

**C. Daily Proceedings  
of the Sixth Session of the Arkansas Conference**

Sunday - Wednesday, June 8-11, 2008,  
to be held at Summit Arena, Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas

**“Walking the United Methodist Way”**

**SUNDAY, June 8**

1:00 pm **Conference Secretary Staff and Registration Volunteers** meet to review registration details for the conference.

Place: Summit Arena Lobby.

2:00 pm **Cabinet**, Ballroom D stage manager’s office, Summit Arena

2:30 pm **REGISTRATION OPENS** {REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY AT 6PM}

Place: Summit Arena Lobby ..... *Registration at the door: \$80<sup>00</sup>*

2:30 pm **FELLOWSHIP TIME**, informal

Place: Summit Arena Lobby

• Displays and Cokesbury bookstore open

• Concession stand {sandwiches, coffee, cokes} open

3:00 pm General/Jurisdictional Delegation Meeting, Green Room

**SUNDAY BANQUETS**

4:00 pm Black Methodists for Church Renewal Cost: \$20

Place: Visitors Chapel AME, 319 Church St., Hot Springs

Contact: Sandra Mitchell, 501-663-7221 [bcdman@aristotle.net](mailto:bcdman@aristotle.net)

**MUSIC REHEARSALS**

4:00 pm Usher & Communion Rehearsal, Summit Arena

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Summit Arena

6:00 pm **Opening Worship, Commemoration, and Holy Communion**

*(Bishop D. Max Whitfield, preaching)*

*Commemoration Service coordinated by Gail Hocott.*

*Holy Communion coordinated by Leon Gray.*

*Prayer shawls made by church members, coordinated by Libby Gray*

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE:**

7:45 pm **LAY ORIENTATION SESSION** ..... *Asa Whitaker*

*(Place: Summit Arena)*

7:45 pm **CLERGY SPOUSE GATHERING** ... *hosted by Karen Crutchfield*

*(Place: Embassy Suites Hotel, Salon A & B)*

7:45 pm **CLERGY SESSION** ..... *Bishop Charles Crutchfield*

*(Place: Ballroom D)*

• **Those who may participate in the Clergy Session are set by the Book of Discipline ¶ 605.6**

• **with vote** - “Only the ordained clergy in full connection and the lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry may vote.” ¶605.6; 602.1a

• **voice without vote** - “probationary members, associate members, affiliate members, and local pastors under full-time and part-time appointment to a pastoral charge.” ¶605.6 and 602.1b.c.d.

• **Upon vote by the session, others may be admitted without vote-** “Others may be admitted by express action of the clergy session, but shall not have vote, nor, unless specifically granted by the clergy session, shall have voice” ¶605.6 {student local pastors; retired local pastors; those to be elected to probationary or full membership; and, clergy from other annual conferences or Methodist-related denominations under appointment by this conference.}

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**MONDAY, June 9**

*Breakfast gatherings, see page 9*

7:30 am **LATE REGISTRATION OPENS, Summit Arena Lobby** ..... (Registration at the door: \$80<sup>00</sup>)

7:30 am **FELLOWSHIP TIME, informal**

Place: Summit Arena Lobby

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- Concession stand {coffee, sweet rolls} open

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9:00 am **OPENING WORSHIP** ..... led by Tammy Garrison

9:20 am **WELCOME TO HOT SPRINGS**

- Official Welcome by Local Host Committee

9:22 am **COSROW**, monitoring announcement ..... Lynn McClure

9:25 am **ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE** ..... Bob Crossman

- Rules of Order (page 14 and 15)

"Bishop, I move the adoption of the Rules of Order as they appear on pages 14 and 15 of the Pre Conference Journal."

9:30 am **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** ..... Bob Crossman

{See list of Consent Calendar Reports on page 3 of PCJournal}

{These reports are grouped on pages 38 to 66 of this PCJournal}

**Are any reports to be removed from the consent calendar?**

{Reports may be lifted off the Consent Calendar and given agenda time on Wednesday. Such action requires the signature ... of five members of the conference, and it may only be for the purpose of amending or altering the report.}

9:32 am **Conference Secretary Announcements** ..... Bob Crossman

9:35 am **ITEMS REQUIRED TO LAY ON THE TABLE OVERNIGHT** ..... Bob Crossman

- **Sponsored & Unsponsored Petitions, Resolutions** (page 37)
- **Proposed changes in our structure (if any)**

*From our structure, 8.c., page 451 of the 2007 Journal:*

**RESOLUTION FOOTNOTES**All resolutions, sponsored or non-sponsored, shall contain footnotes that clarify the source of any facts, quotes, or generalizations made within the proposed resolution. These footnotes shall include enough information to allow the conference some level of confidence that the content of the proposed resolution is accurate and reliable. These footnotes shall also include enough information to allow the content of the proposed resolution to be double checked for accuracy. All resolutions not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal must be accompanied by a rationale.

**PRE-CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS** ..... Non-sponsored resolutions or petitions, as well as those sponsored by any regular board or standing committee or task force of the Conference, may be included in the Pre-Conference Journal with the approval of the Vision Team.

**FLOOR RESOLUTIONS**Any resolution or petition not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal must be signed by at least two members of the Annual conference, and distributed in writing to the delegates and lay on the table for twenty-four hours before being debated and acted upon. Such items for general distribution shall be prepared and distributed by the sponsoring person or agency at their own expense.

**CONCURRENCE/NON-CONCURRENCE**. All resolutions that call for a change in the structure or standing rules, must be submitted to a review by the Committee on Review and Research which will recommend concurrence or non-concurrence.

All resolutions that have financial implications must be submitted to a review by the Council on Finance and Administration which will recommend concurrence or non-concurrence.

All resolutions that have Social Principle implications, must be submitted to a review by the Board of Church and Society which will recommend concurrence or non-concurrence.

9:40 am **Introduction of Bishop Crutchfield** ..... Episcopal Committee

**EPISCOPAL ADDRESS** ..... Bishop Charles Crutchfield

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:**

**To identify, enlist and retain gifted young pastors  
who are passionate about making disciples for Christ.**

- 10:10 am **ORDAINED MINISTRY** (see page 24 to 28) ..... *Biff Averitt*
- Presentation of new clergy and diaconal ministers
  - Presentation of chaplains & related ministries
  - Greetings from our Air Force Chaplains....*Chaplain Ron Feeser*
  - Effectiveness Task Force ..... *Cabinet*

- 10:15 am **BREAK** (Refreshments may be purchased at the concession stand)
- New retiring clergy with spouses, meet in the Green Room for group photo and instructions.

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

- 10:35 am **RETIREMENT OF CLERGY**
- Worship service coordinated by John Wilcher
  - Presentation of Retiring Clergy & Diaconal Ministers
  - Retirees Address the Conference

- 11:55 am Courtesies / Announcements ..... *Bob Crossman*

Noon **PRAYER**

Noon **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

Noon **LATE REGISTRATION, Summit Arena Lobby**

..... (Registration at the door: \$80<sup>00</sup>)

**NOON LUNCHEONS (ALL STARTING ABOUT 12:10) see page 9**

2:00 pm **GATHERING MUSIC / SINGING**

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2:05 pm **PRAYER**

\_\_ :\_\_ pm **CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR** ..... *Bill Waddell*

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:**

**To recruit a new generation of lay leaders and equip all laity to be  
providers of ministry in making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

2:10 pm **LAITY ADDRESS** ..... *Asa Whitaker*

2:30 pm **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS #1** ..... *Martha Altom*  
(The report will be 'laid on the table' at this time. If there are any nominations from the floor, they will be received at this time.)

(Any errors in spelling, address or phone may be handed to the secretary or chair this afternoon)

2:40 pm **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** (see page 56) ..... *Karon Mann*

3:05 pm **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS #1**  
**{WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES}**

- Civic Service Recognition, Church & Society ..... by *Doni Martin*
- E.Christian Education Certificates ..... by *Laverne Keahey*
- Recognition by Commission on Status and Role of Women ..... by *Lynn McClure*
- Hendrix College 5th Annual Youth Ministry Award ..... by *Wayne Clark*

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:**

**To evangelize and disciple children, youth, and young adults.**

3:20 pm **UM YOUTH** (see page 56) ..... by *Anna Horton*

3:30 pm **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**  
**{WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES}**

- Youth Service Fund Recognition ..... by *Rod Hocott*
- Higher Education Scholarships ..... by *Olin Cook*
- Lina McCord Scholar ..... *Toni Marie Witherspoon*

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3:40 pm **MOVE TO BREAK OUT GROUP LOCATIONS** ..... Roy Smith  
 4:00 pm **Break out groups begin**

***Walking the Methodist Way***

Each leader will offer explanation and insight into one of the means of grace. They will also share ideas to enable you to incorporate the means of grace into your life and the life of your congregation. You may sign up for one particular group. Please indicate your choice on the Registration Form.

