 36th Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference to order at 8:40 a.m. She thanked the conference for its welcome, and introduced those sitting on the platform with her: Bill White, Conference Parliamentarian and Chancellor, Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary, and Steve Polster, Assistant to the Bishop.

Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary, welcomed the members of the Annual Conference. He announced that the Roll Call for this session of the Annual Conference is being taken at the time of registration.

He noted that “the Bar of the Conference” is the official seating area where members must be when voting on actions that come before the conference. He **moved**:

“That the Bar of this Conference now be established to include all of the round tables on the floor of the Michigan, Wisconsin, Mendota and Geneva Rooms of the Madison Marriott West Conference Center (which are covered with white tablecloths), the platform at the front of the Rooms, the Conference Secretary’s tables next to the platform, and the platform at the back of the room where the video display equipment is located.”

The motion was **approved**.

He **moved** that the following persons be given the privilege of sitting in the bar of the Conference WITH VOICE:

- Conference Speakers:
 - Bishop and Mrs. Ricardo Pereira, Cuba Methodist Church

- Awilda Nolla, clergy member of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, who is serving as translator for Bishop Pereira
- Doug Anderson, Director of the Ruben Job Center for Leadership Development
- Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler, from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Scott Anderson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Peter Bakken, Public Policy Coordinator of the Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Lewon Felder, the Lina McCord Black College Fund Representative
- Dr. Ted Campbell, President of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Melody Patterson, Director of Church Relations at Wiley College
- Hal Wilde, President of North Central College
- Martha Blumer, United Methodist Publishing House Representative
- David Ogden, Consultant to the Joint Board of Pensions, Insurance and Equitable Compensation
- Various guests who will be making presentations or receiving recognitions throughout the conference.
- All clergy members from other annual conferences or denominations who are serving United Methodist Churches or ministries in the Wisconsin Conference.
- Vice-Chairs of Conference Boards and Agencies who are not members of the Annual Conference.

The motion was **approved**.

Rice Myers recognized the following members of the Conference Staff who are also voting members of the Annual Conference:

Director of Ministry and Outreach:	Jane Follmer Zekoff
Director of Finance and Administration:	Lisa King
Conference Benefits Officer:	Jane Daniels
Camp and Retreat Ministries Coordinator:	Nancy Deaner
Communications Coordinator:	Tom D'Alessio
Congregation & Parish Development Coordinator:	Don Mendenhall
Missions Coordinator	Billie LaBumbard
Youth Ministries Coordinators	Amy Valdez Barker

He **moved** that the following persons to be given the privilege of sitting in the bar of the Conference WITHOUT VOICE OR VOTE:

- Staff:
 - Episcopal Administrative Assistant: Cindy Churan
 - Regional Administrative Assistants:
 - Sherry Malone, Bonita Smith, Barb Ridgely, Barb Franken, Marge Miller
 - Conference Registrars: Sue Setterlund and Ellen Thomford
 - Conference Computer Support Specialist: Linda Firestone
 - Ministry and Outreach Administrative Assistants: Jane Walmer
 - Service Department Manager: Katie Hoepfner
 - Conference Archivist: Lynn Lubkemann
- Rev. Tracy Bair, a clergy member of the Virginia Annual Conference who is visiting the Wisconsin Conference Session.
- Conference Musicians: Rev. Cynthia A. Wilson and Monya Jutuan Davis Logan
- Program and Arrangements Committee Members who are not Conference Members
- Members of the Commissions on Religion and Race and the Commission on Status and Role of Women, who are present for the purpose of monitoring
- Video technicians from Janesville: Cargill UMC
- Seminary students related to the Wisconsin Conference who are certified candidates for ministry
- Supply pastors who are serving churches in the Wisconsin Conference

The motion was **approved**.

He **moved** that the following persons be elected as Tellers for this session of the Annual Conference:

- Jayne Fox
- Paul Cunliffe
- Jean Waldron
- Sue Bryce
- Ethan Larson
- Kathy Jury
- Kyochul Shin
- Darrell Zietlow
- Shanti Samuel
- Mike Carlson
- Nancy Allen
- Lisa Mink
- Mary Anne Conklin
- Cindy Glocke

- Lynn Scott
- Anita Genrich
- Tony Fuller
- John Hazen
- Lloyd Shepherd
- Jean Schmidt
- Cathy Hamblin
- Laurel Gilbert
- Stacey Murdock
- Craig Conklin

The motion was **approved**.

He moved that the following persons be elected as Assistant Secretaries for this session of the Annual Conference:

- Joyce Alford
- Jean Ehnert Nicholas
- Ron Kral
- Carolyn Saunders
- Marjorie Rice Myers

The motion was **approved**.

He shared instructions for speaking on the floor of the Annual Conference, and various announcements to facilitate the conference session.

Craig Myrbo **moved** that Steve Webster, member of Madison: Bethany UMC, be given approval of the Conference to sit in the bar of the Conference with voice for the purpose of presenting Action Item 8. The motion was **approved**.

Jane Daniels **moved** that Josie Martinez, Conference Liaison and Lois Long, both representatives of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits be allowed to sit within the bar of the Conference without voice or vote. The motion was **approved**.

Jane Follmer Zekoff, Director of Ministry and Outreach, presented the **Agenda** for this session of the Annual Conference. She noted some additions to the printed agenda, and **moved** its adoption. The motion was **approved**.

Cec Wilson Holder presented the report of the Nominations Committee. She invited persons to make corrections to the report in writing.

