

Minutes of the One Hundred Forty-second (143rd) Session of the
Eastern Shore District Conference
Virginia Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church
Onley United Methodist Church, Onley, Virginia
Sunday, November 14, 2010, 4 pm

The One Hundred Forty-third (143rd) Session of the Eastern Shore District Conference of The United Methodist Church was held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at Onley United Methodist Church. The Reverend Tammy L. Estep, Eastern Shore District Superintendent, presided. Mr. Drew VanDyke Colby, currently enrolled in Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. was the District Conference preacher.

Host pastor, Rev. Chuck Parks welcomed everyone. The worship service followed, under the theme of "Intentional Faith Development". Mr. Colby delivered the sermon "A Community of Nicodemi". Other participants in the service were District Superintendent Tammy Estep; District Lay Leader, Mrs. Barbara Mason; and District Associate Lay Leader, Ms. Iris Gunter Smith; Mr. Aaron Kane (District Associate Lay Leader elect); Mr. Ron Lyman, Onley UMC Lay Leader; Rev. Brenda Laws of Friendship UMC. Organist was Ms. Jody Hopkins of Onley UMC.

The business session of the Conference convened. The District Superintendent presided.

District Superintendent Estep instructed everyone to complete the Attendance Forms included in their packets and to give them to the tellers when the ballots were collected. 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 were nominated and elected: Mr. Ron Lyman, Lay Member of Onley UMC (nomination from the floor); Mr. Milton Christian, Lay Member of Friendship UMC; Rev. Carl Perez, Clergy Member of Leemont Charge; and Rev. Judy Worthington, Clergy Member of Belle Haven-Bethel Charge.

The next order of business was the nomination of District At-Large Members to the Virginia Annual Conference Session on June 15-19, 2011 in Roanoke. Those nominees on the ballot were presented. The floor was opened for other nominations for the ballot. There being no others, there was a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Nominations for Youth members between the ages of 12 and 17 to represent the district at Annual Conference were next on the agenda. Nominees on the ballot were presented. Floor opened for other nominations. There being none, there was a motion to close nominations.

Conference floor was opened for other nominations for District Young Adult Members to Annual Conference. DeAndre Burton was nominated. Motion made to close nominations. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Lay members of the District Conference were asked to vote for 10 Members At-Large, 2 Youth and 2 Young Adult members. Ballots were collected and tallied by Conference tellers. The results of the election being: Jesse Poulson, Barbara Mason, Betty Armstrong, Maxine Ashby, Robbin

Fletcher, Steve Turlington, Olivia White, Carole Oakley, Monica Jones, Mary Grace Woodburn are the District Members At-Large with *Berkley Ashby, Marlene Donnell/Kenneth Glisson as Alternates*. (Alternates will be selected if needed in the order as they appear in the minutes.) Hannah Perez and Joel Joyner are the Youth Members. LáKendrick Dennis and DeAndre Burton are the Young Adult Members.

The ballot for nominations for lay delegates to 2012 General and Jurisdictional conferences was presented. Floor was opened for other nominations. There being none, there was a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Iris Gunter-Smith was elected as the Eastern Shore District nominee.

District Superintendent Estep announced that after four years, Mrs. Barbara Mason will be stepping down as District Lay Leader but will continue serving in positions on the district. Mr. Robert "Bob" Carr, after serving nearly 25 years as the District Administration Fund Treasurer, will be "retiring" after December. Estep expressed her appreciation to both Mason and Carr for their faithful service.

Conference members received nominations for district officers and members of committees and boards as presented by the District Committee on Nominations. Since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the list of nominees and to elect them for these positions. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Rev. Alex Joyner, Chair of the Eastern Shore District Committee on Ordained Ministry reported to the Conference. He asked pastors and local churches to encourage and nurture those people who have indicated an interest in exploring their call to ministry. Joyner told the Conference that every pastor should have a copy of the book The Christian as Minister, which is the first step in the candidacy process. Joyner stated that there are 10 clergy and laity on the District Committee on Ordained Ministry and the District Superintendent who meet on a regular basis. He asked Committee members to stand. Their function is to meet yearly with local pastors and to recommend candidates for licensing and ordination and to serve as agents to help people listen to their call, he said. Presently there are four people in the Admissions stage, three certified candidates and thirteen local pastors on the district.

Rev. Estep announced that the next regular session of the Eastern Shore District Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2011, 4 pm at Grace UMC, Parksley.

Adjournment was 5:20 pm, closing with the Doxology.

Connie M. Owens, Recording Secretary