

2006 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Denver Marriott Tech Center
Denver, Colorado

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., Presiding
Walter "Skip" Strickland, Conference Secretary

WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 – 7:30 p.m.

OPENING: The 144th Session of the Oldest Antecedent and the 38th Session since the merger in 1968 of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church was called to order by Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. The Conference was convened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center of the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, Colorado revolving around the theme "*Caring Hands Unite.*"

A CELEBRATION SERVICE OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF FULL RIGHTS FOR CLERGYWOMEN

A celebration service of the 50th anniversary of full rights for clergywomen was held in the Rocky Mountain Events Center. The liturgy of the service was planned and coordinated by the worship subcommittee of the Program and Arrangements Committee. The sermon based on Matthew 26:6-13, was delivered by Bishop Minerva Carcaño. Participants in the service included all women clergy of the Rocky Mountain Conference and Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. Special music was provided by Alane Currier Griggs and Jean Lofsvold Schwein. Nancy E. Mead served as pianist. The offering received was designated to Camp Joy. Those who planned the service were Barbara Johns-Schleicher, Margaret Rush Hankins, Donna Patterson and Melanie Rosa.

PLENARY SESSION

Thursday, June 22, 2006 – 8:50 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Conference to order. He blessed the Conference.

WELCOME: Walter "Skip" Strickland welcomed the Conference and made announcements. He advised the Conference on the use of amendments and motion forms, as well as personal privilege forms and also introduced his secretarial staff.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: On motion it was ordered that the bar of the Conference be all chairs in the Rocky Mountain Events Center of the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel except for the back three rows located to the south on the left hand side facing the stage and the back two rows to the north or right side of the ballroom. These rows will be for visitors and guests.

ROLL CALL: Conference Secretary, Walter "Skip" Strickland led the Conference in roll call procedures. Those requesting to be excused from all or part of this session of the Annual Conference (Book of Discipline, Para. 602.8) include:

Mehnaz Akhtar	Robert Miyake-Stoner
Jill Ashe	Nobuko Miyake-Stoner
Sarah Babb	Clair E. Mitchell
Lewis Brown	Jon R. Nieves

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Robert Carlisle	Debra Olenyik
Connie Confer	Larry Oman
Bob Coulson	Kyung-Ja Kim Park
John Daniels	Ramon Perez
James Divelbiss	Michelle Perry
Pam Everhart	Cheryl Popple
Donald Grooters	Kenneth Plattner
James H. Gunn	Susan Plymell (request prior to her death)
Kathy Haley	Mable Rice
Douglas A Harrell	Paul Rider
Jeri Lee Harrel	Jessica Rooks
Glenda Hart	J. Caro Russell, Jr.
Steve Harter	Judy Speck
Mark Heiss	Richard A. Spinner
George Houser	Stanton P. Steuri
Terri Hubbard	Cathy Storm
Karen Hurst	Paul Tapey
Mark A Johaningsmeir	Loren Warstler
Nikki Johnson	Patricia Sailors Westlake
Jeffery H. Mahan	Gary Wilken
Bill McCreary	Charles Wood
	Dale Wood

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION: The work of mission in the Rocky Mountain Conference was introduced by Betsy Keyack with the General Board of Global Ministries, and Judy Owsley. Pictures were projected during a virtual parade for the Conference to view. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in prayer. The Conference sang the hymn “And Are We Yet Alive”.

WORSHIP: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., preached and based his sermon on the Book of Acts. He explained the “BBR” The Bishop’s Big Read. This initiative encourages the reading of *Good To Great, Good to Great and The Social Sectors* by Jim Collins. He encouraged Members of the Conference to read and discuss these books.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Kerry Greenhill, who briefly addressed the Conference regarding The Bishop’s Young Adult Initiative.

AGENDA: On motion it was ordered that the Conference agenda printed in the pre-Conference booklet be adopted.

RULES COMMITTEE: Marvin R. Vose presented the report. He explained updates to the Rules regarding Educational Events on page 469 of Volume 2 of last year’s Journal. On motion it was ordered that the “2006 Rules” be adopted as printed in the 2005 Journal.

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISION 1023 and PROPOSED STRUCTURE PLAN: Trudy Robinson and Walter “Skip” Strickland presented the report.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Richard A. Vickery proposed that the Rules be suspended. On motion it was ordered that the full plenary may lend its support to the structure document should it

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need to be returned to the Judicial Council; and that this matter be referred to the Agenda Committee for placement on the legislative agenda.