Jack Werner, Chairperson of the Council on Finance and Administration, and Lisa King, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the **2006 Proposed Budget** and noted changes in some of the numbers that were printed in the workbook. Deborah Thompson, Sherian Foster, Dean Sandvig, Erika

Krueger, and Barb Certa-Werner shared with the members of the conference stories of how conference apportionment dollars are used in ministry. The 2006 Proposed Budget was placed before the conference for its consideration during this session.

Scott Anderson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, shared information about the many ministries of the Council and the resources available from the Council. Dr. Peter Bakken, Public Policy Coordinator of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, shared a PowerPoint presentation about the "TIP" (Treatment Instead of Prison) program of the Council.

Steve Zekoff, **Conference Statistician**, presented the Statistician's Report to the Conference. He shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining changes in membership, attendance and giving patterns over the last thirty years.

The secretary read announcements.

The conference recessed for the morning worship service at 10:05 a.m.

Members and guests of the Annual Conference gathered in the worship area at 10:30 a.m. for the opening Worship Celebration and Communion Service. The processional hymn was 'We are Marching.' Banners for the worship area were carried in by members of the conference staff. Interpretive Dance was provided by The Call for Peace Drum and Dance Company of Madison, Wisconsin. Bishop Linda Lee preached the sermon, 'One,' based upon Romans 12:4-18. Bishop Lee then celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Steven Polster and Rev. David Wilkinson. Scott Anderson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, and Dorothy Radley, Conference Lay Leader, were liturgists. Music was led by conference musicians, Rev. Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13, 2005

Bishop Lee called the annual conference to order at 1:34 p.m.

Gail Burgess presented a Mission Moment. She spoke about the United Methodist presence and ministry in Cameroon, which is located in central West Africa. She invited Wisconsin Conference churches to support new church development in Cameroon through the Cameroon New Church Initiative Advance.

Bishop Lee named the following members of the Implications Committee.

Jack Werner, Council on Finance and Administration Chairperson
Forrest Wells, Dean of the Cabinet
Kent Ingram, Vision and Quality Improvement Team
Mary Council-Austin, At-Large Member
Dorothy Radley, Lay Leader
Erika Krueger, Youth Representative

Bishop Lee introduced her husband, Rev. Dr. Lamarr V. Gibson, a clergy member of the Detroit Annual Conference and an affiliate member of the Wisconsin Conference. The conference welcomed him, and he spoke briefly to the conference.

Bishop Lee invited the conference to vote on the members of the Implications Committee. They were **elected**.

Jeff Virchow, Chairperson of the **Conference Board of Global Ministries**, announced that in 2004 the Wisconsin Conference ranked third in the North Central Jurisdiction and fourth in The United Methodist Church in per-capita giving to Advance Specials. He invited people to continue to support the many Advance Special Projects that the conference sponsors.

Virchow introduced Rosa Mayorga, who shared information about the Wisconsin Conference Partnership with the Rio Grande Annual Conference.

Virchow then presented **Action Item 4: Rio Grande Conference Partnership**. **Action Item 4** was **approved**.

Virchow introduced Anita Genrich, Chair of the **Health and Welfare Ministries Committee** of the Board of Global Ministries. Genrich told the story of the beginnings of the twelve Health and Welfare ministries supported by the Wisconsin Conference.

Genrich introduced Michael Basch, Executive Director of Sheboygan Senior Community, who has been named Administrator of the Year for Older Adult Ministries by The United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries.

Genrich introduced Sam Paddock and John Freuland, representatives of Cedar Crest.

Virchow presented **Action Item 15: Resolution Renewing a Covenant Relationship with Cedar Crest, Inc**. **Action Item 15** was **approved**.

Craig Myrbo moved that:

“In the future of covenanting with health and welfare related institutions the health and welfare committee shall endeavor to include language outlining the social principles, specifically those relating to labor relations in all covenants entered into by the United Methodist Annual Conference in Wisconsin.”

The motion was **defeated**.

Genrich introduced Ken Arneson, who will be the new Chief Executive Officer of Evergreen Retirement Community. David Green, who has been CEO at Evergreen for 27 years, retired this year. Green will be the new chair of the Health and Welfare Ministries Committee.

Virchow thanked Genrich for her work as chair of the Health and Welfare Ministries Committee.

Virchow recognized Dorothy Birrenbach, recipient of the **Thelma Gregg Award**, which is given annually to recognize and honor lay persons who are doing vital missions in ways that reflect the love of Christ. He introduced John Benin, recipient of the **Love in Action Award**, which recognizes outstanding commitment and passion to God's mission through disaster response and relief.

Bishop Lee introduced Hal Wilde, president of **North Central College**, who brought greetings to the Annual Conference from the college and spoke of the many ministries that are taking place at this United Methodist School in Northern Illinois.

Peggy Montez, a member of the Milwaukee Native American United Methodist Church, presented the monitoring report from the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Doug Anderson, Director of the Bishop Reuben Job Center for Leadership Development, spoke about the "Picture and Purpose of Circuit Ministry" and talked about the process for Wednesday morning's discussions during the Regional Summit gatherings.

The Secretary read announcements.

Marty Nolet introduced Ezequiel Gonzales, Assistant to the Bishop of the Iglesia Evangelica Dominica of the Dominican Republic, and coordinator of the 'Volunteer In Mission' groups that visit the Dominican Republic. Rev. Gonzales spoke to the conference.

The Bishop recessed the conference for the Commissioning Service at 3:05 p.m.