- **Prayer** ..... Helen Stegall
- **Searching the Scriptures** ..... Sieg Johnson
- **Worship** ..... Bud Reeves, Ron Hall, Mike Lovelady
- **Sacraments** ..... Andrew Thompson
- **Christian Conferencing** ..... Rebekah Miles, Len Deloney
- **Discipline (Fasting & Abstinence)** ..... Teresa Holt
- **Acts of Mercy** ..... Maxine Allen

5:15 pm **LAITY DINNER**, see page 9 for details  
 6:15 pm **CHOIR & WORSHIP REHEARSAL**  
 6:30 pm **MISSION FAIR** ..... coordinated by Diane Vogler  
*On Monday evening in the display space area, Summit Arena Lobby, the Conference Board of Global Ministries and the District Mission Secretaries will sponsor a "Mission Fair" to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Advance. Display tables will highlight numerous mission opportunities. Refreshments will be provided after worship this evening.*  
 7:30 pm **WORSHIP** Place: Summit Arena  
*"A Celebration of Grace Through Music and the Word" ..... Bishop D. Max Whitfield, preaching Service coordinated by Rebecca Boggan and Greg Taylor.*

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

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6:30 am **HOLY HEALTHY UMC WALK / RUN**  
**BREAKFAST GATHERINGS**, see page 9  
 8:00 am **LATE REGISTRATION OPENS**  
 Place: Summit Arena Lobby ..... Registration at the door \$80<sup>00</sup>  
 9:00 am **CALL TO ORDER**  
**MORNING DEVOTIONAL** ..... led by Edna Morgan  
 9:20 am *Conference Secretary announcements* ..... Bob Crossman  
 9:35 am **TRUSTEES** (see page 56) ..... Bill Reed

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:**  
**To emphasize the importance of self-care for clergy, staff and laity and to facilitate intentional health ministries for body, mind and spirit in and through our churches.**

9:45 am **GROUP INSURANCE** (see page 29 to 33) ..... Randall Reddin  
 10:00 am **Holy Healthy Task Force** ..... Bob Burton  
*(see page 45, and www.HolyHealthyUMC.org)*  
 10:10 am **PENSION** {see page 33 to 34} ..... Bill Shirron  
 10:20 am *Presentation of Cokesbury check to Pension Fund...Sam Albright*

10:30 am **NOMINATIONS REPORT #2 and vote**  
 {Also District Committees} {Any errors in spelling, address or phone may be handed to the secretary or chair this afternoon}

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10:40 am **BREAK** (Refreshments may be purchased at the concession stand .....  
in the lobby.)

<b>STRATEGIC INITIATIVE</b>	
<b>To Move from Maintenance Mode to the Mission Mode</b>	
<i>(Renewing Existing Congregations &amp; Starting New Churches)</i>	
<b>And To Evangelize and Disciple Children, Youth and Young Adults</b>	
11:00 am	<b>EQUITABLE COMPENSATION</b> (page 28 to 29) ..... Sandy Becker
10:50 am	<b>AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS</b>
	<i>{WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES}</i>
	• Horizon Stewardship Award ..... by Clif Christopher
	• Presentation of Widow's Mite Award ..... by Barbara Lewis
	• Recognition of our New UM Churches ..... by Bob Crossman <i>and Catch The Vision</i>
	• Recognition of our Newest CIC Churches ..... by Mike Roberts
	• Denman Evangelism Awards ..... by Daniel Kirkpatrick
11:25 am	<b>REPORT FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE</b> ..... Rodney Steele
11:45 am	<b>LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE</b> (see page 60) ..... President Secorra De'Anda

Noon Conference Secretary Announcements ..... Bob Crossman  
 Noon **PRAYER**  
 Noon **RECESS**, see details of luncheons on page 9  
 2:00 pm **GATHERING MUSIC & PRAYER**  
 2:10 pm **UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION** (page 66) ..... Jim Argue  
 2:30 pm **CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR** ..... Bill Waddell  
 Chancellor's report was moved to Monday afternoon at 2pm

<b>THE VISION OF THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE</b>	
<i>"A church alive in the grace of God, offering Christ, transforming lives, and changing the world through the power of the Holy Spirit."</i>	
2:45 pm	<b>VISION TEAM REPORT</b> {see page 57}
	• Recognition of Professions of Faith
	• Recognition of Worship Growth
	• Recognition of Apportionment Support
	<b>60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVANCE SPECIALS</b>
	..... Adam Neal, GBGM
	<b>THE CONGO INITIATIVE</b> (page 43) ..... Michelle Bailey Keahey
	<b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INVITATION</b> ..... Ron Clark

**ITEMS TAKEN 'OFF THE TABLE' FROM MONDAY**

3:45 pm **PROPOSED STRUCTURE CHANGES** {if any} Kearney Dietz

3:50 pm **PETITIONS/ RESOLUTIONS**

- Endorsed / sponsored petitions & resolutions (page 37 to 38)
- Unendorsed petitions and resolutions (if any)

*If this process is not completed at this time, we will continue on Wednesday morning.*

4:40 pm Conference Secretary announcements ..... Bob Crossman

5:00 pm **PRAYER**

5:00 pm **RECESS**

5:15 pm **REHEARSAL** for Ordination Service

5:00 p.m **Church of the Year / Church Awards Banquet**, see page 9

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- 7:00 pm Clergy/Diaconal Ministers gather for robing in Summit lobby.
- 7:30 pm **WORSHIP: Ordination and Commissioning Worship Service**  
 Service of Recognition and Passing of the Mantle  
*Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield preaching.*  
*Service coordinated by Cecilia Kelly & Board of Ministry*
- 9:00 pm **RECEPTION** for newly ordained Deacons and Elders  
*Place: Ballroom D*  
*Reception coordinated by Libby Gray*

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

**Wednesday agenda times are subject to change  
 based on Tuesday's progress.**

**BREAKFASTS - Breakfast gatherings, see page 9**

- 9:00 am **CALL TO ORDER**  
**MORNING DEVOTIONAL** ..... led by Ryan Rush
- 9:20 am Conference Secretary ..... Bob Crossman
  - Report from Tuesday's nomination ballots, if needed
  - Election of Jurisdictional Nomination Pool
  - Conference Secretary announcements
  - Church of the Year Awards (from last evening's banquet)

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**

**To Expand Participation in Global and Local Mission  
 to Change the World on Behalf of the Kingdom of God**

- 9:25 a.m. **HUNGER TASK FORCE** (page 47) ..... Stephen Copley
- 9:30 a.m. **Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare** (page 61) ..... Gary Gunderson, Sr. VP
- 9:40 pm **Hendrix College Charter Revisions** (page 35 to 37) ..... Bud Reeves
- 9:50 a.m. **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**  
*{WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES}*
  - Jay Lawhon Volunteers in Mission Award ..... by Don Weeks
  - Micah Mission Award ..... by Diane Clark Vogler
  - Peace with Justice Grant ..... by Susan Ledbetter
  - Jim Beal Barnabas Award ..... by Tom Sullinger
  - Recognition of Russian Initiative Churches ..... by Mike Morey
  - 7th Annual Interfaith Award ..... Stephen Copley and JJ Galloway
  - General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious  
 Concerns presentation ..... by Steve Copley
- 10:30 am **BREAK** (Refreshments may be purchased at the concession stand in the lobby.)