BUDGET REPORT: Paul Murphy-Geiss introduced Jack Ford who briefly addressed the Conference.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: Jim Harris introduced Barbara Boigegrain who briefly addressed the Conference.

THE UNITED METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. welcomed Judy Davis, who introduced Su Friedman, who presented the Conference with a check in the amount of \$7,418.00. On motion it was ordered that \$7,000.00 of this amount be given to the Central Conference Pension Fund.

FRASIER MEADOWS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY: Jane Keener presented the report. She then introduced Lynn O'Conner, CEO of the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community, who briefly addressed the conference. She recognized Mark Vincy, Public Relations Manager.

WESTERN JURISDICTION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Philip Cardin, Christ Church in Salt Lake City, who introduced Melanie Rosa. Philip Cardin, then briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced members at the head table assisting him during this Annual Conference. Dan Odell, Agenda Chair, Walter "Skip" Strickland, Conference Secretary, and Robert Phillips, Parliamentarian.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the conference in recognizing John Boyle, Conference Chancellor, who passed away earlier this year. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. then introduced Richard Marsh who will be the new Chancellor for this conference. On motion it was ordered that Richard Marsh be elected as the new Conference Chancellor.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Sally Brown Geis spoke to the Conference regarding issues that face the church in the future and how there is no legislation put forward to address these issues.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced the incoming president of the Liff School of Theology, Dr. David Trickett, who briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Margaret Rush Hankins who introduced visiting Bishop Zotham Mawai from Myanmar. Bishop Mawai briefly addressed the Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Walter "Skip" Strickland announced that the Clergy Session will meet in the Evergreen room and the Laity Session will be held in the Rocky Mountain Events Center. Members of the Conference were invited to sign up for the "BBR" (Bishop's Big Read) in the Cokesbury Area.

LEARNING MOMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. welcomed Ron Hodges. He then introduced Heather Wilson, General Board of Global Ministries, Western Jurisdiction Representative for the Advance; who led the Conference in a Learning Moment

RECESS: Diane Bell recessed the Conference for lunch with prayer.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Thursday, June 22, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

The Conference met in various meeting rooms in the Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado for the Legislative Sessions.

WORSHIP

Thursday, June 22, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center Ballroom for an evening worship service with the theme *Remember Your Baptism*, led by the Young Adults and Youth of the Conference. The sermon was based on scripture from the Gospel of John, the fourth chapter and delivered by Reverend Annie Rigo. The offering received was designated to the Bishop's Initiative on Young Adults.

LAITY SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING: The Laity gathered in the Rocky Mountain Events Center Ballroom. The theme of the worship service was "Laity Growing Churches." Judy Hill, Lay Leader, welcomed the laity. Judy then recognized the Board of Laity, who then introduced themselves individually. District Lay Speaker leaders then introduced themselves as well. Special prayers were asked for Peggy Sewell, who was put in the hospital in critical condition. The scripture reading was taken from Matthew 10:40-42. Judy Hill then introduced Heather Wilson, who addressed the laity. Music was provided by Alex Dawson, accompanied by pianist Margaret Hotze, First Church in Ft. Collins. The offering was designated to East/West Angola and Gulf Coast Recovery. A game show was played revolving around the Annual Conference and was enjoyed by all. Hosted by Jerry Hershings from St. Andrew, he invited a variety of conference lay members to create teams. Judy Hill then recognized the Bishop's wife, Minnie Brown. She then introduced Kerry Greenhill, who briefly addressed the laity regarding the Bishop's Young Adult Initiative. Following the blessing by Judy Hill, the Conference recessed for lunch.

CLERGY SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2006 - 8:45 a.m.

GATHERING: The session began with opening prayer in the Evergreen Room at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado.

SETTING THE BAR AND PROCEDURAL MOTIONS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. set the bar for the session and designated those who may vote.

OPENING SINGING

PASSING OF CHARACTER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced the members of the Cabinet and led the session in the Passing of Character.

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CONFERENCE RELATION REPORT: Jay Rundell, chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced Jane Youtz Riecke who presented the Conference Relation Report and the Business of the Annual Conference as per the Disciplinary Questions.