Members and friends of the Conference gathered in the Worship Area at 3:30 p.m. for the **Service of Commissioning Probationary Members for Service**. The processional hymn was "The Summons." Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler, Director of Field Education at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, preached the sermon titled 'The Cabinet Quandry: Who Will Go For Us?' based on Isaiah 6:1-9 and Matthew 28:18-20. The offering taken at the service was given to support the Summer Developers Program Advance Special. Eileen Kuehnl, Local Pastor and member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, presented the following persons to be licensed as Local Pastors:

Janice Beutin
Shane Chellis
Claudia Deede
Janet Hartzell
Dawn Helton
George Kafer

Arveda Kirk
Mary Lu Palmer
James Sutton
Ricardo Torres

Bishop Lee, assisted by Rev. Steve Polster and the District Superintendents, licensed each of them for Pastoral Ministry.

Kevin Rice Myers, Executive Secretary and Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry, presented the following persons to be commissioned as Probationary Members of the Annual Conference:

Kristina Marie Krause Androsky
Amelita Grace Gonzalez Cajuat
Sharon Leah Stowe Cook
James Virgil McKay
Deborah Ann Pimm
Harriett Bebe Rowland

Bishop Lee asked the candidates the examination questions and each of them answered appropriately. Assisted by Bishop Ricardo Periera of the Methodist Church of Cuba, she commissioned each of them to Pastoral Ministry as Probationary Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Bishop Lee then led all those who have been ordained, commissioned, consecrated, licensed, serve in leadership in the local congregation or other volunteer ministries, and all who have been baptized, in the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer. The recessional hymn was 'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me.' Music leadership for the service was provided by conference musicians Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan. Readers for the service were Corissa Raska, Youth Service Fund Coordinator, and Rev. Sam Royappa, and Rev. Hyo-Won Park, members of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Monday evening was set aside as a "free evening" for members and friends of the conference to rest, relax, and re-create. Conference musicians Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan presented a concert in the Worship Area.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 2005

Members of the conference gathered at 8:25 a.m. for a time of fellowship and singing, led by Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan.

Bishop Lee called the conference to order at 8:36 a.m.

Donna Veatch presented a mission moment, speaking about the Wisconsin Conference's relationship with the Methodist Church of Cuba and the many mission projects that are taking place there.

Bishop Lee announced the results of the ‘Ingathering’ so far. At this point, the Conference has given:

- 260 flood buckets
- 200 health kits
- 68 bicycles
- \$13,634.72 to purchase bicycles (enough to purchase 62 more bikes)
- \$3,146.82 for shipping
- \$362.42 for Senegal Advances
- 776 pairs of booties and socks
- 2,848 onesies and 2-piece outfits for babies
- 3019 baby caps
- 1070 baby blankets
- 10 boxes of miscellaneous baby supplies
- 3000 exam gloves
- 27 nurses uniforms

Bishop Lee invited Bishop and Mrs. Pierera to come to the platform. She thanked them for attending the Wisconsin Annual Conference, and presented a gift to them on behalf of the Conference. Bishop Pierera spoke to the conference.

Cynthia Wilson spoke to the conference on behalf of the **Black College Fund**. She represented her daughter, Lewon Felder, the Lina McCord Black College Fund representative, who was unable to be present at the annual conference session.

J.D. McCarty, Chairperson of the **Communications Committee**, presented **Action Item 7: Resolution on Director of Communications and Technology**. He moved “that Action Item 7 be referred to the Personnel Committee for study, and report to the 2006 Annual Conference Session.” The **motion to refer Action Item 7** was **approved**.

Bill Helwig, President of the **Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation**, spoke about the work and ministry of the Foundation. He presented **Action Item 6: Designation of Earnings from the ‘New Ministries Fund.’** **Action Item 6** was **approved**.

Jodie Joiner presented **Action Item 21: Resolution on Summer Developer’s Program**. He noted that the \$15,000 amount printed in the workbook should be changed to \$8,000. **Action Item 21** was **approved as revised by the maker of the motion**.

Dave Steffenson presented **Action Item 8: Resolution on the Proposed Marriage Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution**. **Action Item 8** was **approved**.

Forrest Wells, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the **Message of the Cabinet**.

The text of the Cabinet Message is printed in the reports section of the 2005 Wisconsin Conference Journal.

Bishop Lee expressed her appreciation to the members of the Cabinet and Rev. Steve Polster, Assistant to the Bishop, for the work that they do, and the conference affirmed this with a standing ovation.

The secretary read announcements.

Bishop Lee recessed the conference for the memorial service at 10:03 a.m.

Members and friends of the Conference gathered in the worship area at 10:30 a.m. for the **Worship Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**, which was held in tradition of the Community of Taizé. Rev. Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary, read the names of the clergy members, clergy spouses and children, and lay members of the Annual Conference who have died since the last session of the Annual Conference. Their names are listed in the 'Memoirs' section of the 2005 Wisconsin Conference Journal. Bishop Linda Lee, assisted by Rev. Jeong-Rae Cho and Rev. Joyce Sluss, celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Arlene Braithwaite, Lay Member of Annual Conference, was the liturgist. Music was led by conference musicians Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14, 2005

Bishop Lee called the conference to order at 1:34 p.m.

Deanna Shimko presented a mission moment, speaking about the work of The United Methodist Church in providing clean and safe water to children in Cambodia.

Bishop Lee introduced Bishop Don Ott and his wife, Jan. Bishop Ott spoke briefly to the conference.

