

Minutes of the One Hundred Fortieth (140<sup>th</sup>) Session of the  
**Eastern Shore District Conference**  
Virginia Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church  
*Epworth United Methodist Church, Exmore, Virginia*  
*Sunday, November 4, 2007, 3 p.m.*

The One Hundred Fortieth (140<sup>th</sup>) Session of the Eastern Shore District Conference of The United Methodist Church was held on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at Epworth United Methodist Church. The Reverend Tammy L. Estep, Eastern Shore District Superintendent, presided. The Reverend Clarence R. Brown, Norfolk District Superintendent was the District Conference preacher.

District Superintendent Tammy Estep welcomed everyone. The worship service, under the theme *Bringing the Church Outside our Walls "to More People, More Young People, More Diverse People"* followed. Rev. Clarence Brown delivered the sermon "Called to Serve". Other participants in the service were: District Lay Leader Barbara Mason; District Associate Lay Leaders: Greg Duncan, Iris Smith and Sandra Benson; Brenda Laws, Deacon in Full Connection; Epworth UMC's organist Geoffrey Bell; and host pastor Elizabeth Freund. The Service of Holy Communion concluded the worship session.

The business session of the Conference convened.

The District Superintendent asked everyone to complete the Attendance Forms included in their packets. Nominated tellers collected the forms. Those names have been duly recorded in an attachment to the minutes.

The first order of business was the nomination and election of Connie M. Owens, District Administrative Assistant to serve as the Recording Secretary. The following tellers, who were asked to stand, were nominated and elected: Berkley Ashby (lay), James Nock (clergy), Carol Thomas (lay) and Jennifer Tolbert (clergy). There were no other nominations from the Conference floor.

The District Superintendent presented an Excellence in Ministry Award to the District UMC Hispanic Ministry Board from Virginia Conference Children's Initiative Committee for their outreach to children. She asked Rev. Elizabeth Freund to accept the award on behalf of the Board and our District Missioner for Hispanic Ministry, Carmen Colona.

New Mission UMC will own the church building and property, they are currently leasing, on November 15, 2007. The District Superintendent stated, "it has been a long and not easy journey for the congregation". The pastor, Rev. Harold White and members were asked to stand and were recognized for their vibrant ministry that is touching the lives outside their walls. Applause arose from the conference floor in celebration of this growing church.

Mr. Wayne Johnson on behalf of the Occohannock on the Bay General Board presented the plans for the new worship center at Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center. (An estimate of the cost and preliminary floor plan were included in every district conference attendee's packet of information.) Johnson stated that the Center has been "ten years in the making" and that this addition will expand the mission of our outdoor ministry of Camp Occohannock. The Center, being proposed is a 50' X 100' steel building from American

Duro Beam with the inflated cost estimate of \$239,790. The site for the center is located on the left as you enter the Camp. The well and septic approvals are underway. There is currently \$244,600.46 in the Camp's Capital Funds account for the Worship Center. The cost estimate is expected to be lower because church members have already volunteered to assist with finishing the inside of the building. The OOTB Executive Committee, OOTB General Board, and the District Board of Church Location and Building have approved the plans being proposed. The District Superintendent indicated that OOTB's Building Committee cannot obtain the final plans until a contract is signed. Johnson moved that the District Conference affirm the building program and the financial plan as proposed and that the Executive Committee of Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center be given the authority to sign the contract and to appoint a committee to oversee the construction of the Worship Center. The District Superintendent asked for approval from the Conference members by a show of hands (Conference Tellers counted) for the following motions: approve the building and financial plan --123 hands were raised, none opposed; approve the OOTB Executive Committee to sign the contract --none opposed; approve the OOTB Executive Committee to appoint a committee to oversee the construction of the building -- none opposed. Approval of all three motions was unanimous. The District Superintendent stated, "We are going to build ourselves a Worship Center!" The Conference floor exploded in applause.

District Superintendent Estep announced that Mr. Darren Landon from Swain Memorial UMC on Tangier is now serving as lay supply pastor at Oak Grove UMC. His first Sunday in the pulpit was this morning and he was warmly received by the congregation. Carmen Colona, the former pastor, is stepping down to take care of her health, but will continue to work with the Hispanic ministry on the Shore.

Rev. Alex Joyner, District Committee on Ordained Ministry gave the following report: among those tasks of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry is interviewing those feeling the call to ministry and recommending: certified candidates, local pastors, associate members, and probationary members. Two local pastors from the Eastern Shore District were licensed at Annual Conference this year: Jon Woodburn and Derek Tomek. Joyner stated that this is a critical time in our church --only 5% of our denomination's pastors are under the age of 35. We also need more diverse clergy. A conference task force has been formed to place new leadership in 250 new faith communities. He expressed appreciation for the vital work of the mentors and staff/pastor parish relations committees and to those members of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. Joyner asked those DCOM members who were present to stand. Pastors, lay speakers, lay leaders --are all called to provide times in which to listen to those who feel called to ordained ministry.