**PETITIONS/ RESOLUTIONS**

*If this process was not completed Tuesday afternoon, we will continue at this time.*

- 10:50 am **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** ..... Bob Crossman  
*{if any were removed from the list on Monday morning}*
- 11:00 pm **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**  
*{See list of Consent Calendar Reports on page 3 of PCJournal}*  
*{These reports are grouped on pages 38 to 66 of this PCJournal}*  
*"Bishop, I move that the annual conference receive the Consent Calendar reports as printed in the Pre-Conference Journal."*



## Monday, June 9

### MONDAY BREAKFAST

6:45 am Confessing Movement of Arkansas Breakfast, Cost: \$10  
Place: Union Baptist Church Life Center, 219 Gulpha Street  
(Use back entry adjoining parking lot behind the Convention Center.)  
Speaker: Dr. Bill Bouknight  
Contact: Carolyn Elias, 1-501-525-2944  
CarolynEli@msn.com

7:00 am • Probationer's Breakfast, place: Oaklawn UMC, Hot Springs  
Contact: Dee Dee Autry, deede@gracethechurch.com  
1-479-646-1177

7:30 am *FELLOWSHIP TIME, informal,*  
Place: Summit Lobby  
• Displays and Cokesbury Bookstore  
• Concession stand {coffee, sweet rolls}

### MONDAY LUNCHEONS (ALL STARTING ABOUT 12:10)

- Retired Clergy Lunch, place: Ballroom D, Summit Arena  
Contact: Mona Williams, 1-501-324-8020  
Free for retired pastors, their spouses, and surviving spouses.  
Cost: \$10 for all others
- UMWomen's Luncheon, place: First UMC, Cost: \$12  
*Theme: A Native American Walk*  
Contact: Karon Mann, 1-501-225-7971, karon57@comcast.net
- Clergywomen's Lunch, place: Oaklawn UMC, Cost: \$12  
RSVP: J.J. Whitney at 1-501-450-4590  
or by email at whitney@hendrix.edu
- MTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon, Cost: \$12.<sup>50</sup>  
Place: Cheese Corner Delicatessen, 303 Broadway Street  
Menu: www.thecheesecorner.com  
Contact: Mark Ashcraft, 1-479-616-6389
- Asbury Alumni & Friends, Place: New China Restaurant  
Location: Central Avenue across from Hot Springs Mall  
Contact: Daniel Kirkpatrick, 1-501-224-6047  
RevKirk@hvumc.org
- Saint Paul Graduates, Students & Friends Luncheon  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_; Guest Speaker: Luke Farrell

### MONDAY DINNERS / BANQUETS

- 5:15 pm • Laity Dinner, Place: Austin Hotel, Cost: \$19
- 5:30 pm • Gen-X/Y Dinner, place: First UMC, Hot Springs, Cost: \$8  
Contact: Eric VanMeter, 1-870-219-6255 or  
astatewesley@yahoo.com
- 5:30 pm • "Have You Ever Thought of Starting a New Church?"  
For clergy & laity; place: The Green Room, Cost: \$8  
No reservation required. Host: Bob Crossman

## Tuesday, June 10

### TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

6:30 am • 5k Walk / Run - sign up when you register on line or by mail.

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- Contact: Karen Wilson, 1-501-324-8000
- 7:00 am • Church and Society Breakfast, Place: Oaklawn UMC,  
Cost: \$10, Contact: Doni Martin, 1-870-857-3878  
fredoni@centurytel.net
- 7:00 am • Phillips Theological Seminary Alumni, Students & Friends  
Place: Embassy Suites  
Angela Gage, pastor.angie@gmail.com, 1-870-897-4962

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### **TUESDAY LUNCHEONS (ALL STARTING ABOUT 12:10)**

- Partners in Ministry Luncheon (Minister's Spouses)  
Place: First UMC, Hot Springs, Cost: \$12  
Hosted by the North East District.  
Contact: Connie Thomas, nedistumc@sbcglobal.net
- Perkins Alumni, Students & Friends, Cost: \$10  
Place: Grand Avenue UMC  
Contact: Harriett Akins-Banman,  
hakinsbanman@phumc.com 1-501-664-3600
- Volunteers in Mission, Place: Oaklawn UMC, Cost: \$13  
Speaker: Debbie Vest, SCJ Coordinator of VIM  
Contact: Don Weeks, 1-501-681-2909
- Order of Deacons, Diaconal Ministers and Certified Persons  
Place: First UMC, Hot Springs, Cost \$10  
Contact: Lu Harding  
Make reservations through lu@mounteagle.org by June 3rd.
- Candler Alumni, Students, & Friends  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: Jessica Durand, 1-870-230-1307  
jessicadurand@hotmail.com
- Duke Alumni, Students & Friends  
Place: First UMC, Hot Springs  
Contact: Todd-Paul Taulbee, 1-870-265-2289, dukerev@cei.net
- Conference CFA Members Luncheon, Place: Embassy Suites  
Contact: Todd Burris, 1-501-324-8004

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### Tuesday EVENING BANQUETS

- 5:00 pm • Church Awards/Church of the Year Banquet  
Place: Hot Springs First UMC, Cost: \$15  
Contact: Bennie Harmon, 1-501-730-0498
- 9:00 pm *RECEPTION* for newly ordained Deacons and Elders  
Place: Ballroom D, Contact: Libby Gray, 1-501-324-8000

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## Wednesday, June 11

### **WEDNESDAY BREAKFASTS**

- 7:00 am • Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors Breakfast  
Place: Grand Avenue UMC, Hot Springs, Cost: \$8  
Contact: Michael Jennings, 1-870-289-2871

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Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield, President

Roy Smith, Director of Ministries and Assistant to the Bishop

Robert Owen Crossman, Secretary

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**SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 2008, SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield called the Sixth Session of the Arkansas Conference to order at 6:05 p.m. in Summit Arena, Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas. The opening worship was a Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion. The sermon, based on First Corinthians 2:4-13 and titled "Walking the United Methodist Way," was delivered by Bishop D. Max Whitfield. Celebrants were Bishop Whitfield and Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield; Liturgists were Bettye Johnson, White Memorial UMC, Elisabeth Russell, First UMC/ Ebenezer Conway, Jim H. Tarkington, Hot Springs First UMC, Rev. Rodney Whitfield, Richardson (Texas) First UMC. Holy Communion Servers were those being ordained and the Conference Office Ministry Staff. Musicians were: Organist, Jonathan Merritt, Asbury UMC; Music Director, Gail Hocott; Trumpeter, Pat Henry. Choir members were from around the state. Worship Coordinators were Ted DeWeese, Leon Gray, Gail Hocott, and Les Oliver.

Pastors and spouses who have died during the past twelve months were remembered.

Those remembered were:

Roy Poynor	Dorsie Caldwell	Robert J. Wilson
Frances Stokes	Paul Barrington	William Hightower
Jack Blume	Edith Bain	Gladys Kearney
James Harris	Helen R. Arnold	Bonnie Bumpers
Dorothy Lightfoot	Nellie L. Callicott	Donald F. Armstrong
Donald E. West	Joe Arnold	James Bennett
Betty Fox	Dorothy Williams	Bobby Reynolds
Mary Ellen Yates	Michael Gordon	Jack Jackson
Robert Regnier	Floella Gaither Broadwater	Grady May
Elmo Thomason	Othella Peters	King Collier

**ORIENTATION SESSION:** The laity session was held in Summit Arena, Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session of the clergy was held in Ballroom D, Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 2008. The Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Arkansas Conference, dated June 8, 2008, was approved as corrected. (See Business of the Annual Conference Report in section D of this Journal.)



*Biff Averitt*  
Chair



*Jerry Nichols*  
Registrar



*Charles N. Crutchfield*  
Bishop

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MONDAY MORNING

JUNE 9, 2008

GENERAL SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** The morning session was called to order by Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield at 9:00 a.m.

**OPENING WORSHIP:** Carlton Cross read the scripture, Colossians 3:1-17, and offered opening prayer. Worship was led by Tammy Garrison speaking on the first General Rule, "Do No Harm."

**WELCOME TO HOT SPRINGS:** William O. "Bud" Reeves, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, welcomed the conference on behalf of the churches in the area. Mayor Mike Bush welcomed the Conference to Hot Springs.

**COSROW MONITORING ANNOUNCEMENT:** Lynn McClure, chairperson of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, announced that commission members will be monitoring the business sessions and worship services of the annual conference for inclusiveness.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE:**

**CONFERENCE SECRETARY:** Bob Crossman, Conference Secretary, led the Conference through the Rules of Order.

**BAR OF THE CONFERENCE:** The Bar of the Conference shall be the main floor of Summit Arena. Members desiring to have voice and vote must be seated within the bar. Color-coded identification ribbons will be given to all voting delegates and shall be worn at all times as an indication of voting privileges. If the chairs on the main floor of Summit Arena are full, and additional voting members still desire seating, the chair may designate the lower level of the bleachers in the back of the room, opposite the stage, to also be within the bar of the conference. Visitors, spouses and guests are welcome to sit in the lower bleachers to the left and right of the conference session. If space allows, you will be given the privilege of sitting within the Bar of the Conference on the main floor, but without vote or voice. **AGENDA:** The Agenda for the Arkansas Annual Conference meeting June 8-11, 2008, will be the agenda printed in this Pre-Conference Journal, with the provision that it may be adjusted as the need arises.

**SECRETARIAL STAFF:** Worship Coordinator: Rebecca Boggan; Altar Visuals: Les Oliver; Registrar: Fonda Kirkman; Late Registration: Trina Russell; Ticket Table: Karen Wilson; Reports Typist: Tammy Garrison; Minutes Typist: Margaret Taverner; Minutes Editor: Aubrietta Jones; Copy Machine: Greg Comer, Cindy Harmon, and Glenda Bell; Journal Typist: Marcia Crossman; Clergy Photographer: Olin Mills and Wendy Brunson Daniels; Photography: Jane Dennis; Audio: Kevin Wade; Video & Powerpoint: Patrick Shownes; Daily Digest Editor: Paul Strang; Display Space: Martha Taylor; Child Nursery: Rachel Hogue; Facility and Stage Manager: Rob Walker; Assistant Manager: Gloria Connell; Registration Staff: volunteers from the Hot Springs UM Churches and District Administrative Assistants.