Bob Kenas presented this year's **Denman Awards**, which are given annually to a United Methodist lay and clergy person in each Annual Conference for outstanding work in Christian Evangelism. The laity award this year was given to Marie Barbo, a 99 year-old member of the Hammond United Methodist Church. She is the oldest Denman Award recipient in the nation. The clergy award was given to Kent Ingram, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Appleton.

Elaine Weidemann moved the adoption of **Action Item 17: Resolution on the Use of Torture by the U.S. Government.**

Michael Ascher **moved to amend** by addition:

“The US Court systems cease using evidence acquired by torture in U.S. Courts.”

The **amendment** was **accepted** by the maker of the original motion.

Action Item 17 was **approved as amended**.

Fran Deaner, Vice Chairperson of the **Joint Board of Pensions, Insurance and Equitable Compensation**, shared information regarding the health insurance and pension programs.

He presented **Action Item 9: Resolution on Housing Allowance for Retired and Disabled Clergy**. It was **approved**.

He presented **Action Item 10: Resolution on Past Service Annuity Rate**. It was **approved**.

He Presented **Action Item 11: Resolution on Minimum Compensation**. It was **approved**.

He presented **Action Item 12: Resolution on Formal Funding Plan**. It was **approved**.

Deaner moved the adoption of the entire report of the Joint Board. It was **approved**.

Sandy Kintner, Chairperson of the **Commission on Archives and History**, recognized those who have served in pastoral ministry for 25, 50, and 70 years. Their names are listed in the reports section of the *2005 Wisconsin Conference Journal*. The conference expressed its appreciation for their service with a standing ovation.

Brian Armstrong moved **Action Item 14: Proposed Rules Revision #1**. It was **approved**.

He moved **Action Item 14: Proposed Rules Revision #2**. It was **approved**.

He moved the adoption of the entire report of the Rules Committee. It was **approved**.

Martha Blumer, **United Methodist Publishing House** representative, spoke about the work of the Publishing House. She presented the conference with a check for \$11,900.48, which represents the Wisconsin Conference's portion of the proceeds of the publishing house, to be used to support the pension programs of the Annual Conference.

Fran Deaner shared a video presentation about the pension needs in the Central Conferences. He moved

“that the monies received from the United Methodist Publishing House (Cokesbury) be sent to the Central Conference Pension Initiative Benefit Fund managed by the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits to be used to help fund the pension liabilities of the Central Conferences where there is a desperate need for funding alternatives.”

The motion was **approved**.

Melody Patterson, Director of Church Relations at **Wiley College** in Marshall, Texas, brought greetings from the college and spoke about the ministry of this historically black college. She presented a gift to Bishop Lee on behalf of the college.

Dr. Ted Campbell, President of **Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary**, brought greetings to the conference on behalf of the seminary, which is celebrating 150 years of preparing Christian leaders. He honored the ministry of Rev. Stanford Strosahl as coordinator of the Wisconsin Town and Country Intern Program. The conference affirmed this honor with a standing ovation.

The Secretary read announcements.

Bishop Lee recessed the conference at 2:55 p.m. for the afternoon break.

Members and friends of the conference gathered in the Worship Area at 3:30 p.m. for the **'Retirement Recognition Worship Service.'** The opening hymn was 'Forward Through The Ages.' The scripture lesson for the service was Philippians 3:7-16. Bishop Lee led the gathered community in the recognition of those who are retiring this year. Howard Hintzman 'interviewed' the retirees and their spouses, inviting them to share a favorite story from their ministry. Pictures from the retirees' ministries were displayed on the video screens, while one of their favorite hymns was played. Those recognized were:

Bruce Bartel
Harvey Delery
John Huenink
John Andrew Husband
Raymond Kotwicki
David McRoberts
Niel Piepenberg
Mike White
Hazel Winterburn

Other clergy persons who retired this year, but who were unable to be present for the retirement service were:

Charles J. Cederholm
Mary Helen Cederholm
Judith Christopher

Thomas Brown, Diaconal Minister, retired this year, but was unable to be present at the retirement service.

John Andrew Husband, representing this year's retiring class "passed the mantle" to Sonia Alvarado, representing this year's ordination class.

An offering was taken to support Wiley College, one of the historically black colleges related to The United Methodist Church.

Following the singing of 'Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore,' Bishop Lee dismissed the gathered congregation with words of blessing.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 14, 2005

Bishop Lee called the conference to order at 6:34 p.m.

Deb Ivanoff-Hastings presented the 'monitoring report' on behalf of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Bishop Lee presented information on the New Faith Builders' Program and invited persons who are interested to contact Don Mendenhall or Dan Zei for more information.

Jenny Arneson, Chairperson of the **Board of Higher Education and Student Ministry**, presented the Francis Asbury Award to Jim Cook. The Francis Asbury Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the church's ministries in Higher Education at the local, district, or annual conference level.

Bruce Bartel, Chairperson of the **Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries**, presented **Action Item 1: Local Church Camping Coordinator**. It was **approved**.

Bartel presented **Action Item 2: Camping Emphasis Sunday**. It was **approved**.

Bartel presented **Action Item 3: Camper Recruitment by Local Churches**. It was **approved**.

Bartel introduced Charlie Crandall, who spoke about the Boundary Waters Ministry. Crandall announced the establishment of the Ray Robinson Boundary Waters Camper Scholarship. He presented Robinson with a cross made from canoe paddles to honor him for his long involvement in this ministry. Robinson spoke about the Boundary Waters Ministry, and thanked the conference for the honor.