The next order of business was the nomination of District At-Large Members to the Virginia Annual Conference on June 15-18, 2008 in Roanoke. Those nominees on the ballot, who were present, were asked to stand. The floor was opened for other nominations for the ballot. Peggy Corbin from Metropolitan UMC was nominated. Motion made to close nominations.

Nominations for Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 to go to 2008 Annual Conference: Nominees on the ballot were asked to stand. Floor opened for other nominations. Since there were none, motion made to close nominations.

Floor was opened for nominations of Young Persons between the ages of 18 and 30 to go to the 2008 Annual Conference. Rachael May of Epworth UMC was nominated by Sandra Walters. Motion made to close nominations. District Superintendent Estep indicated that our district will need one more Young Person to attend Annual Conference and she invited anyone interested, to contact her office.

Lay Members were asked to vote for 10 Members At-Large, 2 Youth and 1 Young Person. Ballots were collected by Conference tellers. The results of the election being: Milton Christian, Peggy Colone, Willis Dize, Dorris Kilmon, Mickey Merritt, Carole Oakley, Jesse Poulson, Jack Seeley, Steve Turlington, Sandra Walters are the District Members At-Large with Peggy Corbin as the Alternate; LaKendrick Dennis and Daniel Schoeman are the Youth; and Rachael May is the Young Person going to the 2008 Virginia Annual Conference.

The proposed next regular session of the E.S. District Conference of Sunday, November 9, 2008, 3 p.m. at St. Johns UMC, Atlantic was changed to Sunday, November 2, 2008 after Rev. John Sweeney stated from the floor that November 9<sup>th</sup> was a conflict with the Conference UMM Retreat. The new date was approved unanimously.

Conference members received nominations for district officers and members of committees and boards as presented by the District Committee on Nominations and elected those nominated unanimously. District Superintendent Estep invited those who would like to volunteer to fill any of the vacancies on some of the district boards and committees, to contact her office.

The District Superintendent asked if there was any other business that needed to come before the Conference. District Lay Leader Barbara Mason addressed the Conference floor with words of appreciation for Rev. Estep for "stepping out in faith and doing a new thing at our charge conferences this year". Conference members readily stood and applauded in affirmation.

The D.S. asked members to please remember Rev. Doug Tanner, pastor of Market Street UMC in their prayers. His surgery is scheduled for tomorrow.

Adjournment was 5:00 p.m.

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Connie M. Owens, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Attendance  
District Conference Packet of Materials

Copies: Secretary of the Virginia Annual Conference Session  
Clergy, E.S. District  
District and Local Church Lay Leaders, E.S. District