**FLOOR TELLERS:** Head Teller: Danyelle Trexler Ditmer  
(one from each district, nominated by the district superintendents)

Northwest: Charley Kerr	North: Glen Busby	South Central: Melissa Maskell
Northeast: Jeff Weaver	West: Robert Cloninger	Southeast: Buford Lamb
North Central: Sarah Steele	Central: Karen Wilson	Southwest: Pam Brulé

**THE OFFICIAL ROLL:** The Official Role will be taken from the registration cards. This information will be used to record names, addresses, and attendance for the 2008 session of the Arkansas Annual Conference.

**GENERAL PROCESS:** Anyone desiring the floor of the Conference shall be within the Bar of the Conference and upon recognition by the Chair, shall move to a microphone stating name, local church or area of responsibility. All motions, resolutions, reports, or amendments not already submitted shall

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be submitted in duplicate to the Conference Secretary's desk before the time of presentation. All motions and resolutions made on the floor of Annual Conference shall be legibly written and signed on forms supplied by the Conference Secretary and shall be in the hands of the Secretary and Presiding Officer before any action or vote can be taken by the Conference.

**DEBATE:** Debate on each motion or resolution shall be limited to three two-minute speeches for the motion or resolution and three two-minute speeches against the same (excluding persons rising for points of order, amendments, or final summations.)

**RESOLUTIONS:** All resolutions not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal must be distributed in writing to the delegates and lay on the table for 24 hours before being brought back for debate and decision. If the floor resolution calls for a change in the structure or standing rules of the Conference, it must be submitted to a review by the Committee of Review and Research, which will recommend concurrence or non-concurrence.

**RESOLUTION PROCEDURE:** The procedure for resolutions is set by our Standing Rules. For your convenience, a copy of that procedure is printed on the bottom right-hand side of page 10, and continued on page 11 in this Pre-Conference Journal.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Reports and other items for which no changes are anticipated are placed in the Consent Calendar section of this Pre-Conference Journal. An item so placed may be removed from the Consent Calendar by a petition which has been signed by five voting members of this Conference, and given to the Conference Secretary before 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2008. It may be removed only for the purpose of amending or altering the report. The item or report that has been removed from the Consent Calendar will then be worked into the Wednesday morning agenda of the Conference.

**HANDOUTS:** All items for general distribution shall be prepared and distributed by the sponsoring person or agency at their own expense.

**JOURNAL:** All reports, budgets, addresses and data for the publication in the 2008 Conference Journal shall be in the hands of the Conference Secretary not later than the close of the Annual Conference session. All material to be published in the Journal, which does not meet this deadline, shall be excluded unless specific permission for delay is granted by the Annual Conference. The Conference Secretary shall be authorized to edit all reports for printing in the Journal. Addresses delivered to the Conference, except for the Episcopal Address and the Conference Lay Leader's Reports, shall not be printed in the Journal unless clear instruction to do so is given by the Annual Conference to the Conference Secretary.

**ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:** The Annual Conference sessions shall be governed by the Standing Rules (printed in the Pre-Conference Journal); otherwise, Roberts Rules of Order, all of which shall comply with the 2004 Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

**TO MAKE A MOTION, TO OBTAIN THE FLOOR**

- Send a written copy of your motion to the Conference Secretary through a Floor Teller. A form is provided in your packet. Additional forms are available from the secretary staff tables.
- Raise your hand (perhaps holding your Pre-Conference Journal high will help your hand to be seen.)
- When recognized by the Bishop, go to the nearest microphone.
- Tell us your name, church, and position for the record (proceedings are being tape-recorded).
- Make your motion and wait for the Bishop to recognize that it has been seconded.
- Briefly, explain the rationale for your motion.
- Follow the Bishop's directions during any discussion or debate.
- Make sure the Secretary receives a copy of any changes or amendments to your motion.

**VOTING RIGHTS**

*{The following voting rights are consistent with the 2004 Book of Discipline.}*

**BLACK RIBBON Name Tags, Lay Members and Diaconal Ministers:**

"The lay members of the annual conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference

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membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers, except those who are lay members of the board of ordained ministry.” ¶602.6 The lay members shall vote on the election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, but may not vote on the election of ordained ministerial delegates. ¶36, ¶37

### **DARK BLUE RIBBON Name Tags, “Clergy-Full Connection”**

Elders in Full Connection and Deacons in Full Connection {active & retired}: “Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except the election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.” ¶602.1.a

### **LIGHT BLUE RIBBON Name Tags, “Clergy”**

a) Probationary, Associate, Retired Associate, Affiliate, Full-time and Part-time Local Pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge: “... shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except Constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.” ¶602.1b,c,d

b) Elders or Ordained Clergy from other Christian denominations under Annual Conference appointment:

“When the board of ordained ministry certifies that their credentials are at least equal to those of United Methodist elders, they may be accorded the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the following: (a) constitutional amendments; (b) election of delegates to the general and jurisdiction or central conferences; (c) all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.” ¶346.2

### **GREEN RIBBON Name tags**

a) Student Local Pastors, “They shall have the right to voice, but not vote in the annual conference” ¶341.7 - 2000 Discipline

b) Retired Local Pastors: “Retired local pastors may attend annual conference sessions with voice but not vote.” ¶320.5 2004 Discipline

c) Ordained Clergy or Probationary Members from other Annual Conferences or Other Methodist denominations under Annual Conference appointment: “...upon the recommendation of the board of ordained ministry, clergy in such appointments may be granted voice but not vote in the annual conference to which they are appointed.” ¶346.1 2004 Discipline

### **ORANGE Name Tags, “Alternate”**

Alternate Lay Members. No privilege of the floor, voice or vote.

### **PURPLE RIBBON Name tags, “Guest” or “Spouse”**

Visitors, Guests, and friends. No privilege of the floor, voice or vote.

**MOTION** by Bob Crossman: “Bishop, I move these Rules of Order and the stated Bar of the Conference for adoption.” The rules of order were before the conference. The conference approved the rules.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:** The consent calendar reports as listed in the Pre-Conference Journal were laid on the table to come before the Conference on Wednesday morning. There were no requests to remove items from the calendar.

**ITEMS REQUIRED TO LAY ON THE TABLE OVERNIGHT:** Sponsored and unsponsored petitions and resolutions and changes in our structure will lay on the table overnight. Bob Crossman noted the resolutions and petitions in the Pre-Conference Journal, those in the packet and those distributed by the tellers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob Crossman made various announcements.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP:** Rodney Steele, Chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy, presented Karen Crutchfield with flowers and introduced the Bishop of the Arkansas Conference, Charles Crutchfield.

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**EPISCOPAL ADDRESS:** Before beginning his address, Bishop Crutchfield asked the Conference to join in prayer for Tom Abney and family in the death of his 99-year-old mother last night (June 8), and the family of Brock Patterson, whose 16-year-old daughter is undergoing heart surgery this morning (June 9). The Bishop delivered the Episcopal Address (see REPORTS).

### STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:

**To identify, enlist and retain gifted young pastors  
who are passionate about making disciples for Christ.**

**ORDAINED MINISTRY REPORT:** Louis L. "Biff" Averitt perfected the report (see REPORTS). The Policy statement of the Board of Ordained Ministry was distributed in the Pre-Conference packet.

Averitt introduced those to be Commissioned and received into Probationary Membership:

Probationary Deacons: Mary Jane Cole, Pat Henry, Amanda E. Moore, Cindy Henry Russell, Peter M. Weber.  
Probationary Elders: Paul Coy, Danyelle Trexler Ditmer, Kirk Doering; Jason Ferguson, Claire Melissa Hoffman, J. Daniel Redding-Rhodes, Herschel Richardson (with recognition of orders), Reginald Russell, Ismail Malik Saafir, Troy Lynn Thomas, Jr., Vida Rhee Williams.

To be Ordained as a Deacon: Donnie Jeanette Vincent-Huie

Those to be Ordained as an Elder and received into Full Connection were: Kay Brewer Burton, Carlton Noel Cross, Carolyn Carla Doering, Tammy Sue Garrison, Iva Carol Smith Goddard, Edna Morgan, Ryan Allen Rush, Julia Beth Turner.