Mark Geisthart introduced Byron Pegram, who has been a staff member and site director at Asbury Acres, Pine Lake, and Byron Center for 25 others. Geisthart and 24 others who have been touched by Byron Pegram's ministry presented a gift to Pegram to thank him for his service to the camping program in Wisconsin. The members of the conference honored Byron Pegram for his service with a standing ovation.

Karen Rankin, Dean of the **Youth Ministry Institute**, introduced the second graduating class of YMI. They will be honored at the Tuesday evening Youth Worship Service.

Don Mendenhall, Chairperson of the General Conference Delegation, presented the **Amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church**. Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary, gave instructions for voting. The tellers distributed ballot forms. The conference then discussed and voted by written ballot on each of the eight amendments individually. During the course of the discussion, the Previous Question was moved on Amendment 2. The motion to close debate was approved. The Previous Question was moved on Amendment 7. The motion to close debate was approved.

The secretary read announcements.

Bishop Lee recognized those clergy who were ordained 35 years ago today on June 14, 1970.

Bishop Lee recessed the conference for the evening worship service at 8:19 p.m.

Members and friends of the conference gathered in the worship area at 8:40 p.m. for the **Youth-Led Worship Service**. The theme for the service was 'Head-Heart-Hands: One Body.' Music was provided and led by the Mayville Praise and Worship Team. The Waterford Hip Hop Ministry Team and the Waterford Human Video Team shared their ministry of dance and choreographed scriptural interpretation. Leadership for the service was provided by Eric Taylor, Emma Feuling, Dan Hatten, Leslie Olsen, Andrew Nelson, Danielle Zimmerman, Matt Anderson, Corissa Raska, and Erica Krueger. Karen Rankin, Dean of the Youth Ministry Institute, and Erika Krueger introduced the second graduating class of YMI. They are:

Vicki Brantmeier
Beth Bugh
Kelly Fowler
Suzanne Goldsmith
Sarah Hausmer
Michael Hatten
Carol Martin
Colleen Nelson
Wendee Nitz
Roberta Nowicki
Clinton Pierce
Erica Reddie
Wendy Slaback
Betsy Uhler
Julie Schubring

An offering was taken for the Youth Service Fund. Bishop Linda Lee celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Erika Krueger introduced Tina Itson, the new Conference Youth and Young Adult Coordinator. Bishop Lee welcomed Tina to the Wisconsin Conference. She then offered words of blessing and sending forth. The service concluded at 10:25 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005

Members of the conference gathered at 8:20 a.m. for a time of fellowship and singing, led by Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan.

Bishop Lee called the annual conference to order at 8:34 a.m.

Billie LaBumbard presented a “Mission Moment.” She spoke about the ministries of ‘Volunteers in Mission.’

Bishop Lee announced the results of the ingathering and the offerings that have been taken at this annual conference. They are listed below:

- 293 Flood Buckets
- 220 Health Kits
- 71 Bicycles and Kits
- 1137 pairs of baby booties and socks
- 3,584 onesies
- 3,124 baby caps
- 1,280 baby blankets
- 11 pairs of nursing shoes
- 134 nursing uniforms
- 14 nurses’ tops
- 22 nursing textbooks
- 4000 exam gloves
- 2 boxes of medical supplies
- \$19,710.39 to buy 88 bikes
- \$3,763.82 for shipping
- \$661.58 for Senegal Advances
- 24 baby sweaters

The offerings taken so far are:

• Clergy in Transition	\$2,286.45
• Health & Welfare	\$3,886.05
• Summer Developers	\$1,840.28
• Wiley College	\$1,652.24
• In Gathering	
– Shipping	\$3,763.82
– Bikes	\$19,710.39
<i>In Gathering Total</i>	<i>\$23,474.21</i>
• Senegal	
– Wellness	\$471.58
– Senegal Evangelism	\$120.00
– Senegal Prison	\$70.00
<i>Senegal Total</i>	<i>\$661.58</i>
• Rising Sun Camp	\$124.00
• GRAND TOTAL: \$33,924.81	

Jane Follmer Zekoff introduced Christina Itson, a probationary deacon in the West Ohio Conference, who has accepted the position of Youth Ministries Coordinator for the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Steve Polster recognized Tom D'Alessio, who is leaving the position of Conference Communications Coordinator to serve a pastoral appointment in the local church. Tom spoke to the conference and thanked everyone for their support over the last five years.

Lisa King, Director of Finance and Administration, introduced Allen Kahl, the new Information Technology Manager for the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Steve Polster invited the Regional and Episcopal Office Administrative Assistants to the platform, and introduced them to the conference. They are: Barb Ridgely (Metro Region); Sherry Malone (Capital/Coulee Region); Bonita Smith (Chippewa/Heartland Region); Barb Franken and Marge Miller (Nicolet/Winnebago Region); and Cindy Churan (Episcopal Office). The conference thanked them for their work with a standing ovation.

Jorge Mayorga Solis, Superintendent of the Nicolet and Winnebago Districts, recognized Marge Miller for her 30 years of work as a district and regional assistant with the Annual Conference. Miller is retiring this year. Mayorga presented her with a bouquet of roses, and two tickets to a Green Bay Packers game.

Bishop Lee recognized Cindy Churan and thanked her for her work as Administrative Assistant in the Episcopal Office.

Spencer Hall, outgoing president of the **Conference Council on Youth Ministries**, presented **Action Item 22: United Methodist Youth Sunday**. It was **approved**.

Bishop Lee shared prayer concerns and announcements.

The conference sang 'Happy Birthday' to Jane Follmer Zekoff and Cindy Glocke, who are celebrating birthdays today.

Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary, invited everyone to complete and turn in the evaluation form for this annual conference session.

Dorothy Radley, **Conference Lay Leader**, presented the **Message of the Lay Leader**. The text of her message is printed in the *2005 Wisconsin Conference Journal*.

Bishop Lee recessed the conference for the Regional Summit meetings at 9:25 a.m.

Members of the conference gathered in "Regional Summits" from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. for evaluation of and planning for Circuit Ministry.

Bishop Lee called the conference back to order at 11:03 a.m.

Diane Quade, President of the **Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women**, presented **Action Item 5: United Methodist Women's Sunday**. It was **approved**.

Lisa King, Director of Finance and Administration, and a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration, presented the Annual Conference with a certificate from GCFA recognizing the **Wisconsin Conference's 100% Payment of its General Church Apportionments**. Rev. Stephanie Taylor Homann and Henrietta Michelik, Lay Member of Annual Conference from the Wilmot United Methodist Church, accepted the certificate on behalf of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Nancy Moffatt, Superintendent of the Chippewa and Heartland Districts, presented **Action Item 18: Resolution on the Discontinuance of the Kennan United Methodist Church**. It was **approved**.

Moffatt moved **Action Item 19: Resolution on the Discontinuance of the Humbird United Methodist Church**. It was **approved**.

Moffatt led the conference in a "Liturgy of Church Closing."

Ken Rheingans moved that:

"The Wisconsin Conference direct the Conference Committee on Evangelism to conduct a study to identify methods and effectiveness of young adult [ages 18-30] evangelism within our conference, outside our conference, and outside the United Methodist Church. The study will be conducted with the use of volunteers and at no additional cost to the Annual Conference. The results of this study are to be presented back to the Annual Conference in 2006."

The motion was **approved**.

Bishop Lee and the District Superintendents read the **Clergy Appointments** for the 2005-2006 Conference Year.

Bishop Lee announced that Steve Polster will continue as clergy assistant to the Bishop, Forrest Wells will continue as Dean of the Cabinet, and Dan Schwerin will continue as Secretary of the Cabinet.

Jorge Mayorga Solis, Superintendent of the Nicolet and Winnebago Districts, led the conference in a "Litany for Celebration of New Faith Communities" in the Wisconsin Conference.

Bishop Lee shared prayer concerns.

The Secretary read announcements.

Bishop Lee announced that the afternoon plenary session will begin at 1:00 p.m. rather than at 1:30 as printed in the agenda.

The conference recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15, 2005

Bishop Lee called the annual conference to order at 1:02 p.m.

The youth “auctioned off” a quilt to support the Youth Service Fund. The quilt sold for \$525.00

Paul Webster, Missionary to Zambia shared a “mission moment.” He spoke about the mission work of the church in Africa and the phenomenal growth of The United Methodist Church on that continent.

Paul Fisher made the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and its members will voice their unqualified support for Senate Bill SB221 “Violence Against Children” introduced on 6-14-05 in the Wisconsin State Legislature, and be it further resolved that legislation in kind be urged and promoted for passage wherever violence against children exists.

There was a **motion to table** the Fisher motion until further information can be obtained. The **motion to table** was **approved**.

Dorene Pease moved **Action Item 16: Resolution on Global Aids Initiative**.

Steve Zekoff **moved to amend** Action Item 16 by inserting the words “for the United Methodist Global Aids Fund.” after the words “special offering” The amendment was **accepted** as a friendly amendment.

Action Item 16 was approved as **amended**.

Liz Fabiola Villagarcia presented **Action Item 23: Immigrant Rights Resolution**.

Don Getschel moved to delete the last “be it further resolved” paragraph in Action Item 23.

Jerry Lipka **moved the previous question on all that is before us**. The motion to cease debate was **approved**.

Bishop Lee ruled that the **Getschel amendment** was **approved**.

There was a call for a division of the house.

The Bishop called for the tellers to count the vote.

On a standing count vote the **Getschel amendment** was **defeated** by a vote of 212 Yes, 249 No, with 48 abstentions.

A **motion to table** Action Item 23 was made. The motion to table was **ruled out of order** because the conference had previously approved the motion to close debate on all that is before us.

Bishop Lee called for a division of the house on **Action Item 23**.

On a standing count vote, **Action Item 23** was **defeated** by a vote of 257 yes, 288 no, 29 abstaining.

There was a **motion to lift the Fisher Motion** related to Senate Bill 221 **from the table**. The motion to lift from the table was **approved**.

The **Fisher Motion** was **approved**.

Jack Werner, Chairperson of the Council on Finance and Administration, presented the amended **2006 Proposed Budget**. The total Gross Apportionment Budget is \$7,968,079. The total Expense Budget is \$7,489,994.

The **2006 Proposed Budget** was **approved as amended**.

Rick Miller made the following motion:

WHEREAS we have lifted up again at this Annual Conference God's concern for the poor and oppressed and reminded ourselves that our mission is "out";

AND WHEREAS the people of the Darfur region of Sudan continue to suffer unspeakable genocidal violence at the hands of the JanAJui militia, supported and aided by the Sudanese government;

AND WHEREAS the President and administration of the United States and many other countries have decried this violence but done little to pressure the Sudanese government to stop this violence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church strongly urge President Bush to immediately direct the energies and resources at his command to pressure the Sudanese government and to work with the United Nations to stop the violence in Darfur, care for the victims, and work for a just peace in the region.

The motion was **approved**.