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**ATTENDANCE**

| <b>CHARGE</b>        | <b>NAME</b>       | <b>POSITION</b>                                       |
|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 ACCOMAC            | JANET GRISSETT    | PASTOR  |
| 2 ADAMS              | GEORGE WHITE      | ADMIN BOARD CHAIR                                     |
| 3 ADAMS              | GREG DUNCAN       | LAY SPEAKER   |
| 4 ADAMS              | LAKENDRICK DENNIS | YOUTH PRESIDENT                                       |
| 5 ADAMS              | B. OLIVIA WHITE   | LAY LEADER, DISTRICT BOARD OF MISSION DIRECTOR        |
| 6 ANDREW CHAPEL      | KATHERINE EBERTS  | LAY LEADER, DISTRICT STEWARD                          |
| 7 ASSAWOMAN          | SUE BOGGS         | ADMIN. COUNCIL CHAIR, PPRC CHAIR                      |
| 8 ATLANTIC           | SANDY HICKMAN     | LAY LEADER, LAY SPEAKER                               |
| 9 ATLANTIC-NEWCHURCH | JENNIFER TOLBERT  | PASTOR  |
| 10 BELLE HAVEN       | CARL BUNDICK      | CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER, LAY LEADER                     |
| 11 BELLEHAVEN-BETHEL | ROBERT SCHOEMAN   | PASTOR  |
| 12 BELLEHAVEN-BETHEL | DANIEL SCHOEMAN   | MEMBER  |
| 13 BEREA             | PAT KRUKOWSKI     | LAY LEADER, ADULT, S.S., SSPR CHAIR, DISTRICT NOMINA. |
| 14 CAPE CHARLES-CAPE | DEWAYNE DUNCAN    | PASTOR  |
| 15 CAPE CHARLES-CAPE | MELODY DUNCAN     | LAY SPEAKER   |
| 16 CASHVILLE         | MARY G. WOODBURN  | PASTOR'S WIFE   |
| 17 CASHVILLE         | JON WOODBURN      | PASTOR  |
| 18 CHERITON          | SANDRA BENSON     | ASSOCIATE DISTRICT LAY LEADER                         |
| 19 CHERITON          | NATHAN DECKER     | PASTOR  |
| 20 CHRIST            | TRAVIS DELOACH    | PASTOR  |
| 21 CHRIST            | BARBARA MASON     | DISTRICT LAY LEADER                                   |
| 22 CHRIST            | HENRY CATHEY      | CHURCH COUNCIL CHP, DISTRICT UMM COMMITTEE            |
| 23 CRADDOCKVILLE     | DAVID OUTTEN      |   |
| 24 CRADDOCKVILLE     | KENNETH ARMSTRONG | PASTOR  |
| 25 CRADDOCKVILLE     | BETTY ARMSTRONG   | ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE                            |
| 26 DEAS CHAPEL       | DORIS CROPPER     | DISTRICT UMW PRES., LAY LEADER, ADMIN. COUNCIL CHP    |
| 27 DEAS CHAPEL       | PEGGY COLONE      | UMW PRESIDENT, CHURCH CLERK, TRUSTEE, PPRC            |
| 28 DEAS CHAPEL       | BARBARA TOWNSEND  | S.S. SUPER., SECRETARY UMW, TRUSTEE                   |
| 29 DEAS CHAPEL       | AARON KANE        | DISTRICT STEWARD, DISTRICT SUPER. CHAIR               |
| 30 EPWORTH           | GWEN BELL         | LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE                              |
| 31 EPWORTH           | CAROL HELLER      | UMW PRESIDENT   |
| 32 EPWORTH           | LINDA TURNER      | LAY SPEAKER   |
| 33 EPWORTH           | GEOFFREY BELL     | ORGANIST  |
| 34 EPWORTH           | DORIS WHITLEY     | MISSIONS  |
| 35 EPWORTH           | PERRY WHITLEY     | MISSIONS, EMERGENCY SERVICES                          |
| 36 EPWORTH           | DON WALTERS       | DDRT, DISTRICT UMM, PPRC, BOY SCOUT LEADER            |
| 37 EPWORTH           | SANDRA WALTERS    | MISSION CHP, DISTRICT TRUSTEE                         |
| 38 EPWORTH           | LORRAINE EDMONSON |   |
| 39 EPWORTH           | CAROLE OAKLEY     | MINISTER OF MUSIC, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION                |
| 40 EPWORTH           | JOYCE BOWEN       | CO CHAIR MISSION-OUTREACH, DELEGATE DISTRICT CONFER   |
| 41 EPWORTH           | SALLY BEDSWORTH   | DISTRICT BOARD OF MISSIONS                            |
| 42 EPWORTH           | CANDY WILLIAMS    | NURTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR                               |
| 43 EPWORTH           | CHARLES ETZ       | TREASURER   |
| 44 EPWORTH           | BERKLEY ASHBY     | FINANCE COMMITTEE, BUILDING COMMITTEE                 |
| 45 EPWORTH           | MAXINE ASHBY      | SPPRC, TRUSTEE SECRETARY                              |
| 46 EVERGREEN         | MARY KILLMON      | S.S. TEACHER, OOTB GEN. BD. REP                       |
| 47 EVERGREEN         | KATIE KILMON      | S.S. TEACHER  |
| 48 EVERGREEN         | ROBERT KILLMON    | PPRC, TRUSTEE   |
| 49 EVERGREEN         | JANE KILLMON      |   |
| 50 FRANKTOWN         | KAREN HATCH       | YOUTH MINISTRY COORD                                  |