Received as an Associate Member: Bobby C. Clark

The Board also recognized persons receiving Professional Certification: Pat Henry, Music Ministry and Cindy Henry Russell, Christian Education.

Averitt recognized Kandi Mount, Commissioned as a Deaconess commissioned by the General Board of Global Ministries. She is appointed to Mercy Health Systems, Rogers, AR.

John Wilcher spoke for those in extension ministry and introduced Ron Feeser, who brought greetings from those who serve as Chaplains.

Rodney Steele presented the report from the Ministerial Effectiveness Task Force.

Averitt asked the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry to stand and be recognized by the Conference.. Averitt moved adoption of the full report. It was adopted.

**BREAK:** At 10:40 a.m. the Bishop dismissed the conference until 10:50 a.m.

**GATHERING:** The Bishop rang the bell to call the Conference back to order at 10:55 a.m.

**RETIREMENT OF CLERGY:** The Service of Worship Recognizing the 2008 Clergy Retirees began at 10:50 a.m. Reverend John Wilcher introduced the 2008 Clergy Retirees and their spouses: Elizabeth M. & Bryce Armstrong (2.25 years), Louis L. "Biff" and Ann Averitt (40 years), B. Bruce and Claudia Cook (28.25 years), J. David and Peggy Crooks (20 years), Milton and Josie Glass (18 years), Glen D. and Sandra Harris (25 years), Robert M. Jr. and Diane Jeffery (22 years), Thomas E. and Karen Lukas (5 years), Larry Pat and Rebecca Millard (20.5 years), Robert L. Moore and Margaret Shanahan (43 years), John S. and Sue Polk (13 years), Allen E. and Kay Rainey (30 years), Robert Arthur Jr. and Carolyn Terry (26.5 years), Jimmy Dale Sr. and Sandra Thresher (26.5 years), Charles Leighton and Karen Wiggins (20 years), Powell G. "Bill" II and Donna Williams (40 years).

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They were greeted with ovation by the Conference. Each retiree was presented with a Retirement Certificate, Retirement Pin, a plaque of appreciation from the Board of Ordained Ministry and invited to address the conference.

**RECESS:** Bishop Crutchfield dismissed the Conference for lunch until 2:00 p.m.

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### MONDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 9, 2008

**GATHERING SINGING:** Rebecca Boggan led the singing of "Standing on the Promises."

**RECONVENE:** Bishop Crutchfield called the conference back into session at 2:10 p.m. Jeff Warrick offered opening prayer.

**CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR:** Bill Waddell reported from the Audit Review Committee on the accounting of Conference Apportionments.

**Strategic initiative:  
To recruit a new generation of lay leaders and equip all laity to be  
providers of ministry in making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**LAITY ADDRESS:** Asa Whitaker gave the address (see REPORTS).

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS #1:** Martha Altom, chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, presented and made changes to the report. (See REPORTS) The report will be perfected and voted on at Tuesday's session.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Jim Argue asked that the Conference Secretary send condolences to the family of Mattie Mae Rice, a past lay member to General Conference, who passed away in the past year.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** Karon Mann, Conference UMW President, brought the report (see REPORTS). Sarah Wacaster, executive director, reported from Camp Aldersgate. The report was received.

**CIVIC SERVICE RECOGNITION:** The Board of Church and Society gave no individual award this year. Doni Martin recognized all those who are active in state or local civic service.

**E. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CERTIFICATES:** LaVerne Keahey presented certificates of completion for e-ChristianEd.com courses to: Jeremy Carter, Terry Harcrow and Karen Wilson, who are to be certified as paraprofessionals in Christian Education.

Libby Gray and Fonda Kirkman were presented certificates from the General Council on Finance and Administration recognizing them as a Certified United Methodist Church Secretary.

**RECOGNITION BY THE COMMISSION ON STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN:** Lynn McClure presented "Ministry of Inclusiveness" plaques to Monteene McCoy of Monticello, and Virginia Owen of Magnolia. A gift in their honor was made to the COSROW Advocacy Fund for Women.

**HENDRIX COLLEGE YOUTH MINISTER OF THE YEAR:** Wayne Clark introduced the 2008 recipient of the Hendrix College Youth Minister of the Year award, Nicki Spencer, Hoover UMC, Little Rock.

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:**

**To evangelize and disciple children, youth and young adults.**

**UNITED METHODIST YOUTH REPORT:** Anna Horton spoke on the activities and events of the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM). Her report was warmly received by the conference.

**YOUTH SERVICE FUND RECOGNITION:** Rod Hocott reported that the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry was number one in the South Central Jurisdiction and number six in the country in raising funds for YSF and Anna Horton was the number one youth in the country for raising funds.

**HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS:** Olin Cook presented the awards. Conference Merit Awards of \$500 each were presented to Charlie Bruce, a student at Philander Smith College, and Elizabeth Lynn Cross, in her third year of seminary at Duke University. The Hood Memorial Scholarship of \$800 was presented to Heather Spencer, who will begin an internship at First UMC in Hot Springs in August.

**BLACK COLLEGE FUND/LINA McCORD SCHOLAR:** Toni Marie Witherspoon of Newport News, Virginia, and a senior at Philander Smith College, addressed the Conference. As a 2008 Lina McCord Scholar, she shared information about the Black College Fund.

**CONFERENCE SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob Crossman made announcements.

**MOUNT EAGLE PRESENTATION:** Tony Hilliard, chair of the Board of Trustees of Mount Eagle, presented Walking Sticks to Bob Crossman, Roy Smith and Bishop Crutchfield, taking the opportunity to tell the Bishop to "take a hike." The sticks were presented to persons who had made donations of \$500 or more to the Mount Eagle debt reduction fund.

**GLOBAL AIDS FUND:** David Freeman challenged 126 persons to make donations of \$1,000 each, or 252 to donate \$500 each, to the Global AIDS Fund.

**GAMBLING INITIATIVE:** Roy Smith announced that Roger Glover and Scott Trotter are heading a task force to work against the proposed gambling initiative in Arkansas.

**MIGHTY MISSIONERS MISSION FAIR:** Miss Laity and Rev. Clergy (Diane Vogler and C.E. McAdoo in clown costumes) addressed the conference about the mission fair, to be held this evening in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Advance. Sponsors of the fair are the Conference Board of Global Ministries and the District Mission Secretaries.

**DISMISSAL TO BREAK OUT GROUPS:** The Conference was dismissed to attend the Break Out Groups until 5:00 p.m.

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**MONDAY EVENING**

**JUNE 9, 2008**

**EVENING WORSHIP:** The Monday night worship service began at 7:30 pm in Summit Arena. Worship participants were: Bishop D. Max Whitfield, whose sermon was titled "Rattling Bones"; Liturgists: Rebecca Boggan, Cornerstone UMC, Jonesboro, Kurt Boggan, District Superintendent, Northeast District, Richmond Giles, Highland Valley UMC, Little Rock, and Pamela Gibson, First UMC Benton; Pianist, Song Leader and Visuals: Les Oliver; Interpretive Movement Group, First UMC, Benton; Black Methodists for Church Renewal Gospel Choir, Danita Waller Paige, Director; Awakening - Highland Valley UMC, Little Rock: Steve Boone, Chuck Bower, Rita Bryant, Randy Campbell, Shawn Clark, David Foster, Stephen Giles, Randy Holmes, Logan Holmes, Kim Johnson, and Jim Wise; Go Fish - Highland Valley UMC, Little Rock: Scott Boone, Sam Clark, Ben

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Cline, Anna Giles, and Richmond Giles. The service was coordinated by Rebecca Boggan, Les Oliver, Greg Taylor, Kim Johnson, Steve Boone, Danita Waller Paige.

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### TUESDAY MORNING

JUNE 10, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bishop Crutchfield rang the bell to call the Conference into session at 9:00 a.m.

**MORNING DEVOTIONAL:** Edna Morgan led the morning devotion on the second general rule, "Do Good." Beth Turner read the scripture lesson and offered the opening prayer.

**CONFERENCE SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Crossman made announcements.

### STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

**To emphasize the importance of self-care for clergy, staff, and laity and to facilitate intentional health ministries for body, mind and spirit in and through our churches.**

**GROUP INSURANCE:** Randall Reddin presented the report (see REPORT). Reddin urged participants to take advantage of the wellness benefits offered in the insurance policy. Mona Williams, Conference Benefits Officer, addressed the Conference on issues concerning the new drug benefit ID card. The report was received.

**HOLY HEALTHY:** www.HolyHealthyUMC.com: Bob Burton presented the report. He urged all pastors to visit the Holy Healthy Web site, for information on a program that churches of all sizes can use to boost the health of their congregations. Burton moved the adoption of the report. The report was accepted.