Bishop Lee placed **Action Item 24: Resolution Regarding Health Care** before the Annual Conference.

Diane Nichols **moved to amend Action Item 24** by deleting lines 11 – 26, leaving only the first three "Whereas" clauses and the last "Be It Resolved" clause. The **motion to amend** was **approved**.

Tom Williams **moved the previous question**. The motion to close debate was **approved**.

Action Item 24 was approved as **amended**.

Jane Follmer Zekoff, Director of Ministry and Outreach, presented the final report of the Nominations Committee. She **moved adoption of the Nominations Report** for 2005-2006 as it was distributed in the packets at the beginning of the conference. It was **approved**.

She then moved

“that the Annual Conference put its blessing upon the nominations committee to continue its work of filling the vacancies the presently exist and will occur in the 2005-2006 Annual Conference Year.”

The motion was **approved**.

Deborah Thompson presented the final monitoring report of the Commissions on Religion and Race and Status and Role of Women.

Amy Jameson Yackovich, Chairperson of the **Program and Arrangements Committee**, expressed the gratitude of the Annual Conference for all those who have helped to facilitate this 36th session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. She announced that the 2006 Annual Conference Session will be held at the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center from June 11 to June 14, 2006.

There was a **motion to adjourn** the 2006 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session at the conclusion of the closing worship service. The **motion to adjourn** was **approved**.

The **Closing Ritual and Communion Worship Service** was held in the plenary area. The service began with the reading of Galatians 3:25-28. Cynthia Wilson and Monya Logan led the conference in the singing of ‘Cry of My Heart,’ ‘More Like You,’ and ‘We are Called.’ Bishop Lee offered a ‘Prayer of Thanksgiving for Shared Ministry.’ She shared reflections on our time together in this annual conference session, and words of blessing. The Bishop then celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Following the serving of Communion, the service concluded with the singing of ‘They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love.’

The 36th Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference adjourned *Sine Die* at 3:40 p.m., at the conclusion of the afternoon worship service.

The foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary

**CLERGY SESSION
OF THE
WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HELD IN THE BALLROOM
OF THE
MADISON MARRIOTT WEST HOTEL
AND CONFERENCE CENTER
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005
3:00 P.M.**

Bishop Linda Lee called the Clergy Session to order at 3:00 p.m.

Richard Strait, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, welcomed those present to the Clergy Session of the 2005 Annual conference. He offered an opening prayer.

Strait then asked Bishop Lee to indicate who is to be present and voting in the Clergy Session.

Bishop Lee responded that all clergy members of the conference – including deacons, elders, local pastors and student pastors under appointment of a bishop (full and part time) – and lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry may be present and have voice in the executive session. Only Elders and Deacons in Full Connection and lay members of the board of ordained ministry may vote.

Strait indicated to Bishop Lee that we have received a request from Rev. Tracy Bair, an Elder in Full Connection in the Virginia Annual Conference who is attending the Wisconsin Conference Session for the ordination of his daughter, to be present in the Clergy Session of the Wisconsin Conference.

He moved that the Clergy Session grant Rev. Bair the privilege of being present in the Clergy Session with voice. The **motion was approved.**

Strait introduced Karen Ebert, who serves as the Chairperson of the Division of Elders of the Board. Ebert presented those persons who are to be Commissioned and Ordained at this session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Ebert moved Question 28b “Who are elected and commissioned as Probationary members (under Paragraph 315, 316) and licensed for pastoral ministry in preparation for ordination. They are:

Kristina Marie Krause Androsky; Amelita Grace Gonzalez Cajiuat;
James Virgil McKay; Deborah Ann Pimm; Harriett B. Rowland;
Sharon Leah Stowe Cook

The clergy session voted on each candidate individually, and all were elected as Probationary Members of the Annual Conference.

Ebert presented Question 33, “Who are elected as members in full connection?,” and Questions 34b, 35b and 37a. Following speeches of affirmation, the conference voted on each candidate individually.

Barbara F. Ristow was elected as a Deacon in Full Connection.

Sonia Leticia Alvarado, Wendy L. Bair Christianson, Stanley M. Pegram, Susan L. Safford-Gaul, Gregory J. Schrimpf, Brad Van Fossen and Wendell Eugene Williams were elected as Elders in Full Connection.

Forrest Wells, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the Cabinet’s response to Question 17.

Richard Strait introduced Kevin Rice Myers, the Executive Secretary of the Board, and thanked him for all the work that he does on behalf of the board. Rice Myers continued the presentation of the Board’s report.

Rice Myers presented Question 18a: The Committee on Investigation. The names of the members of this committee were not listed in the printed report. Rice Myers indicated that the following persons have been nominated for this committee in accordance with ¶2703.2 of the **2004 Book of Discipline**:

Clergy Members: Sue D’Alessio, Rosalind Dryver-Scott, Kent Ingram, Barry Yarbrow

Professing Members: Debra Raasch, Phyllis Rodriguez, Eric Taylor

Clergy Alternates: Roger Clapp, Bob Hays, Linda Vance, Jeff Virchow

Professing Member Alternates: Leonard Larsen

They were elected.

Rice Myers moved that the Nominations Committee be empowered to fill vacancies on the committee. The motion was approved.

He presented Question 18b: The Administrative Review Committee. They were elected.

He presented Questions 19 and 20 for information.

He presented Questions 21a, 21b, 21c, and 21d, noting that Course of Study progress has not yet been updated from the official transcripts, but that it will be before the report is printed in the Journal.