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**ATTENDANCE**

| <b>CHARGE</b>     | <b>NAME</b>       | <b>POSITION</b>   |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| 51 FRANKTOWN      | ALEX JOYNER       | PASTOR, DCOM CHAIR                                      |
| 52 FRANKTOWN      | RACHAEL JOYNER    | MEMBER  |
| 53 FRANKTOWN      | SUZANNE JOYNER    | MEMBER  |
| 54 FRANKTOWN      | CHRISTIE SAVAGE   | TREASURER   |
| 55 FRANKTOWN      | DEBORAH MOBLEY    |   |
| 56 FRANKTOWN      | JERRY MOBLEY      | OOTB CAMP DIRECTOR                                      |
| 57 FRANKTOWN      | MICKEY MERRITT    | ASST. LAY LEADER, SPPRC, DELEGATE ANNUAL CONFER.        |
| 58 FRANKTOWN      | BILL PRINCE       | HEAD USHER, OOTB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 08 S/PPRC         |
| 59 FRANKTOWN      | MARTHA JAMES      | LAY LEADER, TREASURER UMW                               |
| 60 FRANKTOWN      | SMITH JAMES       |   |
| 61 FRANKTOWN      | JOANN MOLERA      | COM CHAIR, ALTERNATE DISTRICT CONFER. DELEGATE          |
| 62 FRIENDSHIP     | BRENDA LAWS       | DEACON FULL CONNECTION                                  |
| 63 FRIENDSHIP     | LEVERSA HARMON    | SPIRITUAL LIFE, YOUTH LEADER, LAY SPEAKER               |
| 64 FRIENDSHIP     | MILTON CHRISTIAN  | LAY LEADER, LAY SPEAKER                                 |
| 65 GRACE          | CONNIE TAYLOR     | DELEGATE TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE                         |
| 66 GRACE          | DON FOSTER        | LAY LEADER  |
| 67 GRACE CHG MBR. | MATT NELSON       | RETIRED ELDER   |
| 68 GUILFORD       | MILLIE FRASHURE   | S.S. SECRETRY, PRAYER & SPIRITUAL LIFE, WORSHIP, EDUCA. |
| 69 GUILFORD       | LARRY FRASHURE    | CHAIR PRAYER & SPIRITUAL LIFE, PARSONAGE COMMITTEE      |
| 70 GUILFORD       | P. RAE SEELEY     | PASTOR  |
| 71 GUILFORD       | GEORGE FULK       | LAY LEADER  |
| 72 GUILFORD       | JACK SEELEY       | DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATE, OOTB GEN. BD. REP         |
| 73 HARBORTON      | BERYL BRIMER      | LAY LEADER  |
| 74 HORNTOWN       | GEORGE WARNER     | PASTOR  |
| 75 LEEMONT        | GARY BANKS        | PASTOR  |
| 76 MELFA          | TORI HICKMAN      |   |
| 77 MELFA          | KATRINA HICKMAN   | S.S. SUPER, LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE                    |
| 78 MELFA          | ANN PRESTON       | LAY LEADER, CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER, PPRC CHAIR           |
| 79 MELFA          | CHUCK ELDER       |   |
| 80 MELFA          | CHRISTY SPURLOCK  | PASTOR  |
| 81 MELFA          | STEVE TURLINGTON  |   |
| 82 METROPOLITAN   | IRIS SMITH        | LAY LEADER, ASSOC. DISTRICT LAY LEADER                  |
| 83 METROPOLITAN   | PEGGY CORBIN      | LAY SPEAKER   |
| 84 METROPOLITAN   | PAULINE MILBOURNE | WORSHIP COMMITTEE CHP, DISTRICT UMW VICE PRES.          |
| 85 METROPOLITAN   | JESSE POULSON     | LC TREASURER, MUSICIAN, TRUSTEE                         |
| 86 NEW MISSION    | ANGELINA SHAW     | MBR. COORD., YOUTH COORD.                               |
| 87 NEW MISSION    | LAURINE WHITE     | LAY SPEAKER   |
| 88 NEW MISSION    | HAROLD WHITE      | PASTOR  |
| 89 NEW MISSION    | ALLISON BURTON    | HEAD USHER, STEWARD                                     |
| 90 NEW MISSION    | KEISHA MAPP       | PRESIDENT   |
| 91 NEW MISSION    | MONICA JONES      | MEMBER  |
| 92 NEW MISSION    | LINDA BELL        | FINANCE CHAIRPERSON                                     |
| 93 NEW MISSION    | CAROL THOMAS      | SECRETARY   |
| 94 NEW MISSION    | ASIA GIBBS        | YOUTH PRESIDENT   |
| 95 NEW MISSION    | BRENDA UPSHUR     | PPRC CHAIR  |
| 96 NEW MISSION    | MELVIN BURTON     | TRUSTEE, LAY LEADER                                     |
| 97 OAK HALL       | JOHN SWEENEY      | PASTOR  |
| 98 ONLEY          | O. DON BOWLING    | PPRC CHAIR  |