**PENSION:** Bill Shirron presented and perfected the report (see REPORTS). Shirron moved adoption of the report, which was seconded and accepted.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COKESBURY CHECK TO THE PENSION FUND:** Sam Albright, manager of the Little Rock store, lifted up books by local authors available at the Cokesbury display. The Bishop lifted up his book recommendations for this year, which are also available at the Cokesbury display. Albright presented the Bishop with a check in the amount of \$9,974.92 for the Pension Fund. The Bishop stated that in view of the robust state of the Conference Pension Fund, the check will be donated to the Central Conference Pension Initiative.

**NOMINATIONS REPORT #2:** Martha Altom announced that there were no corrections or substitutions to the report as presented yesterday. One addition was made from the floor. The report was accepted as corrected (see the report in Section B of the Journal). The Bishop thanked Altom for her service on the Nominations Committee.

**LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE:** President Socorro De Anda, brought greetings from Lydia Patterson. She reported that this year 92 students graduated, 90 of whom have been accepted into a college or university. On graduation night, students received \$1.3 million in scholarships from United Methodist Churches. One of the graduates will come to Hendrix to help start Hispanic Ministries in Arkansas as a part of the Institute's Student Lay Ministry Program. Students from the Institute were present at General Conference and will be at Jurisdictional Conference. President De Anda thanked the Conference for their support. A video promoting the school was presented.

**BREAK:** At 10:30, Bishop Crutchfield declared the Conference in recess until 11:00 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** The Bishop brought the Conference back to order at 11:05 a.m.

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**

**To move from Maintenance Mode to the Mission Mode  
 (Renewing Existing Congregations and Starting New Churches)  
 And to Evangelize and Disciple Children, Youth and Young Adults**

**EQUITABLE COMPENSATION REPORT:** Sandy Becker highlighted items from the report (see REPORTS). The report was adopted.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**6TH ANNUAL HORIZON STEWARDSHIP AWARD:** On behalf of Horizons Stewardship Inc., Cliff Christopher presented the Bishop with a check for \$2,500 for Nothing But Nets. This is in addition to a previous gift of \$3,000, for a total of \$5,500 to protect 550 children from malaria. Christopher offered to match the amount of next year's Cokesbury check to the Pension Fund, to be used however the Conference chooses, if the target of a net membership increase of 1,000 by profession of faith for the coming year is met. Christopher also announced that since the beginning of Horizons, a total of \$400 million has been raised for churches of all denominations. Of that figure, \$65 million was for Arkansas UM churches, and \$97 million of the total was raised just last year for United Methodist Churches across America. The Horizon Stewardship Award was given to St. James UMC, Fayetteville, Gary Lunsford, pastor, for increasing good stewardship in his congregation. The church and pastor each received a check for \$250 from Horizons.

**WIDOW'S MITE AWARD:** This award is presented each year by the Arkansas Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors to the small church which best represents the ideal of the giving spirit of the widow who gave "everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44) Mike Jennings presented the 2008 Widow's Mite Award to Atkins UMC, Joe Kitchens, pastor.

**RECOGNITION OF NEW UM CHURCHES:** Bob Crossman introduced pastors of the newest UM churches in the state. Crossman thanked the conference for their support of the New Church Apportionment, the Catch the Vision Offering and for prayers for the new churches. Forty-nine new churches have been started in the past 40 years, 40 of which are still in existence. These congregations represent 9,000 attendees, have had 7,000 professions of faith, and 15% of last year's professions of faith. In 2007 these churches paid \$1.6 million in apportionments, with all but four of them paying 100% of their apportionments.

**RECOGNITION OF CONNECTED IN CHRIST CHURCHES:** Michael Roberts recognized churches associated with Connected In Christ in the Arkansas Conference. He announced that the Lilly Endowment has awarded a \$1 million grant to continue the work of CIC in response to Conference payment of the apportionment for CIC. Eleven new CIC groups have been started in the past year through CIC for emerging small membership churches. Roberts asked all pastors and laity from these new CIC churches to stand for recognition.

**PRESENTATION OF DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARD:** Daniel Kirkpatrick related the background of the Denman award. Tony Holifield presented the Clergy Denman Award to Christopher B. Hemund, pastor of Mountainside UMC, Hot Springs Village. Kirkpatrick presented the Laity Award posthumously to Abram "J.R." Rodriguez, Jr., a member of Journey UMC, Van Buren, West District. Mr. Rodriguez died August 1, 2007. His widow, Rebecca, and children, Kayla, age 12, and Jacob, age 6, accepted the award in his memory. The Youth Award was presented to John "Jack" Field Phillips, IV, of Cherokee Village UMC. Each award winner received \$250.

**REPORT FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE:** Rodney Steele and Asa Whitaker presented the report. The members of the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegations were called to the stage. A video of General Conference highlights and comments from participants, prepared by Martha Taylor and Patrick Shownes, was shown. Steele and Whitaker made comments and offered observations. Whitaker asked that the Conference affirm

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the endorsement by the delegation of Rodney Steele as candidate for Bishop. The endorsement was affirmed and Steele was given a standing ovation. Steele expressed his gratitude to the Conference.

**CONFERENCE SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob Crossman made announcements.

**RECESS:** The Conference was dismissed for lunch.

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### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

JUNE 10, 2008

**RECONVENED:** The Bishop rang the bell to reconvene the Conference at 2:05 pm. Gail Hocott led the singing of "Spirit Song."

**PROPOSED SOCIAL CREED:** Roy Smith presented the new litany and musical settings for the United Methodist Social Creed. Gail Hocott led the Conference in learning the refrain. Doni Martin read the Creed and the Conference responded with the sung refrain.

**UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION:** Jim Argue, President and CEO of the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, gave the report from the Foundation. He introduced Roger Bryles and Janet Marshall and the members of the Board of Directors. A new promotional video for the Foundation was shown.

#### THE VISION OF THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

**"A church alive in the grace of God, offering Christ, transforming lives,  
and changing the world through the power of the Holy Spirit."**

**VISION TEAM REPORT:** Rod Hocott, Gail Hocott and Les Oliver led the Conference in a hymn medley of old favorites. Roy Smith brought the report (see REPORTS).

**RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONS OF FAITH:** Brenda Norwood and David Orr recognized those churches which received persons by profession of faith in the last year. The churches in each of four church size categories with the largest number of professions were presented with certificates.

#### Celebrating Professions of Faith

**The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church wishes to recognize the top churches in the following four categories who are leading the way in receiving professions of faith in 2007.**

##### CATEGORY I: CHURCHES WITH 4 TO 24 IN ATTENDANCE

Pastor, Dec. 2007	District	Church Name	Number
Mace P. Straubel	North	Omaha UMC	4
Ruth Ann Landon-Mueller	North	Shirley UMC	4
Aline McCracken	North	Cedar Grove UMC (South)	4
James E. Harris	Southwest	Lakeside UMC (Camden)	5

##### CATEGORY II: CHURCHES WITH 25 TO 49 IN ATTENDANCE

Pastor, Dec. 2007	District	Church Name	Number
J. Michael Callahan	Northwest	Shiloh UMC, Fayetteville	12
Lynn David Strang	West	Mountain View UMC	12
H. Gaylan Cope	West	Washburn UMC	12
Mark Rivers	Southeast	Kingsland UMC	15

##### CATEGORY III: CHURCHES WITH 50 TO 299 IN ATTENDANCE

Pastor, Dec. 2007	District	Church Name	Number
David Ray Hawkins	West	Greenwood UMC	24
Walter L. Smith	Southwest	Magnolia First UMC	25
William H. Robinson	Central	Hoover UMC	30

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**CATEGORY IV: CHURCHES WITH 300 TO 1,400 IN ATTENDANCE**

Pastor, Dec. 2007	District	Church Name	Number
Henry Wilkins	Southeast	St James UMC, Pine Bluff	45
Fred Haustein	Central	St James UMC, Little Rock	49
Rob Williams	West	Journey UMC, Fort Smith	91
J. Anthony Holifield	Northwest	Central UMC, Fayetteville	118

**The fact that your congregation witnessed professions of faith in your church last year, is a testimony to your faithfulness to the Great Commission's commandment to "go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19  
"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21  
May God continue to bless your ministry of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

**RECOGNITION OF WORSHIP GROWTH:** Martha Altom recognized those churches which had an increase in attendance in the last year. The churches in each of 4 church size categories with the largest increase were presented with certificates.