Questions 21a, 21b, 21c, and 21d were approved.

He presented Question 22 for information.

He presented Question 24 for information.

He presented Question 25, adding the name of Wayne Joose of the Dutch Reformed Church. It was approved.

He presented Question 26b, adding the name of Lamarr V. Gibson of the Detroit Annual Conference. It was approved by the necessary two-thirds vote.

He presented Questions 30b, 30e, and 31c for information.

He presented Question 41 -Transfers In from Other Annual Conferences, for information. Barbara Bolz was introduced to the Clergy Session.

He presented Question 45 - Transfers Out to Other Annual Conferences, for information, adding the name of Emilio Müller to the Pacific Northwest Conference effective 6/15/2005.

He presented Questions 47 and 48 for information.

He presented Question 49. It was approved.

He presented Question 50b. It was approved.

He presented Questions 52a, c, and d. Following the reading of the names of those clergy members who have died since the Last Conference Session there was a time of silent prayer. Rice Myers then offered a prayer in their memory.

He presented Question 53 for information.

He presented Question 54a – Those on Leave of Absence for less than five years. It was approved.

He presented Question 54a – Those on Leave of Absence for more than five years. It was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority.

He presented Question 54c. It was approved.

He presented Question 54d for information.

He presented Question 55a - Those on Family Leave for Less than Five Years. It was approved.

He presented Question 55a – Those on Family Leave for More than Five Years. It was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority.

He presented Question 55b for information.

He presented Questions 57a and 57b for information, noting that the date for Philip Kenas should be 8/1/04.

He presented Question 57c. It was approved.

He presented Question 58 - Transitional Leave for Deacons, noting that this is a new question in the Business of the Annual Conference this year. It was approved.

He presented Questions 59a and 62a – Clergy Retirements This Year, adding the name of Lloyd Lewis to Question 59a. It was approved.

He presented Question 82a, noting that Thomas Brown is retiring as a Diaconal Minister this year. It was approved.

He invited all those who are retiring this year to come forward and be recognized.

He presented Questions 59b, 60b, 61b and 62b for information, and noted that there are now more clergy in full connection in the conference who are retired than there are appointed to serve local churches.

He presented Questions 63, 64, and 65, which are statistical charts and tables that are completed after the annual conference session, for information, noting the new ethnic category ‘multi-racial’ in chart 65b.

He presented Questions 66 through 70, which relate to persons who are certified in specialized areas of ministry, for information.

He noted that questions 71 through 82 relate to Diaconal Ministers, and that we have already approved Question 82a.

He presented Question 83a – Those Appointed to Less than Full time Service, noting the following corrections/additions to the printed list:

Tom D’Alessio – ½ time

Markus Wegenast ½ Time

Jane Haass ½ time

It was approved by the necessary majority, and by the necessary three-fourths majority for those who have served less than full time for more than 8 years.

He presented Question 83b - Deacons Serving Less Than Full Time, noting that this is also a new question this year. It was approved.

He presented Question 84 for information.

He presented Question 85 for information.

He presented Question 88c. It was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority.

He presented Questions 89 and 90 for information.

He presented Question 91 for information, noting that the dates for the 2006 Annual Conference Session should be corrected to read June 11-14, 2006.

Richard Strait moved that Samuel Royappa be elected as Chair of the Order of Elders. It was approved.

Strait thanked all of those who have assisted the Board of Ordained Ministry in its task of recruitment, nurture and credentialing of clergy in the Wisconsin Annual Conference, and invited everyone who has been involved in the work of the Board during this past year to stand.

He noted that this completes the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Bishop Lee thanked Strait and the members of the Board for their work. She offered reflections and a word of prayer.

There was a motion to adjourn the Clergy Session of the 2006 Wisconsin Annual Conference. It was seconded and approved.

The clergy session was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING

This is to certify:

That on Sunday, June 12, 2005, in the Superior room of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center, located in Middleton, Wisconsin, pursuant to the action of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, I, assisted by Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz of the Methodist Church of Cuba, Rev. Richard Strait, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Dorothy Radley, Conference Lay Leader; and the District Superintendents, ordained Barbara Faye (Lade) Ristow as a Deacon in Full Connection in The United Methodist Church.

That on Sunday, June 12, 2005, in the Superior room of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center, located in Middleton, Wisconsin, pursuant to the action of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, I, assisted by Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz of the Methodist Church of Cuba, Rev. Richard Strait, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Dorothy Radley, Conference Lay Leader; and the District Superintendents, ordained Sonia Leticia Alvarado, Wendy Lee Bair Christianson, Stanley Merlin Pegram, Susan Louise Safford-Gaul, Gregory James Schrimpf and Wendell Eugene Williams as Elders in Full Connection in The United Methodist Church.

That on Sunday, June 12, 2005, in the Superior room of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center, located in Middleton, Wisconsin, pursuant to the action of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, I recognized Bradley K. Van Fossen's ordination as an Elder in the Evangelical Covenant Church and received him as an Elder in Full Connection in The United Methodist Church.

That on Monday, June 13, 2005, in the Superior room of the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center, located in Middleton, Wisconsin, pursuant to the action of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, I, assisted by Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz of the Methodist Church of Cuba, and the District Superintendents, Commissioned Kristina Marie Krause Androsky, Amelita Grace Gonzalez Cajuat, Sharon Leah Stowe Cook, James Virgil McKay, Deborah Ann Pimm, and Harriett Bebe Rowland as Probationary Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, licensed for Pastoral Ministry.

Linda Lee, Resident Bishop
The Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church