During the regular course of business of the Clergy Session at the 2006 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, upon consideration of the Conference Relations Report, the Rev. Dr. Wesley Kendall hand-delivered seven questions of law in writing to the Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. acknowledged receiving the request for a ruling and stated he would make a ruling on the questions within the time frame allowed by paragraph #2609.6 in the 2004 Book of Discipline. The time limit is 30 days. (See Questions of Law and Bishop's response, errata)

Rodney Noel Saunders and Nani Arning introduced transfers and other Annual Conference and other denomination members.

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CLERGY ORDERS, LOCAL PASTORS FALL RETREAT: Marla Kauerz presented a report about the Clergy Orders and Fellowship of Local Pastors retreat.

COVENANT FUND REPORT AND OFFERING: Eun-sang Lee brought information about the Covenant Fund and Bill Selby brought a contribution from the golf tournament.

MEMORIAL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Richard A. Vickery remembered and honored clergy and clergy spouses who died during the past year. See question #52 and "Memoirs" in this Journal.

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jay Rundell, who presented those who are elected for ordination as Elders and as Deacons. See Business of the Annual Conference report.

Jay Rundell introduced Gregory L. Young, chairperson of the Probationary Care Team, who introduced those who will be entered into Probationary Membership and commissioned toward Elders' Orders in Full Connection. They were approved and welcomed.

Jay Rundell introduced Douglas McKinney, the chair of the division of Deacons, who presented the candidates for Commissioning toward Deacon's Orders. They were approved.

Jay Rundell presented J. Edward Bollack, Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors who addressed the Clergy Session on behalf of the Local Pastors.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES: Lonnie R. Eakle, Douglas McKinney and James H. Harris, introduced Elders in Full Connection, Deacons and Local Pastors who will be retired.

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF DISCIPLINARY QUESTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. placed the full report before the body and it was adopted.

SENDING FORTH: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judith Davis, who closed the Clergy Session with a prayer.

PLENARY SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Ron Hodges called the Conference to order.

PRAYER: Rhea Barningham opened with prayer.

LEARNING MOMENTS: Heather Wilson addressed the Conference. She introduced Joanie Calhoun who also briefly addressed the Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dan Odell read announcements.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Robert Sewell for a personal point of privilege.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Robert Sewell addressed the Conference regarding the condition of his wife Peggy. She is doing well following surgery this morning.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR: Dan Odell presented the consent calendars.

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CONSENT CALENDAR A

I. CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS (ACCEPTED WITH 80% OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING)

#AC01 – Committee A – **Health Insurance Programs and Funding** – 100% approval

#AC02 – Committee B – **District Superintendent Compensation** – 96% approval

#AC03 – Committee C – **Conference Apportionment Formula** – 86% approval

#AC04 – Committee D – **Misc. Council on Finance and Administration Policies and Procedures** – 100% approval

Amend by substitution of the words “Elders, deacons, full time local pastors, part-time local pastors and student pastors serving churches in the conference” ...for the words “Clergy members” on Line 9.

Amend by deletion of Lines 34 – 40.

Amend by deletion of the words “NOT based upon 1.7 times the Conference Compensation, then” and capitalizing the letter “t” in the word “the” on Line 41.

#AC05 – Committee H – **Future Location for Annual Conferences** – 87% approval

#AC06 – Committee E – **Minimum and Equitable Compensation** – 100% approval

Amend by addition of the words on Line 10 prior to the word “**Housing...**”

“For clergy who are in good standing and appointed to less than full-time service in the local church, the minimum base compensation shall be adjusted in one-quarter increments.”

Amend by addition of the words on Line 37 prior to the word “**Vacation...**”

“Student local pastors as defined in Para. 318.3 of the 2004 Book of Discipline under appointment are to receive base compensation, prorated for less than full time work as agreed between the local church, the student pastor, and the district superintendent. Professional expenses of the student or the actual costs incurred while working at the church are recommended to be reimbursed by voucher. For travel expenses student pastors are to be reimbursed by voucher at the 2007 IRS Business Rate.”

#AC07 – Committee F – **Clergy Pension Plan Funding Concept** – 100% approval

#AC08 – Committee G – **Funding of Active Clergy Benefits** – 100% approval

#AC09 – Committee H – **Retiree Benefit Programs and Funding** – 100% approval

#AC10 – Committee G – **2006-2007 Health as Wholeness In Mission Initiative** – 100% approval

#AC11 – Committee A - **Rocky Mountain Conference Ethics & Sexual Misconduct Training** – 98% approval

Amend by deletion of the words “Equivalent training...On Line 2 through district superintendent.” on Line 3

Amend by deletion of the words “Equivalent training...on Line 12 through district superintendent.” on Line 13

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Amend by addition of the words beginning on Line 53... "It is required in every ministry setting employees attend Rocky Mountain Conference Ethics and Sexual Misconduct Training at least once in every four years. Volunteers in leadership roles in ministry setting should be encouraged to attend a Rocky Mountain Conference Ethics and Sexual Misconduct Training at least once in every four years."

