

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

### DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Denver Marriott Tech Center  
Denver, Colorado

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., Presiding  
Walter "Skip" Strickland – Conference Secretary of Record  
Alane Currier Griggs – Acting Conference Secretary

#### PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

**OPENING:** The 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Oldest Antecedent and the 39<sup>th</sup> 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 "*Making the Invisible Visible-Embracing diversity, Racial acceptance, Celebrating inclusiveness*".

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

**PRAYER:** Epeli Tukutau led the Conference in prayer.

**WELCOME:** Pam Breitweiser, Lay Leader, and Brenda Lear, District Superintendent, representing the Sunshine District, the host district for this Annual Conference, welcomed the body to this Annual Conference.

**GREETINGS:** Conference Secretary and Director of Mission and Ministry, Walter "Skip" Strickland welcomed the Conference and made announcements. He advised the Conference on the use of amendments and motion forms. He also advised the conference on the parking arrangements.

**BAR OF THE CONFERENCE:** On motion it was ordered that the bar of the Conference be all chairs in the Rocky Mountain Events Center 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 facing the stage. These rows shall be set-aside 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:

Jill Ashe	Mark Johaningsmeir
Gordon Benesh	William A. McCreary
Ginny Bettendorf	Jeff Mahan
Walter Boigegrain	Robert Markham
Tom Boller	Bill Moore
Jerry Boles	Donna Munch
Betty Bradford	Jon Nieves
Alton Brown	Michele Odell
Laura Brown	Dick Phillips
Lewis Brown	Ken Plattner
Edwina Burton	Marty Richardson
James Divelbiss	John Caro Russell
Handi Jo Doloff-Holt	Raymond Scott
Glenda Hart	O. Gregory Smith III
Ralph Henard	Doug Swanson
Darrel Hinshaw	Susie Wickiser
Randy Jessen	Charles Wood

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**NOMINATION OF ACTING CONFERENCE SECRETARY:** Walter "Skip" Strickland led the Conference in the nomination of an Acting Conference Secretary, to become the new Secretary upon the completion of the Conference Session, and acceptance of additional persons as the secretarial staff of the conference. Walter "Skip" Strickland stated "Bishop, I move the Reverend Alane Currier Griggs be designated acting secretary for the 2007 Annual Session, and that the Rev. Walter "Skip" Strickland continue as the Conference Secretary of Record, until all matters concerning the 2007 session are completed, at which time the Rev. Alane Currier Griggs will become the Conference Secretary of Record and serve in this office for the remainder of the Quadrennium, with the chance for renewal at the beginning of the next." On motion it was ordered that it be adopted.

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

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing the work of those joining him at the head table. He recognized Dan Odell, Bob Phillips, and Judy Hill, Conference Lay Leader. He also recognized his colleagues from the Council of Bishops: Bishop Gaspar Domingos and his wife Lucrecia from the West Angola Conference, and Bishop Beverly Shamana from the California Nevada Conference, who is to preach during the opening worship.

**CLARIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AROUND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. advised the Conference that there was a resolution that was amended and on the 2006 Consent Calendar as #AC11. There was an amendment that was part of the petition which "required" that church staff members attend a sexual ethics training, which is incompatible with our Discipline, and therefore those sentences are null and void and of no effect.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Marvin R. Vose presented the report. On motion it was ordered that the "2007 Rules" be adopted as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland advised the Conference that we were about to move into worship.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Mary Ann Dimand led the Conference in prayer in preparation for worship.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

A worship and communion service 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 gospel was based on a Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29. Bishop Beverly Shamana delivered the sermon. Participants in the service included Darnell Allen, Sandi Dillon, Margaret Gillikin, Kerry Greenhill, and Brian Oliver. Sign language interpreter was Sandi Johnson. The Epworth Community Choir, Minnie Brown, and pianist Mark Zwilling provided music. The offering received was designated to GraceWorks Community: The Bishop's Young Adult Initiative. Those who planned the service were Sandi Dillon, Kerry Greenhill, Trudy D. Robinson, Rebekah Simon-Peter and Walter "Skip" Strickland.

### LAITY SESSION

Thursday, June 14, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.