**Our 2007 Growing Churches**

**The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church wishes to recognize the top churches in the following four categories who are leading the way in worship attendance growth in 2007.**

**CATEGORY I: CHURCHES WITH 4 TO 24 IN ATTENDANCE**

District	Church Name	Pastor, Dec. 2007	2006	2007	Growth
North	Wild Cherry UMC	Marty Sanders	11	25	14
North	Emory Chapel UMC	Herbert Wilson	7	25	18
North	Pleasant Plains UMC	Rommie Cheshier	22	40	18

**CATEGORY II: CHURCHES WITH 25 TO 49 IN ATTENDANCE**

District	Church Name	Pastor, Dec. 2007	2006	2007	Growth
Southeast	Kingsland UMC	Mark Rivers	26	41	15
Northeast	Monette UMC	Jerry W. Reed	30	45	15
Southwest	Saint John UMC (Hope)	W. Joe Miller	35	52	17
North	Oxford UMC	Bobby Coleman	40	60	20

**CATEGORY III: CHURCHES WITH 50 TO 299 IN ATTENDANCE**

District	Church Name	Pastor, Dec. 2007	2006	2007	Growth
North Central	Ebenezer UMC	Reginald Russell	50	80	30
South Central	Mountainside UMC	Chris Hemund	179	215	36
Central	Mabelvale UMC	Robert Marble	130	173	43
West	Clarksville UMC	David R. Hanshaw	172	223	51

**CATEGORY IV: CHURCHES WITH 300 TO 1,400 IN ATTENDANCE**

District	Church Name	Pastor, Dec. 2007	2006	2007	Growth
North	Mountain Home UMC	Siegfried Johnson	480	538	58
West	Heritage UMC	James Wesley Hilliard	603	696	93
West	Goddard UMC	W. Wade Shownes	348	453	105

**THE CONGO INITIATIVE:** Roy Smith announced that on a recent trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bishop Crutchfield presented a check for \$60,000 for digging water wells in Congo.

**NOTHING BUT NETS:** Brenda Norwood reported that a total of \$18 million has been collected for Nothing But Nets, \$90,000 from Arkansas United Methodists alone.

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**DISASTER RELIEF:** UMCOR and the Conference Disaster Response Teams were on site when floods, tornadoes, winds and other natural disasters struck our state and other areas.

**“YOUTHIFICATION” OF THE CONFERENCE:** Eric Van Meter told of the availability of the Arkansas United Methodist on-line, as well as by mail. A newly designed conference web-site will launch this summer. Jessie Waddell talked about the role of Wesley Foundations.

John Crawford talked about the “point of entry” into the church for youth through Connected In Christ. Van Meter invited the Conference to read the entire report on the conference web site. The report was received.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVANCE:** Adam Neal, of the General Board of Global Ministries, talked about the anniversary of The Advance. To date, \$1.2 billion has been given through The Advance. Arkansas has given \$350,000 to Advance Special offerings in the last year. One hundred percent of the funds given to The Advance go to the designated project.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INVITATION:** Ron Clark outlined an opportunity for travel with the Bishop and our newest ordinands to the Holy Land in 2009.

### ITEMS TO BE TAKEN “OFF THE TABLE” FROM MONDAY:

#### PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION #1: “Action to Avoid Legalized Gambling in Arkansas”** proposed by the Conference Board of Church and Society. The conference heard three speeches in favor of the resolution and none in favor.

The resolution CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #2: “2008 Conference Resolution on the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund”** proposed by the Conference Board of Church and Society. No one spoke to the resolution. The resolution CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #3: “A Resolution in Support of a Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty in the State of Arkansas”** proposed by the Conference Board of Church and Society. Three speeches were made in favor and one in opposition to the resolution. The question was called. The resolution CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #4: “A Resolution on Changing the Pastor’s Moving Expense and Other Travel Expenses.”** Michael Topham, maker of the resolution, presented a substitute resolution as the main resolution.

**MOTION:** Pam Estes moved an amendment to change the resolution by “deletion of the bold print section in paragraph 2 of the resolution.”

**MOTION:** Charles Murry offered a motion to refer “all related to Resolution #4 to CF&A for study and recommendation next year.” **The motion to refer CARRIED.**

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Martha Taylor asked that greetings and prayers for recovery be extended to Jim Lane, founder of the Arkansas UM Email Network.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Jimmy Boyd asked conference to recognize past and current Lay Speakers. They were warmly received.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Celeste Letchworth announced that one registration to the Worship Fair will be given away tomorrow.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob Crossman announced that the Committee on Native American Ministry has awarded \$100 scholarships to the School of Christian Mission to Linda Armstrong and Deborah Bell.

**RECESS:** The Bishop recessed the Conference until the morning.

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### TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 10, 2008

**SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION:** The service of Worship for Commissioning and Ordination began at 7:30 pm in Summit Arena. Presiding and preaching was the Charles N. Crutchfield, Bishop of the Arkansas Conference. The Board of Ordained Ministry Subcommittee planned the ordination service. The combined choir was from Fort Smith First UMC, Gaye McClure, Director, Hot Springs First UMC, Ron Hall, Director, and Morrilton First UMC, Preston Sweeden, Director. Musicians were: Organists: Brenda Partin, Goddard UMC, and Nancy Vernon, Fort Smith First UMC; Trumpeters Randy Graham, and Adam Gooden; Trombonists: Paul Johnston, Dan Woodward; Timpanist: Mike Lovelady. Worship Coordinators were Cecilia Kelly, Les Oliver, Rodney Steele and Maxine Allen.

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### WEDNESDAY MORNING JUNE 11, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bishop Crutchfield rang the bell to call the conference to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MORNING DEVOTIONAL:** Rebecca Boggan led the singing of "Take Time to be Holy." The morning devotion was led by Ryan Rush, on the third general rule, "Live in Love with God." Scripture, from Matthew 6, was read by Kay Burton.

**REPORT OF THE HUNGER TASK FORCE:** Steve Copley gave the report (see REPORTS). He reported that the Task Force has been invited to join with the Hunger Relief Alliance and the Society of St. Andrew to help alleviate hunger in Arkansas.

**METHODIST LEBONHEUR HEALTH CARE:** John Wilcher introduced a video highlighting the work of MLH. He then introduced Dr. Gary Gunderson, Senior Vice-president of MLH, who gave the report on United Methodist Health Care, noting that this is the 90th year of service for the system.

**REQUEST:** David Moose requested that the conference add to the web site information on how local churches could obtain videos. He also urged the reinstatement of the Golden Cross Offering, which provided funds for Chaplains and nurses, as an annual offering.

**HENDRIX COLLEGE CHARTER REVISIONS:** The Bishop called for consideration of the proposed Amended and Restated Charter of Hendrix College.

Bonda Moyer asked the Bishop to rule on material distributed to the conference this morning, wondering if this would be counted as a speech in position to the charter changes. Charles Murry asked is it was proper to distribute non-signed materials. As there is no rule concerning such materials, the Bishop could not rule it out of order or as a speech against.

Andrew Thompson said that he was the author of the distributed material and apologized for not signing it.

Bud Reeves, a member of the Hendrix Board of Trustees, spoke to the proposal, explaining and giving the rationale behind the changes. All 10 clergy members of the current Board endorsed the changes.

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There were three speeches in favor of the changes and three in opposition.

The Bishop separated the section on the change in the Board makeup from the other two sections on changes in terminology and operation under the Arkansas Non-Profit Act.

**MOTION:** Danny Redding-Rhodes: I move that votes be cast be written ballot.

Seconded and carried on standing vote.

The Bishop instructed the members to vote yes or no on Article II, section 1, (c) only.

The ballot was cast, collected and declared closed. While the tellers counted the written ballots, the Bishop called for a voice vote on the remaining sections of the charter. **They were approved.**

{*SECRETARIAL NOTE: The results of the written ballot are recorded on the next page of these minutes:*

*"The results of the written ballot on Article II, Section 1, (c) in the Hendrix charter were: In favor: 338; Against: 253. The changes CARRIED.*

**CONFERENCE SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Crossman gave various announcements.

**RECOGNITION OF THE CHURCH OF THE YEAR AWARDS:** Bob Burnham thanked Bennie Harmon, Charles Thompson and Bob Crossman for their work on the Church of the Year selection. Bob Crossman introduced the award recipients, asking the pastors and lay members from the District Churches of the Year to stand. **Those named as District Church of the Year were:**

### Category I

Wesley UMC, Cotter, Blake Langston, pastor, North District  
Shiloh UMC, Bella Vista, Michael Callahan, pastor, Northwest District  
Bell Chapel UMC, Magnolia, Larry Goza, pastor, Southwest District  
Kingsland UMC, Kingsland, Mark Rivers, pastor, Southeast District  
Hollywood UMC, Arkadelphia, Debbie Perry, pastor, South Central District  
Hughes UMC, Hughes, Patricia Litts, pastor, Northeast District  
Prairie View UMC, New Blaine, Judy Hall, pastor, West District  
Atkins UMC, Atkins, Joe Kitchens, pastor, North Central District