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|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 99 ONLEY               | NITA DALEY         | CHARGE CONFER. SECRETARY, ASST. TREASURER     |
| 100 ONLEY              | JEAN MEARS         | PARAMENTS CARE TAKER                          |
| 101 ONLEY              | KAREN PARKS        | S.S. TEACHER, UMW PRES.                       |
| 102 ONLEY              | CHUCK PARKS        | PASTOR  |
| 103 PAINTER GARRISONS  | FAITH STURGIS      | ADMIN. BD. CHAIR                              |
| 104 PAINTER GARRISONS  | JOHN HENDERSON     | LAY LEADER, LLSPEAKER, UMM                    |
| 105 PAINTER-GARRISONS  | EMILY BUNDICK      | GENERAL BOARD MBR.                            |
| 106 PAINTER-GARRISONS  | NORMA HARRIS       | S.S. SUPERINTENDENT, FAMILY MINISTRIES        |
| 107 PAINTER-GARRISONS  | PATSY GLADDEN      | EVANGELISM CHAIR                              |
| 108 PAINTER-GARRISONS  | JOANNE MILLER      | MEMBER  |
| 109 PAINTER-GARRISONS  | ANNETTE HENDERSON  | WORSHIP COMMITTEE, MBR. SECRETARY, PPRC       |
| 110 PAINTER-QUINBY     | TOM DURRANCE       | PASTOR  |
| 111 SANFORD-SAXIS      | GLENDA TURLINGTON  | PASTOR  |
| 112 SAXIS              | KEN GLISSON        | DISTRICT TRUSTEE, OOTB GENERAL BOARD VICE CHP |
| 113 SAXIS              | HANNAH GLISSON     | OOTB GENERAL BOARD REP.                       |
| 114 SNEAD MEMORIAL     | JOYCE WHITE        |   |
| 115 SNEAD MEMORIAL     | JAMES NOCK         | PASTOR  |
| 116 ST. JOHNS          | TAMPA MILLER       | LAY SPEAKER, CHURCH COUNCIL                   |
| 117 ST. JOHNS          | KAMESHA MILLER     | MUSIC   |
| 118 ST. JOHNS          | GARY MILLER        | PASTOR  |
| 119 ST. JOHNS          | JACQUELINE DUNCAN  | TREASURER                                     |
| 120 ST. JOHNS          | JUSTINE CUSTIS     | PPRC CHAIR                                    |
| 121 ST. JOHNS          | GLORIA FEDDERMAN   | USHER   |
| 122 ST. JOHNS          | LINWOOD WILLIAMS   | TRUSTEE                                       |
| 123 ST. JOHNS          | ALTHEA GOODWINE    |   |
| 124 ST. JOHNS          | ELLA MILLER        | CHURCH CLERK                                  |
| 125 ST. JOHNS          | TAMMY CONQUEST     | SECRETARY UMW                                 |
| 126 ST. JOHNS          | VERNON CUSTIS      | LAY SPEAKER                                   |
| 127 ST. JOHNS          | REGINA CUSTIS      | LAY SPEAKER                                   |
| 128 ST. JOHNS          | DELORCE FIDDEMON   | PPRC, S.S. TEACHER, OOTB.                     |
| 129 ST. JOHNS          | KEVIN FIDDEMON     | UMM PRESIDENT, TRUSTEE                        |
| 130 ST. JOHNS          | HARRISON SAVAGE    | TRUSTEE                                       |
| 131 ST. JOHNS          | DEBORAH SAVAGE     | COUNCIL CHAIR                                 |
| 132 ST. JOHNS          | NANCY DAVIS        | PPRC  |
| 133 ST. MARKS          | JOYCE DICKERSON    | PPRC  |
| 134 ST. MARKS          | EDNA WATERS        | TREASURER                                     |
| 135 ST. MARKS          | SHIRLEY MILBOURNE  | LAY LEADER                                    |
| 136 ST. MARKS          | PEGGY WILSON       | AGAPE BD., DISTRICT BD. OF MISSIONS           |
| 137 ST. MARY'S BAPTIST | INEZ NOCK          |   |
| 138 ST. THOMAS         | JENNIE LEE THORNES | PPRC  |
| 139 ST. THOMAS         | BETTY FULK         |   |
| 140 TRAVIS CHAPEL      | JANICE RIVELL      | CHARGE DELEGATE                               |
| 141 TRAVIS CHAPEL      | MARLENE DONNELL    | FINANCIAL SECRETARY                           |
| 142 WOODBERRY          | NANCY LEWIS        | TREASURER, DISTRICT STEWARD, OOTB TREASURER   |
| 143 WOODBERRY          | WAYNE JOHNSON      | LAY LEADER                                    |
| 144 WOODBERRY          | BARRY HOPE JOHNSON |   |

Attendance sheets collected by District Conference Tellers -Connie M. Owens, Recording Secretary