**GATHERING:** The Laity gathered in the Rocky Mountain Events Center of the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel. Rae Batch opened the session with song. John Deitz called the session to order and opened with prayer. He then recognized the Board of Lay Ministry who then introduced themselves individually. He then briefed the Conference on the proposed agenda for the laity session. Various members of the Board of Lay Ministry led the lay session in a devotion, which ended with a clip from *South Pacific*. Tommy Gleaton addressed the Conference and brought to attention *page 20* of the 2007 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference guidebook. Tommy Gleaton then answered a question posed regarding the notification of nominations for General Conference via e-mail. Tommy then explained the procedures to nominate delegates to both General

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

and Jurisdictional Conference. Each of the Lay nominees then addressed the Conference. Nominations from the floor were accepted. U Kyaw Win, Martha Conant, and Megan Armstrong were nominated. Pam Tolliver was nominated but declined. A change to the list of nominees was announced that Emily Dawson Peterson would only wish to be considered to be a Jurisdictional Conference delegate. Donna Spearman moved to suspend the rules to allow the three nominees to have a few moments to speak. Tommy Gleaton ruled this request out of order. Grace Harris introduced Bishop Gaspar Domingos and then he briefly addressed the Conference, using a translator, Don Reardon. The Bishop's wife, Lucrecia Domingos, also greeted the conference. A motion was made from Charles Crockett that the nominees be given time to address the laity. Tommy Gleaton ruled this motion out of order because this body cannot change the rules. John Dietz and Kathy Chittendon gave announcements. John Dietz closed the laity session with prayer. Margaret Hotze served as pianist.

### CLERGY SESSION Rocky Mountain Annual Conference Thursday 14, 2007

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Clergy session to order at 8:40 a.m.

**GATHERING:** The session began with opening prayer given by Rev. Ron Hodges in the Evergreen Ballrooms A & B at the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

Opening Prayer  
Hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" #553  
(Rev. Marie Gasau, pianist)

**SETTING THE BAR AND PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. set the bar for the session and designated those who may vote. Jayne Adams and Rich Marsh were requested by Bishop Warner H. Brown to remain per consent of the body. Ron Hodges made motion and was seconded by Debbie Hull. On motion, it was adopted.

**PASSING OF CHARACTER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced the members of the Cabinet and led the session in the Passing of Character by reading from paragraph 605.6 of *The 2004 Book of Discipline*. The cabinet answered in the affirmative except for the name of one lifted up by the Bishop who is who is under suspension and investigation as of May 2007.

#### **CONFERENCE RELATION REPORT: INTRODUCTION & APPROVAL OF ELDER & DEACON**

**CANDIDATES:** Jane Riecke, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced:

- Jane Riecke introduced those for ordination as Elders Orders in full connection. All spoke, were presented to the body for vote by the Board of Ordained Ministry, and all were approved. All were invited back and welcomed by the body. King Harris was approved by the body in absentia. (He appeared about 30 minutes later and spoke.) The Bishop said, "We are proud of you and remind you that God is in the journey with us. Go and take your place among your colleagues."
- Jane Riecke introduced those candidates for ordination as Deacons in full connection. They spoke, were approved, and invited back to be appreciated. Bishop said, "Proud of you, keep up the good work. Join your colleagues."
- Greg Young, introduced those who were presented for commissioning toward Elders' Orders and read their profiles. They were presented, approved by the body, and appreciated.
- Doug McKinney introduced those who were presented for Commissioning towards Deacon Orders.
- Ed Bollock recognized local pastors.
- John Tomlinson announced those local pastors approved but not appointed. Full time local pastors. Approved

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

- Nani Arning introduced certified professionals. One for vote for certification of youth ministry: Cindy Klick. Approved.