#AC14 – Committee B – **Election Process for Rocky Mountain Conference Nominating Committee** - 100% approval

Amend by insertion of the words "A replacement of any committee member is the responsibility of that District/Subdistrict's Nominating Committee." following the words "year term." on Line 5.

#AC16 – Committee F – **Bishop's Young Adult Initiative** – 95% approval

Amend by addition of the words "establishes a minimum Conference Advance Special goal of raising an average of \$1.00 per member per church by special projects, offerings, or whatever way each local church deems best, by June 2008. In addition, the Rocky Mountain Conference..." following the words "The United Methodist Church" on Line 1.

#AC18 – Committee D – **Clergy Affirmation of Professing Membership** – 81% approval

Amend by addition of the word "new" following the words "voluntarily relinquish the" on Line 2

Amend by addition of the words "and to accept any member in good standing as per paragraph #225 of the Discipline." following the words "vows of membership" on Line 4.

#AC19 – Committee C – **New Church Wider Mission Formula** - 100% approval

Amend by addition of the words on Line 12 "At the same time, we highly encourage churches as they are able to move beyond these guidelines."

#AC21 – Committee B – **Addressing the Global HIV/AIDS Pandemic** – 100% approval

Editorial change of the date "December 31, 2008" for the date "June 30, 2007" following "TERMINATION DATE"

#AC22 – Committee F – **Restorative Justice Ministries in our Local Congregations** – 100% approval

Amend by substitution of the words "using resources such as those provided by Church and Society" following the words "congregation is encouraged" on Line 5

#AC23 – Committee G – **Permanency Connections for Children and Youth in our Local Congregations** – 100% approval

#AC24 – Committee A – **Celebration of Social Justice Heritage** – 100% approval

Amend by substitution of the words "an appropriate celebration of" for the words "at least one hour to celebrate" on Line 2

Amend by deletion of the words "Also that the design" on Line 3

Amend by deletion of Lines 4-7

#AC25 – Committee E – **Minimum Standards for Clergy Parsonage/Housing** – 98% approval

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- #AC26** – Committee C – **2007 Annual Conference Theme Be on Diversity, Inclusiveness & Racism** – 92% approval
Amend to replace the word “racism” with the word “racial acceptance” throughout the Petition.

CONSENT CALENDAR B

I. CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS (Accepted by 80% of members present and voting)

- #AC28** – Committee D – **Morally Responsible Investment Related to Israel and Palestine** – 98% approval
Amend by addition of the words “and multinational corporations” following the word “institution” on Line 8
Amend by addition of the words “and/or perpetuate” following the words “that perpetrate” on Line 8.
- #GC41** – Committee E – **Administrative Committees-Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations or Staff-Parish Relations** – 90% approval
Amend by deletion of the words “The committee shall always meet in closed session, and information shared in the committee shall be confidential.” Beginning on Line 4
- #GC42** – Committee A – **Appointment-Making Responsibility** – 100% approval
Amend by substitution of the word “sensitive” for the word “special” on Line 3
- #GC47** – Committee G – **Annual Conference, Power and Duties** – 100% approval

II. PETITIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

(Lacks 80% concurrence or non-concurrence by those members present and voting)

- #AC15** – Committee E – **Support for Federal House Resolution 676: Universal Health Care** – 76% approval
- #AC20** – Committee H – **Methodist Resolution Urging Prayerful Reflection** – 50% approval
- #GC40** – Committee D – **Charge Conference Powers and Duties** – 45% approval
Amend by deletion of the word “Consultation” on Line 2
Amend by deletion of Lines 3-5.
- #GC43** – Committee A – **Appointment-Making Responsibility** – 66% approval
Amend by addition of the words “with the exception of disclosure of persons who have been victims of sexual misconduct” following the words “pastoral relationships” on Line 1
Amend by addition of the words “and issues of confidentiality according to the United Methodist Book of Discipline” following the word “misconduct” from the previous amendment.
- #GC45** – Committee C – **Appointment-Making, Criteria, Pastors** – 66% approval
Amend by deletion of the words “A profile of” on Line 1
Amend by the deletion of Line 2
Amend by deletion of Line 3

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Amend by deletion of the words "congregation during the appointive process" on Line 4.