### Category II

St. Luke UMC, Pine Bluff, James Edward Conn, pastor, Southeast District  
Clinton UMC, Clinton, Vaughn Marsden, pastor, North District  
Joplin UMC, Joplin, Thomas DeWeese, pastor, South Central District  
Booneville UMC, Booneville, Mark McDonald, pastor, West District  
Griffin Memorial UMC, Paragould, Michael Sutton, pastor, Northeast District  
Wesley/Betel UMC, Springdale, Ramiro Lizcano, pastor, Northwest District  
St John UMC, Hope, Joe Miller, pastor, Southwest District

### Category III

Theresa Hoover UMC, Little Rock, William H. Robinson, pastor, Central District  
First UMC, Blytheville, Chris Cooper, pastor, Northeast District  
First UMC, Magnolia, Walter Smith, pastor, Southwest District  
First UMC, Mena, Gary Harrison, pastor, West District  
Mountain View UMC, Mountain View, Steve Johnson, pastor, North District  
Oakley Chapel UMC, Rogers, Carlton Cross, pastor, Northwest District

### Category IV

Mountain Home UMC, Siegfried S. Johnson senior pastor, North District  
Central UMC, Rogers, Biff Averitt, pastor, Northwest District  
First UMC, Jonesboro, John Miles II, pastor, Northeast District  
Goddard UMC, Fort Smith, Wade Shownes, pastor, West District  
First UMC, Hot Springs, Bud Reeves, pastor, South Central District

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- Category 1: Hollywood UMC, Arkadelphia, Debbie Perry, pastor, South Central District
- Category 2: Griffin Memorial UMC, Paragould, Michael Sutton, pastor, Northeast District
- Category 3: Mountain View UMC, Mountain View, Steve Johnson, pastor, North District
- Category 4: Mountain Home UMC, Siegfried S. Johnson senior pastor, North District

Benny Harmon further commended the churches of Arkansas for their work and growth.

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**JAY LAWHON VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION AWARD:** Don Weeks presented the Jay Lawhon Volunteers in Mission Award to Doug and Linda Weatherford of Dumas, who headed Katrina relief and tornado relief in Dumas, Atkins and Clinton and took a mission team to Mexico.

**MICAH MISSION AWARD:** Diane Clark Vogler introduced the award, which recognizes local churches that exhibit outstanding leadership and support of second-mile giving. From the Mighty Missioners Mission Fair, held Tuesday evening, three nets will be donated through Nothing But Nets in honor of: Roberta Medley, First UMC, Russellville; Clyde Hughley, Haven UMC, Hot Springs; Karen Crutchfield, Little Rock. The Micah Mission Award recipients were: 1) Churches which experienced tornado and flood damage in the past year; 2) Churches which sent persons or teams to help with recovery efforts in communities affected by tornados and floods; and 3) Churches which contributed to special offerings for recovery work in areas affected by tornadoes and floods. Ten nets will be donated through Nothing But Nets in honor of these churches.

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT AWARD:** Susan Ledbetter presented the awards. Grant recipients for 2008 are: Montgomery County Food Pantry; Arkansas Death Penalty Moratorium Campaign; Elm Springs UMC Celebrate Recovery Program; Arkansas Tech Wesley Foundation, Age-to-Age Program; McCabe Chapel UMC, North Little Rock, PASS PLUS program; Shepherd Centers of Beebe; Wiggins Memorial UMC/Seven Hills, Free Lunch Program; Heritage UMC, Van Buren, Food Pantry.

**JIM BEAL BARNABAS AWARD:** Tom Sullinger announced that Tom Abney, who was not present because of the death of his mother, was awarded the Barnabas Award for 2008, in recognition of his efforts as an encourager of persons in the ministry.

**7TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH AWARD:** Stephen Copley presented the church award to Perryville UMC, which has a diverse congregation, is a part of the King Breakfast organizers, Ministerial Alliance, and other ecumenical efforts. The individual award was presented to Gloria Thompson Rankin of Morrilton, who helped reactivate Church Women United in Morrilton and has served as County and state officer in CWU.

**WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE REPORT:** The bishop announced the results of the Leviticus 3:16b, "All fat is the Lord's," weight loss challenge issued at conference last year. The total weight loss reported was 3,412 pounds.

**WRITTEN BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the written ballot on Article II, Section 1, (c) in the Hendrix charter were: In favor: 338; Against: 253. The changes CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:** As no items had been removed from the calendar, Bob Crossman moved acceptance of the Consent Calendar; seconded. The Calendar was accepted.

**PLACING OF NAMES IN THE JURISDICTIONAL NOMINATING POOL:** Roy Smith read a list of names to be added to the nominating pool for Jurisdictional Conference. In addition to the General and Jurisdictional

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delegations, these names were added:

Mark McDonald	William Green	Leon Adams
Donna Alberts	Maxine Allen	Kurt Boggan
Ronald Clark	Stephen Copley	Barbara Douglas
Jenni Duncan	Steven Golinik	Zenobia Harris
Kristi Hicks	Harold Hughes	Chester Jones
Rick Meadows	Bonda Moyer	Charles Murry
Audrey Powell	Leonus Shedd	Sandy Smith
Nicki Spencer	Jeff Warrick	Paula C. Watson

**REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM:** Justin Ledbetter gave the report on the stewardship survey taken on Tuesday.

- Respondents: 32% were clergy, 68% laity
- Those who tithe regularly: 80%; Do not tithe regularly: 20%
- Feel that the pastor tithes: 94% yes, 6% no
- Feel the majority of the congregation tithes: 15% yes, 85% no
- Understand the amount of the tithe to be: 2 to 3 % - 19%; 10% of income, given through the church- 74%; God is not into percentages-6%.
- Tithing and Offering are the same: True, 6%; False 94%
- Interested in having a Stewardship program in local church: 75% yes, 21% no
- Willing to attend a Stewardship program if offered: 84% yes; 16% no.

**COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Clefton Vaughan perfected the report (see REPORTS). Members of the Council and Treasurer's Office presented information on apportionment giving and conference finances.

**RECOGNITION OF APPORTIONMENT SUPPORT:** Todd Burris spoke on the payment of Apportionments noting that 93% of the churches in the Conference paid 100% of apportionments in 2007. He also recognized the following churches for paying more than more than 100% of their apportionments:

- Certificate of Recognition**  
**The following churches paid more than 100% of their apportionments:**
- SOUTHWEST DISTRICT*  
**Greer's Chapel 113%**  
**Mount Carmel, Lockesburg 103%**
- SOUTHEAST DISTRICT*  
**Montrose 112%**  
**Hunter's Chapel (Ark. Co.) 103%**  
**Rock Springs 101%**  
**Mount Pleasant 101%**  
**Wilmar 101%**
- NORTH DISTRICT*  
**Batesville First 101%**  
**Beebe 107%**
- NORTHEAST DISTRICT*  
**Mount Carmel 101%**

The CF&A recommended the election of Todd Burris as Conference Treasurer. The recommendation was accepted.

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A revised budget, distributed this morning, was presented for vote. The report was accepted.

**WHERE SHALL THE 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE HELD?**

The 2009 session will be at Central UMC Rogers and the Hammons Convention Center, June 14-17, 2009  
 The 2010 session will be at Hot Springs Convention Center, June 6-9, 2010  
 The 2011 session will be at Hot Springs Convention Center, June 5-8, 2011  
 The Conference Session Planning Committee is looking for additional convention center sites across Arkansas to host our future Annual Conference sessions. {The Conference Session Planning Committee sets the location; the Bishop sets the date.}

**WHEN SHALL MOVING DAY BE?**

Bishop Crutchfield announced that moving day shall be June 25, 2008.  
 (Set by the cabinet. The first Sunday to preach in a new appointment is June 29, 2008.)

**COVERING MOTION:** Bob Crossman: "I move that we receive all the reports that have been properly before this session of the Annual Conference. I further move that the Extended Cabinet and 36 officers of the Conference be empowered to perfect and edit the reports and minutes of this conference session."  
 The motion was seconded. The Motion CARRIED.

Crossman read a list of named of persons who would receive a proof copy of the Journal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Crossman made various announcements and prayer requests.

**BREAK:** The Bishop dismissed the conference for a 10 minute break. Jessie Waddell offered prayer before the break.

**A CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT AND BEING IN MINISTRY TOGETHER:** In the interest of "going green," there was no printed Order of Worship. The liturgy, songs, and other worship directions were shown on the screen at the front of the stage area. The service was coordinated by Pat Bodenhamer. The Bishop read the Appointments for the 2008-09 Conference year.

The Bishop offered closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Conference was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