### CELEBRATING THE CONNECTION:

- Carolyn Waters along with Minnie Brown presented the disciplinary questions: 18a, 18b, 71, 19a, 19b, 19c, 67, 24 [Bishop Warner H Brown, Jr., made an addition at a later point: addition Paul Dirdak, July 1, 2007 from Cal-Nev: other elder], 25. All approved. 26b approved. 27b Don Ford came forward to be the first to elected associate member of the annual conference (§322). Approved. 46: approved. 47a2: approved. 48a: approved. 49: approved. 51: approved. 54a: approved. 54c, 54d for info. 57a: approved. 57c: approved. 58: approved. 83a: approved. 83b: approved. 84,30a, 30b, 30e, 31c for info.
- Donna Patterson introduced those who have transferred from other Annual Conferences and other denominations. 32a, 41, 42
- Chris Carr, for Ed Bollock, and Marla Kauerz spoke on Clergy Orders and the Fellowship of Local Pastors. Retreat in October, "Seasons of the Soul."
- Doug McKinney reported on continuing education. See summary report enclosed.
- Jeff Huber and the Covenant Fund offering Bill Selby gave the golf report.
- Karen Hurst and Extension Ministries
- Gary Haddock and Ethical Education

**RECOGNITION OF RETIREES:** Lonnie Eakle and Jim Harris presented.

**MEMORIALS:** Dick Vickery presented.

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557*

*Final announcements*

**SENDING FORTH:** Lynn Evans

### PLENARY SESSION

Thursday, June 14, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.

**OPENING:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. explained that our hospitality person is Debbie Lawrence, who due to a broken ankle is unable to be at Annual Conference. Bishop Brown expressed appreciation to Debbie and asked that she be held in prayer.

**PRAYER:** Paul J. Kottke led the Conference in prayer.

**INTRODUCTION:** Jane Riecke introduced Rev. Dr. William Lawrence, Southern Methodist University's Dean of Perkins School of Theology, who greeted the Conference.

**COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Les Ludlam and Dr. Bud Gordon to the podium to address the Conference. The Conference viewed a video and PowerPoint presentation. They also addressed Petition #AC03, which is the apportionment formula.

**MOVING TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES:** David Amrie led the Conference in directions to their Legislative Committee Meetings.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES Thursday, June 14, 2007 – 2:45 p.m.

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

### PLENARY SESSION Thursday, June 14, 2007 – 7:15 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Anne Marshall led the Conference in prayer.

**BALLOT PROCEDURE:** Alane Currier Griggs explained the procedures for casting ballots for clergy and lay delegates to General Conference.

**MOTION:** Richard A. Vickery made a motion that "In reporting the first clergy ballot, that the Conference Secretary report to the Bishop only those names who have received ten or more votes." On motion it was ordered that it be adopted.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the first ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference was cast.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the first ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference was cast.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Bishop Gaspar Domingos who briefly addressed the Conference, through his translator, Don Reasoner. Bishop and Mrs. Domingos presented this Conference and Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., with an artists' rendering of our partnerships together. Bishop Brown also received a hat and an "ANGOLA" stole.

**BRIDGE OF LOVE:** Judy Hill, Lay Leader, introduced Tommy Gleaton who explained the "Bridge of Love" offering. He led the Conference in prayer before the offering was taken. Bishop Domingos gave thanks to the Conference for this offering. "Don't give till it hurts, but give till it transforms."

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized Anne Marshall for her leadership. She is Chair of the United Methodist Native American Caucus, and immediate past Associate General Secretary for the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Her husband was one of those killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing.

**CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Glenda Ulmer, District Superintendent for the Utah/Western District.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:** Glenda Ulmer, District Superintendent for the Utah/Western District, made a motion to suspend the rules in order to consider a motion to discontinue Community United Methodist Church, Oak Creek, CO.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OAK CREEK, CO:** Glenda Ulmer made the motion "Community United Methodist Church, Oak Creek, Colorado, shall be discontinued by the action of this 2007 Annual Conference session, and the property shall be transferred to the Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Conference for use or for sale." On motion it was ordered that it be adopted to take effect July 1, 2007.

**CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS:** Glenda Ulmer, District Superintendent of the Utah/Western District and Dean of the Cabinet, along with Brenda Lear, District Superintendent of the Sunshine District and Secretary to the Cabinet, introduced lay leaders, Pam Breitweiser, Roger Smith, Rob Bruendl and Becky Buxton to assist them in prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and the District Superintendents read the appointments for the Sunshine District and the Utah/Western District. Marie Gasau led the Conference in song.