Amend by deletion of Line 7 beginning with the words "This profile should be"

Amend by deletion of Line 8

Amend by deletion of the word "congregation" on Line 9

#GC46 – Committee F – **Process of Appointment-Making** – 28% approval

Amend by substitution of Lines 1-6 for the following:

"When a change in appointment has been determined, the district superintendent **should meet first with the pastor, followed by a meeting with the committee on pastor-parish relations or committee on staff-parish relations where the pastor is serving, either with the pastor or alone,** for the purpose of sharing the basis for change and process used in making the new appointment.

#GC48 – Committee H – **Pastoral Support, Payment Obligation** – 78.6% approval

Special note: Petition #GC44 was withdrawn by the presenter and unanimous vote in Legislative Session C. This Consent Calendar as published above in this Journal is correct as edited during Plenary.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Ron Hodges led the Conference in recognizing the staff of the Conference office and who helped put this Conference together.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Glenda Ulmer, District Superintendent for the Utah/Western District. Following a scripture reading and a prayer by Kimberly Henrie, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Glenda Ulmer read the list of appointments. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. also announced that Glenda will serve as the Dean of the Cabinet.

CORRECTIONS TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR: David George Schmucker Amrie, chair of the Legislative Process, led the Conference in editorial changes on the Consent Calendar. Move #AC28 to Calendar B, Part I. Move #AC15 and #AC20 to Calendar B, Part II. #GC40 was processed by Committee "D".

GENERAL CONFERENCE PETITIONS: Sandi E. Johnson moved that all General Conference Petitions without recommendation (GC #42, #43, #45, and #46) be referred to General Conference without recommendation. The motion failed.

VISION, VALUES, and MISSION REPORT: Charlotte Holden Carr presented the report with the rest of the committee members present.

#AC13 – Conference Structure: Dan Odell presented Petition #AC13 for adoption. On motion it was ordered that Petition #AC13 be adopted.

FOUNDATION PRESENTATION: Richard A. Vickery introduced Andy Dunn, Foundation Chair, who briefly addressed the Conference.

CORRECTIONS TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented two other editorial changes to the Conference. #GC42 should be under Part I on Consent Calendar B as it passed in Legislative Session by 100%. Also, #AC11, the word "strongly" in Line 1 was to be struck.

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#GC40 – Charge Conference Powers and Duties – Dennis Shaw, Legislative Chair, presented the report. On motion it was ordered that Petition #GC40 not be recommended to General Conference.

#AC15 – Support for Federal House Resolution 676: Universal Health Care - Kline Kelly, Legislative Chair, presented the report. On motion it was ordered that #AC15 be adopted.

#AC20 – Methodist Resolution Urging Prayerful Reflection – Gary Curtis, Legislative Chair, presented the report. On motion it was ordered that #AC20 was defeated.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Reverend Dr. G. Bruce Maxwell, Conference Statistician, presented the report.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR A: On motion it was ordered that Consent Calendar A be adopted.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR B: On motion it was ordered that Consent Calendar B be adopted.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Lora Payne, Florence UMC, recognized all those who do their statistical forms in a timely manner.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced T. Steve Burnett, District Superintendent for the Mile High – Pikes Peak District. Following a scripture reading and prayer by Darlene Woods and Jim Oliver, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and T. Steve Burnett read the list of appointments.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY: Andrew Craig briefly addressed the Conference. He then sang “The Impossible Dream.”

RECESS: Following prayer from Randy Short, the Conference recessed.

WORSHIP

Friday, June 23, 2006 – 7:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center Ballroom for a Memorial Communion Service. The liturgy of the service was planned and coordinated by the worship subcommittee of the Program and Arrangements Committee. The sermon based on Ephesians 3:14-21 was delivered by Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. Special music was provided by CrossWise. The offering collected was designated to support New Ministries. Those clergy/lay and spouses who were memorialized by Dr. Richard A. Vickery, Jr. included: Sally W. Barker, G. Fred Hauman, Doyle K. Hauschultz, Barry Kimbrough, Mabel E. Sausaman, Boyd W. Cook, Daisy M. Timmons, Marion R. Halbert, Gary D. Zilm, Ruth F. Yoste, George W. Yost, John W. Nickens, Homer P. Bollinger, Dallas A. Bird, Leroy T. Kohl, Russell B. Bryant, Betty Thompson-Martin, Hugh A. Critchett, Jerry D. Franz, Edward R. Naylor, John E. Boyle, and Judy Laird.

