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**Bishop of the Wisconsin Conference
2004—2008**



Bishop Linda Lee

Linda Lee was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 9, 1949. She was ordained Deacon by Bishop Dwight E. Loder and was ordained Elder by Bishop Edsel A. Ammons. She was elected to the Episcopacy at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference on July 14, 2000 in Middleton, Wisconsin, and assigned to the Michigan Area. She was assigned as Bishop of the Wisconsin Area at the 2004 North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A graduate of United Theological Seminary (M.Div-1984 and D.Min-1994), Bishop Lee began her ministerial career as a chaplain intern at Adrian College prior to her graduation from seminary. She was appointed to serve Residence Park UMC, Dayton, Ohio (1982-87), and then served as Assistant to the Dean for Educational Administration at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She also served as an associate pastor at Central UMC, Detroit, and pastor of Conant Avenue UMC, Detroit, prior to being named to the Detroit Conference cabinet. Bishop Lee served as chair of Black Clergywomen of the UMC (1996-98) and has been a member of many conference committees. She has also served as a speaker for numerous schools, retreats, and conferences, and was elected twice as a delegate to General Conference.

Bishop Lee is married to Rev. Lamarr V. Gibson, and the couple has three children.



In Memoriam



Bishop David J. Lawson 1930 - 2007

David J. Lawson was elected a Bishop of The United Methodist Church by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference meeting at Duluth, Minnesota in July, 1984, and was assigned to be the presiding bishop of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. He served as Bishop in Wisconsin from 1984 until 1992.

At the 1992 Session of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference, Bishop Lawson was reassigned to the Illinois Area, where he served the Central and Southern Illinois Annual Conferences until his retirement in 1996.

Bishop Lawson, a native of Indiana, was a graduate of Garrett Theological Seminary. He served as a local church pastor, District Superintendent, and Council on Ministries Director prior to his election to the Episcopacy. He played a key role in the establishment of Africa University. After his retirement, he served as Bishop in Residence and a member of the faculty of Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas.

Bishop Lawson passed away on May 31, 2007 at his home in Franklin, Indiana, following a lengthy illness. A complete memoir is published in the Memoirs section of this Journal.

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