**NOTHING BUT NETS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland explained the "Nothing But Nets" program. This involves providing mosquito nets for those in Africa to prevent the spread of malaria. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., will play a silent auction winner in a basketball game. Bishop Gaspar Domingos will play a silent auction winner in soccer.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**LIVING THE VISION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Walter "Skip" Strickland led the Conference in viewing a PowerPoint presentation on the vision. Trudy D. Robinson and Sandi Dillon assisted in the presentation.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the first ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read. 168 ballots cast, 85 needed to elect, there was no election.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the first ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference were read. 373 ballots cast, 11 invalid ballots, 188 needed to elect. One election: Josh Davies with 225 votes.

**BALLOT:** Following instructions from Walter "Skip" Strickland on how to do a write-in for this vote and a prayer, the second ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference was cast.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the second ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference was cast.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:** Glenda Ulmer, Dean of the Cabinet, introduced the Cabinet who gave their report.

**AGENDA REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:** David Amrie presented the report. He advised the Conference of the Petitions that will be considered. #AC05, #AC16, #AC21, as well as #GC50 and #GC60. He also advised the Conference that "Because the petition's sponsor was not at the committee to present them for action and perfection, the following petitions were withdrawn: #GC55, #GC62, #GC63, and #GC64. In order for this body to take action on these petitions, a two-thirds vote in favor of suspending the rules will be required." David thanked all the officers who helped to make Legislative Sessions a success.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Alane Currier Griggs advised of blood screening delays, and to leave pencils for voting at the door.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ramon Robledo to lead the closing prayer. He also recognized Liwiwa Robledo who is visiting this 2007 Conference.

### PLENARY SESSION

Friday, June 15, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

**OPENING:** CrossWise, a youth praise band from Longs Peak United Methodist Church, Longmont, Colorado led the Conference in song.

**PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ben Roe who opened the Conference with prayer.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the second ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference were read. 353 ballots cast. 5 invalid, 178 needed to elect. One election: Judy Hill with 205 votes.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. brought to attention the brown buttons a lot of people are wearing. "Inclusiveness Counts" reminds us to pay attention to diversity.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the third ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference was cast.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the second ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read. 159 votes cast, 81 needed to elect. One election: Janet Forbes with 109 votes.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** John Thompson, Park Hill United Methodist Church, reminded the Conference of our theme "Making the Invisible Visible, embracing diversity, racial acceptance, celebrating inclusiveness." Embracing diversity is an act of intentionally (*sic*). It requires a conscious choice. Sending an all-white delegation to the General Conference would be inconsistent with our theme and the wrong message for our conference."

**MOTION:** Marti Zimmerman, Smoky Hill United Methodist Church, made a motion that in all future clergy ballots only those with 5 or more votes be reported. On motion it was adopted.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Patrick Bruns, Pastoral team, Brentwood UMC, Denver, reminded the Conference to think about the delegation using inclusiveness and diversity.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Marie Gasau, Basalt UMC, wanted to remind colleagues of the study on Clergy Orders coming before the General Conference this year.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the third ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference was cast.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Mike Ratliff, Associate General Secretary from the General Board of Discipleship, who briefly addressed the Conference about the work of the Division on Ministries with Young People.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR:** David Amrie presented the Consent Calendars.

**CONSENT CALENDAR CORRECTIONS:** Corrections to the Consent Calendar include: take #GC60 off of the CONSENT CALENDAR B under Part I. On #GC60 on the bottom of the page remove the word "not" #GC53 was in Committee "E" not "C"

### CONSENT CALENDAR A CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS (Accepted with 80% of members present and voting)