PLENARY

Saturday, June 24, 2006 – 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Conference to order.

PRAYER: Kumja Lim led the Conference in prayer.

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EVALUATIONS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ron Hodges who instructed the Conference in the completion of the evaluation form.

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Tommy Gleaton, who wore a bear costume. Tommy Gleaton led the Conference in recognizing children in childcare during this session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. Ron Hodges read a poem about teddy bears. Tommy Gleaton closed in prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing the children.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: MaryEtta Moore, First United Methodist Church, Pierce, asked for prayers for Donna Munch, delegate from Pierce, CO whose two daughters, both young mothers, had gone to the Greeley hospital yesterday.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Brenda Lear, District Superintendent for the Sunshine District and secretary for the cabinet. Following a scripture reading and prayer by Pam Brietweiser, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Brenda Lear read the list of appointments. A video on the Sunshine District was shown following the reading of appointments.

SCOUT RECOGNITION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Darrell Brouse who led the Conference in recognizing Scouting.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Keith E. Watson, Wilson United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, who informed the Conference about the "Fall Round Up" at Wilson, UMC.

BOARD OF STEWARDS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Nancy Fay Boswell and Kline Kelly who gave the report.

LAITY REPORT: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judy Hill, Conference Lay Leader, who gave the report.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. announced that Peggy Swell is doing well, but still needs our prayers.

GENERAL BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Dan O'Neill who briefly addressed the Conference. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the conference in recognizing Dan O'Neill's work in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

RECOGNITION OF LOCAL PASTORS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ed Bollack who led the conference in recognizing new Local Pastors: Allyson Prater Ellis, Pamela S. Everhart, Kristie Firme, Douglas G. Lathrop, Mark Ramsperger, Pam Rowley, Philip J. Vogels, and Carrie West.

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BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jay Rundell, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, who introduced those to be Commissioned and Ordained at this Annual Conference. Ordained Elders in Full Connection are: Ray Todd Everhart, Margaret Elizabeth Gillikin, Olga Jane Hard, David Giffin Hiester, Yong Hui Vescinda MacDonald, Margaret Ellen Newell, and Claude Dennis Shaw. Ordained as Deacon in Full Connection: Penny Swift Kelly. Transfer from Ordained Deacon in Full Connection to Ordained Elder in Full Connection: Barbara Ann Johns-Schleicher. He also introduced those to be commissioned toward Deacons Orders: Rhonda Reeder York. Also being commissioned toward Elders Orders and Probationary Membership: Betty Ann Brown, Sandi Elaine Dillon, Mary Ann Dimand, William Robert Morris, Brian Lee Oliver, Thomas Robert Towns, and David Edward York.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented the questions to the Ordination Candidates.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. announced that Jay Rundell is leaving to become the President of Methesco Theological School. Jane Youtz Riecke will now serve as the chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: Walter "Skip" Strickland suggested that those who are planning to bring General Conference petitions or resolutions to Annual Conference next year should consult the General Conference Website to make sure it is in the proper format and submitted correctly.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jack Ford who presented the Treasurer's Report.

BUDGET VOTE: Paul Murphy-Geiss moved adoption of the budget.

SUSPENSION OF RULES: Paul Murphy-Geiss made a motion to allow for a raised hand vote on the budget rather than ballot vote. On motion it was so ordered.

BUDGET VOTE: On motion it was ordered that the 2007 budget be adopted in the amount of \$6,292,325. The vote was unanimous.

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCHES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jack Ford and Ron Hodges who presented the report.

The Transformational Congregations for 2005-2006 are:

Aldersgate, Brigham City, UT	Lakewood (CO)
Burlington (CO)	Laramie (WY)
Canon City (CO)	Limon (CO)
Central (Colorado Springs)	Loveland First (CO)
Christ (Salt Lake City)	Montrose (CO)
Community (Pagosa Springs)	Mountain View (Boulder, CO)
Estes Park (CO)	Mountain Vista (South Valley, UT)
Evergreen (CO)	Trinity, (Denver, CO)
Frontier (Cheyenne, WY)	Walsh, (CO)
Johnstown (CO)	

GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Cynthia Kent, who addressed the Conference.

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CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Dr. Rev. Eric Van Thomas Smith, Peaks and Plains District Superintendent, who addressed the Conference. Scripture was read by John Dietz. Kathy Chittenden led the Conference in prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Dr. Rev. Eric Van Thomas Smith read the list of appointments for the Peaks and Plains District.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced his wife, Minnie Brown who addressed the Conference and sang "The Broken Vessel". Flowers were presented to Minnie Brown by Debby Lawrence.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing the work of Jayne Adams, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, Denver Area. The Bishop gave her flowers. Jayne Adams briefly addressed the Conference.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL PHILIPPINES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Liwliwa T. Robledo who briefly addressed the Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Walter "Skip" Strickland addressed the Conference concerning "house keeping" issues.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. thanked all those who have volunteered to put together this Annual Conference.

PRAYER: Keith McDonald led the Conference in prayer.

LEARNING MOMENT: Ron Hodges introduced Heather Wilson, who led the Conference in a learning moment.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION: Heather Wilson recognized Debby Lawrence, Brian Riecke and Ron Hodges for supporting her in her visit. Brian and Ron were presented t-shirts. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Debby Lawrence presented a gift to Heather Wilson for her participation at this Conference.

RECESS: Following a prayer for grace and dismissal by Heather Wilson, the Conference recessed for lunch.

PLENARY

Saturday, June 24, 2006 - 2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Conference to order.

PRAYER: Deborah Hull opened the afternoon session with prayer.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS: Walter "Skip" Strickland, Conference Secretary, gave instructions for the travel vouchers.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized Bob Sewell who gave an update on Peggy Sewell. She is now out of critical care. She is doing much better.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized Derek DeToni-Hill who invited all congregations to observe Children's Sabbath and offered a resource book from the Bishops Initiative on Children & Poverty.

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized Jerry Zoebisa, Stratmoor Hills United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, who asked for those with a family member or church member serving in Iraq or Afghanistan to rise and be recognized with a laying on of hands and a prayer for their safe return. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in a prayer.

RECOGNIZING RETIREES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jim Harris, Board of Pensions, who along with Lonnie Eakle honored this year's retirees: Tom Boller, Lonnie Eakle, Robert Firebaugh, David Jaeger, John Lee, Terry McLaughlin, Donald Messer, Darrell Mount, R. Ted Nutting, Paul Rider, Bruce Sage, Don Schlichting, and Robert Sewell.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. expressed his appreciation to all the people who assisted him during this Annual Conference.

VIDEO OF PHILIPPINES: The Conference viewed a part of a video about the Philippines.

BISHOP'S AWARD: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented the 2006 Bishop's Award to Ann Fort, Layperson from Hope United Methodist Church in Greenwood Village. Ann received a certificate and medallion.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Youngsook Charlene Kang, District Superintendent of the Metropolitan District who briefly addressed the Conference. Kunle Taiwo and Diane Huerta, Co-Lay Leaders, showed a video, read scripture and prayed. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Youngsook Kang read the appointments for the Metropolitan District.

CORRECTION: Boulder, St. Paul was inadvertently left out of the appointment readings for the Peaks and Plains District. Rhea Barningham was appointed as Lead Pastor and stood up to be blessed with the Metropolitan District. Boulder First United Methodist Church should have been read as co-pastors Keith Thompson and Claire Childress, instead of Sr. Pastor and Associate Pastor.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. addressed the conference on the Bishop's Hurricane Recovery Initiative.

CORRECTION: Included in the list of retirees, please add Gail Graves, Local Pastor.

CORRECTION: Gwynne May, Chaplain of Hospice of Metro Denver was inadvertently left out of the appointment readings for the Metropolitan District.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the conference in recognizing Jack Ford and the work he has done as Conference Treasurer. Jack was presented a gift.

NOMINATIONS REPORT: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Darlene Woods, Nominations Chair, who presented the report. On motion it was ordered that the report be adopted as amended.

VIDEO ON HURRICANE KATRINA: The conference viewed a video on Hurricane Katrina Relief.