- #AC01** – Committee A – **Health Insurance Programs and Funding** – 100% approval  
Amend by deletion of the year "2008" on line 7. Amend by addition of the words "For retired elders, deacons, local pastors and probationary members, spouses and surviving spouses of Medicare age, the conference will pay 75% of the premium cost for the Medicare HMO or Supplement coverage." following the letter "C." on Line 41. Amend by deletion of lines 117 and 118.
- #AC02** – Committee D – **District Superintendent Compensation** - 97% approval  
Amend by substitution of the number \$616,568 for the number \$6166.568 under FINANCIAL IMPACT.
- #AC03** – Committee D – **Conference Wider Missions** – 97% approval
- #AC04** – Committee C - **Miscellaneous Council on Finance & Administration Policies and Procedures** – 100% approval
- #AC06** – Committee E – **Minimum and Equitable Compensation** – 90% approval
- #AC07** – Committee B – **Clergy Pension Plans Funding** – 100% approval  
Amend by substitution by the words "Clergy Retirement Security Program" for the words "Ministerial Pension Plan" on line 6. Amend by substitution of the year "2005" for "2006" and "2007" for "2008" on line 7. Amend by substitution of the year "2007" for "2008" on line 12. Amend by substitution of the number "\$48,388" for the number "\$50,293" on line 12. Amend by substitution of the number "0.938%" for the number "0.966%" on line 14. Amend by substitution of the number "\$27,886,994" for the number "\$28,433,742" on line 23. Amend by substitution of the year "2007" for "2008" on line 23. Amend by substitution of the year "2005" for the year "2006" and the year "2007" for the year "2008" on line 44. Amend by addition of the words "assuming 7% interest, 3% future COL increases, RP-2000 Mortality" following "GBOPHB" on line 45. Amend by substitution of the number "\$27,886,994" for the number "28,433,742" on line 45. Amend by substitution of the number "\$36,088,968" for the number "\$37,651,178" on line 47. Amend by addition on line 48 to read "assuming 7% interest, 3% future COL increases, RP-2000 Mortality"
- #AC08** – Committee B – **Funding for Active Clergy Benefits** – 100% approval
- #AC09** – Committee B – **Retiree Benefits Programs & Funding** – 100% approval  
Amend by deletion of line 57. Amend by substitution of the number \$2,500.00 for the number \$4,000.00 on lines 58 & 66.
- #AC10** – Committee A – **Health as Wholeness in Mission Initiative** – 100% approval

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

- #AC11** – Committee F – **Coordinator for Social Justice Ministries** – 95% approval to refer to the Board of Stewards.
- #AC12** – Committee G – **Support for Victim’s Assistance Ministry** – 100% approval  
Amend by substitution of the words “SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS’ ASSISTANCE MINISTRY TO PEOPLE HARMED BY CRIME IN OUR LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITIES” for the TITLE of the petition. Amend by substitution of the words “ministries of victims’ assistance to those harmed by crime in congregations and communities.” for the words on line 3.
- #AC13** – Committee H – **Support for the ONE Campaign** – 89.1% approval
- #AC14** – Committee F – **Conference Director of Older Adult Ministry** – 83% approval.  
Amend by substitution of the words “The Rocky Mountain Conference Committee on Older Adult Ministry is requesting the establishment of a position within the conference. This position will provide leadership, training, support and address other issues as identified by the conference and the Conference Older Adult Committee as deemed necessary.” for lines 1- 9.
- #AC15** – Committee G – **Older Adult Ministry for District Structures** – 98.4% approval
- #AC17** – Committee H – **Access for Persons with Disabilities** – 100% approval
- #AC18** – Committee C – **Global HIV/AIDS** – 100% approval

### NON-CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

(Rejected by at least 80% of the members present and voting)

- #AC05** – Committee C - **Ceiling for Wider Mission Formulae Distribution to Local Churches** – not approved by 82%, 10 for and 47 against.
- #AC21** – Committee E – **Religions Coalition for Reproductive Choice** – not approved by 92%, 4 for and 65 against. Amend by substitution of the words “BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church calls on the members of the United Methodist Church to withdraw agencies of our church from membership in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.” for lines 1- 4.

### PETITIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

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

- #AC16** – Committee F – **Establishment of Conference Archivist** – not approved by 62.2%, 17 for and 28 against. Amend by addition of the words “\$500 expenses for supplies and materials” following the words “Cost \$10,000” under FINANCIAL IMPACT on page 2.