INVITATION: Ron Hodges addressed the Conference and announced that next years' Annual Conference will be at the Marriott Denver Tech Center on June 13-16 2007.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Rod Stoddard announced churches that have been identified as refugee co-sponsors.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE AWARDS: Don Ford led the Conference in recognizing the following:

Road Runner Award
Small Church Award

Michael Ingersoll
San Juan Cluster Parish
First UMC, Durango, CO
First UMC, Cortez, CO
Johnson Memorial UMC, Dolores, CO
First UMC, Dove Creek, CO
Mancos UMC, Mancos, CO
Marvel UMC, Marvel, CO
Towaoc UMC, Cortez, CO
Community UMC, Pagosa Springs, CO

Conference Camping Award
Peacemaker Award
Lifetime Peacemaker Award

Dan O'Neill
Phillip K. Tompkins, PhD.
Tom and Moyna Hudgens and
Dr. Clarence Snelling

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized the work of Debby Lawrence, Brian Riecke, Loren Boyce, Matthew Stolte, Brad Laurvick, Bob Phillips, Judy Hill, Skip Strickland, and Dan Odell at this Annual Conference.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Walter "Skip" Strickland, Conference Secretary, recognized the secretarial staff at this Annual Conference. Lynn Greenhalge, Greg Greenhalge, Patty Gregory, Sandi Dillon, Johnny Arrington, and Alane Currier Griggs.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Chuck Cooper, District Superintendent of the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado District, who briefly addressed the Conference. Gary Campbell read scripture and offered a prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Chuck Cooper read the appointments for the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado District. Minnie Brown led the congregation in song following the reading of appointments for the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado District.

CLOSING HYMN: The conference sang "Spirit of God" in closing.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. asked all to attend the Ordination service at 7:30 p.m. in the Rocky Mountain Events Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Conference Secretary Walter "Skip" Strickland moved for adjournment of the 2006 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Conference was adjourned *sine die* following the ordination service.

RECESS: Following a prayer by Robert Phillips, Jr. the Conference recessed for dinner and the Ordination service.

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CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY DINNER

Saturday, June 24, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

The 2006 retirees, their families and friends gathered in Ballroom D of the Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado for the Celebration of Ministry dinner. Jim Harris opened with welcoming words. Don Messer gave the invocation. Jim Harris introduced the retirees present and Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented certificates and pins. Those in attendance were: Lonnie Eakle, Robert Firebaugh, John Lee, Terry McLaughlin, Donald Messer, Darrell Mount, R. Ted Nutting, Paul Rider, Bruce Sage, and Robert Sewell. Those who retired in absentia were: Tom Boller, David Jaeger, Paul Rider, and Don Schlichting. Robert Sewell gave the benediction.

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMING, COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

Saturday, June 24, 2006 – 7:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center for a service of Ordination. Scripture was read, and the message was delivered by Bishop Minerva Carcaño. Music was provided by Park Hill United Methodist Church directed by John J. Polinski and The Wesley Bell Ringers, Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, directed by Terry W. Waite. The offering collected was designated to Ethnic Seminarian Fund.

CONFIRMING OF LOCAL PASTORS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. confirmed Allyson Prater Ellis, Pamela S. Everhart, Kristie Firme, Douglas G. Lathrop, Mark Ramsperger, Pam Rowley, Philip J. Vogels, and Carrie West.

COMMISSIONING OF PROBATIONARY MEMBERS FOR THE ORDERS OF ELDER AND DEACON: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. commissioned the following towards **Deacon's Orders:** Rhonda Reeder York; **Elder's Orders:** Betty Ann Brown, Sandi Elaine Dillon, Mary Ann Dimand, William Robert Morris, Brian Lee Oliver, Thomas Robert Towns, and David Edward York.

ORDINATION AS DEACON IN FULL CONNECTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. ordained as **Deacon in Full Connection:** Penny Swift-Kelly.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. ordained as Elders: Ray Todd Everhart, Margaret Elizabeth Gillikin, Olga Jane Hard, David Giffin Hiester, Barbara Ann Johns-Schleicher, Yong Hui Vescinda McDonald, Margaret Ellen Newell, and Claude Dennis Shaw.

PASSING THE TORCH: The torch was passed by John Lee, representing the newly retired elders to Margaret Elizabeth Gillikin, representing the newly ordained class.

RECESS: The Conference dismissed with a blessing. A reception immediately followed the service.

ADDITIONAL REPORT: - Totals for the offerings at the 2006 Annual Conference session – from Jack Ford.

Bridge of Love – \$ 9,067.29

Wednesday Night Memorial Service – \$1,772.77 to Ethnic Seminaries

Thursday Night \$3,703.58 – Bishop's Young Adult Initiative

Friday Morning Clergy Session – Covenant Fund - \$3,761.00

Friday Night – \$2,536.63

Saturday Night – Ordination /New Ministries - \$1424.98