### CONSENT CALENDAR B

#### CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

(Accepted by 80% of members present and voting)

- #GC51** – Committee D – **Connectional Model for Peacemaking** – 93% approval
- #GC52** – Committee D – **Global AIDS Fund** – withdrawn by presenter
- #GC52A** – Committee D – **United Methodist Global AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria Fund** – 100% approval.
- #GC53** – Committee E – **Prohibiting Discrimination in Receiving Members – Discipline** – 89% approval
- #GC54** – Committee E - **Prohibiting Discrimination in Receiving Members – Constitution** - 87% approval.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

- #GC61** – Committee G – **Pastoral Compensation** – 83% approval  
Amend by substitution of the word “DISTRICT” for the word “DISRICT” following the words “THE PASTOR” on line 4. Amend by substitution of the word “CONFERENCE” for the word “CONRFERENCE” following the words “OF THE” on line 9.
- #GC70** – Committee G – **Number of Jurisdictional Delegates** – 95.2% approval
- #GC71** – Committee G – **Jurisdictional Membership** – 93.7% approval  
Amend by substitution of the word “IN” for the word “TN” following the words “THAN 100.” on line 8.

### PETITIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

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

- #GC50** – Committee A - **Insertion of “The Common Good” Language** – not approved by 65%, 21 for and 39 against.
- #GC60** – Committee F – **Appointment – Making Responsibility** – approved by 67.6%, 25 for and 12 against.

**GRACEWORKS:** Kerry Greenhill, Director of the Bishop’s Young Adult Initiative, briefly addressed the Conference on the work of GraceWorks Community. She led the Conference in appreciation of Brian Riecke’s work on their promotional video. She also thanked her volunteers, two of whom were present in the session.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., led the conference in appreciation of Kerry’s work.

**ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., introduced Dr. David Trickett, President of Iliff School of Theology, who briefly addressed the Conference.

**LIFTING ITEMS OFF OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR:** If you wish to lift something off of the Consent Calendar, you must report to the secretary’s desk by 10:30 a.m. using a motion form.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the third ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read. 172 ballots cast, 1 invalid, 87 needed to elect. There was no election.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Eun-Sang Lee took a moment of personal privilege speaking to the pain of our GBOC and reminding our Conference to be intentional about being an inclusive church.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Linda Marshall, Trinity UMC, Denver respectfully withdraws her name from the ballot for General Conference.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Paul Kottke, University Park UMC, respectfully withdraws from being a General and Jurisdictional nominee.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the fourth ballot to elect clergy to General Conference was cast.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the third ballot to elect lay delegates to General Conference were read. 363 cast, 9 invalid, 183 needed to elect. One election: Kunle Taiwo with 192 votes. This concluded the delegation for the laity.

**JURISDICTIONAL VOTE:** The next ballot for lay delegates will be for Jurisdictional Conference. They are also alternates to General Conference.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Lavada Redding withdraws from the ballot for Jurisdictional Conference.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** U Kyaw Win withdraws from the ballot for Jurisdictional Conference.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the fourth ballot to elect lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference was cast. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., reminded the laity that we are striving for inclusiveness.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:** Miriam Slejko, Trinity UMC, Denver made a motion to bring #GC55 back to the Conference for consideration. On motion it was adopted.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**GREETINGS:** Alane Currier Griggs read greetings from these Conferences: Pacific Northwest Conference, Alaska Missionary Conference, California-Nevada Conference, and Oregon-Idaho Conference.

**COKESBURY:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. welcomed Judy Davis who introduced Su Friedman, who presented the Conference with a check in the amount of \$7,484.15. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. will hand this check over to the Board of Pensions and hope that they seriously consider donating these funds to the Central Conference Pension Fund.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Alane Currier Griggs read announcements.

**CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS:** Chuck Cooper, District Superintendent of the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado district and Youngsook Kang, District Superintendent of the Metropolitan district, along with their lay leaders led the conference in prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and the District Superintendents read the appointments.

Marie Gasau led the Conference in song.

**BENEFITS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Donna Hite, who then introduced Barbara Hora, Liaison to the General Board of Pension and Health, who briefly addressed the Conference while sharing a short video. Donna Hite presented the check from Cokesbury in the amount of \$7,484.15, which the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits designated to the Central Conference Pension Fund.

**EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Janet Forbes, chair of the Episcopacy Committee. Phil Cardin and Melanie Rosa also joined her in the report. Janet also reminded the Conference regarding the Bishop's Big Read: Christianity for the Rest of Us, by Diana Butler Bass; and Adventures in Missing the Point, by Brian D. McLaren and Tony Campolo. Walter "Skip" Strickland added that they were attempting to have Diana Butler Bass as a speaker at next year's Annual Conference.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR B:** David Amrie moved that Consent Calendar B be adopted as amended. On motion it was ordered that it be adopted as amended.

**CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS:** Olon M. Lindemood, District Superintendent for the Mile High/Pikes Peak District introduced Lay Leader Jim Oliver. Rev. Dr. Eric Van Thomas Smith, District Superintendent for the Peaks and Plains District, introduced lay leaders John Dietz and Kathy Chittendon. The group led us in prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and the District Superintendents read the appointments. Marie Gasau led the Conference in song.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Becky Buxton advised the Conference that Ruth Graham, wife of Rev. Billy Graham, had passed away.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Gheeta Smith offered a prayer of closing prior to Teaching Moments with Grant Hagiya.

**TEACHING MOMENTS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland introduced Grant Hagiya, Dean of the Cabinet for the California-Pacific Conference and Los Angeles District Superintendent, who led the Conference in a lesson on diversity.

### PLENARY SESSION

Friday, June 15, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.

**OPENING:** CrossWise from Longs Peak UMC, Longmont, Colorado opened the afternoon session with song.

**TEACHING MOMENT:** Walter "Skip" Strickland introduced Grant Hagiya, who led the Conference in study.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Doug McKinney, who opened the Conference in prayer.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE:** Janet Forbes, Chair of the Episcopacy Committee, took an opportunity to lead the Conference in recognizing Mrs. Minnie Brown, wife of Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., as a “family” member of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

**PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in prayer for all requests made so far in this Conference. We lift up Emily Dawson Peterson, Richard France, the spouses and families. We as the RMC acknowledge those who have served or are serving this country in our military. Linda Sundberg, and Chessie Lee, friends & family of Ruth Graham.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the fourth ballot to elect lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were read. 391 votes cast, 5 invalid, 197 needed to elect. One election: Philip Cardin with 215 votes.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the fifth ballot to elect lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference was cast.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results from the fourth ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read. 177 ballots cast, 6 invalid, 90 needed to elect. There is no election.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Steve Burnett withdrew from being a nominee for General Conference.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the fifth ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference was cast.

**VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES REPORT:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Trudy D. Robinson who gave the report. She led the Conference in recognizing her committee: Walter “Skip” Strickland, Gheeta Smith, Bob Phillips, Emily Neely, Charlotte Carr, and Sione Tukutau.

**CONNECTIONAL TABLE REPORT:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Kline Kelly, Chair of the Board of Stewards, who gave the report.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Nancy Boswell, incoming Chair for the Board of Stewards, who gave the report. Nancy introduced the Board of Stewards. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in appreciation of the work of Kline Kelly, outgoing chair.

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judy Owsley who led the Conference in a “visual” Mission Parade.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the fifth ballot to elect clergy to General Conference were read. 147 ballots cast, 0 invalid, 75 needed to elect. One election: Youngsook Kang with 79 votes.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the sixth ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference was cast.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the fifth ballot to elect lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference. 354 ballots cast, 7 invalid, 178 needed to elect. Two elections, Wendy Moffatt with 192 votes, and Diana Huerta with 179 votes.

**MOTION:** Bob Curtis made a motion that the “Top three vote getters from ballot #5, after Diana Huerta and Wendy Moffatt, will be Alternates to Jurisdictional Conference.” On motion it was ordered that it be adopted. Alternates are Emily Dawson Peterson, Ruth Wills, and Gheeta Smith.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Lonnie Eakle reminded the Conference that the clergy colleagues needed to remain to finish their election.

**PRAYER OF CELEBRATION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. asked Phil Gibson to pray for the lay delegates elected and in thanksgiving for the lay being finished with their elections.

**CONFERENCE STAFF PRESENTATION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Brian Riecke who led the Conference in viewing a video introducing all the Conference Staff. Walter “Skip” Strickland, new Director of Mission and Ministry, introduced himself to the Conference.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**METHODIST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Mike Nickerson, who briefly addressed the Conference. He also announced that they are donating \$500 to the "Bridges of Love" campaign.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Wendy Moffatt, Chair of the Nominations Committee, who gave the report.

Stephanie Munoz advised that Rich Munch is listed as a member of Trustees and he needs to be removed. Other corrections need to be given to the Secretary's table.

**#AC16 – Establishment of Conference Archivist** – Joe Spencer, Legislative Chair, presented the Report.

**MOTION:** Merlene Barner, Niwot UMC, made a motion: "I move that #AC16 be referred back to the RMC Commission on Archives and History and the Historical Society of the UMC for further consideration in conjunction with the process through the Board of Stewards and (CF&A) Council on Finance and Administration." On motion it was ordered adopted.

**#GC50 – Insertion of "The Common Good" Language** – Jim Oliver, Legislative Chair presented the report. On motion it failed.

**#GC55 – Government Failure to Fulfill Terms of Treaties with Native American Tribes in the United States of America** - Miriam Slejko presented the Petition. On motion it was adopted.

**#GC60 – Appointment-Making Responsibility** – Joe Spencer, Legislative Chair presented the report. On motion it failed.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized those who celebrate their anniversaries and birthdays while at Conference. The Conference recognized Loren Boyce's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday and sang Happy Birthday to him and presented him with a cake.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Alane Currier Griggs gave announcements.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Peggy Sewell who takes care of the Bishops on behalf of the Church. She worked out the logistics for the visiting Bishops to be here at this Conference. Peggy expressed her deep appreciation for the support during her illness at the last Annual Conference.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the sixth ballot to elect clergy to General Conference were read. 129 ballots cast, 2 invalid, 66 needed to elect. There is no election.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the seventh ballot to elect clergy to General Conference was cast.

**NOTHING BUT NETS:** Joyce DeToni-Hill, Northeast Cooperative Parish, announced that Amy Wise is currently the leader in the Silent Auction on both sides by bidding \$100 to play against Bishop Domingos in soccer and Bishop Brown in basketball. Walter "Skip" Strickland presented her with a "Buzzkill" t-shirt and talked about the "Nothing But Nets" campaign.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented Bishop Gaspar Domingos with the white cowboy hat to add to his wardrobe.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Linda Marshall reminded the clergy to be faithful to their commitment and be mindful of our diversity.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Sharon Temple, Chuck Cooper's mother Dorothy, and Linda Malone.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** LeAnn Boman led the Conference in prayer prior to the dinner break.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

### WORSHIP

Friday, June 15, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center Ballroom for a Memorial Service. The liturgy of the service was planned and coordinated by the worship subcommittee of the Program and Arrangements Committee. The Rev. Marla Kauerz delivered Gathering Words. The sermon based on II Corinthians 4:6, 8-9, 16-18 and John 14: 1-7, 15-17, 27 was delivered by Rev. Ron Hodges. Special music was provided by the Tongan Choir from First Aurora & Burns United Methodist Church. Marie Gasau served as pianist. The offering collected was designated to support the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund. The clergy/lay and spouses who were memorialized by Rev. Dr. Richard A. Vickery, Jr., included: Susan Clare (Groth) Plymell, Lillie C. Byrd, Donald J. Grooters, Robert L. Morgan, Paul E. Murphy, William R. Obaugh, Theda M. Huff, James Francis Lorenz, William A. Davis, & E. Fred Sullivan.

### PLENARY

Friday, June 15, 2007 - 9:00 p.m.

**OPENING:** CrossWise from Longs Peak UMC, Longmont, Colorado led the Conference in song.

**PRAYER:** Handi-Jo Doloff Holt introduced Timote Latu who gave witness and opened the Conference with prayer.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the seventh ballot to elect clergy delegates to General Conference were read. 122 ballots cast, 1 invalid, 64 needed to elect. One election: Charles Schuster with 65 votes.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the eighth ballot to elect clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference was cast.

**NOTHING BUT NETS:** The Conference viewed a video regarding "Nothing But Nets"

Joyce DeToni-Hill, Northeast Cooperative Parish, advised the Conference that if a local youth group would like to hold a fundraiser, The Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty will match your funds up to \$150. To those who stood, saying they would go back to their local congregations to have a fundraiser, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. threw out three "Buzzkill" shirts.

**STRETCH BREAK:** While waiting for ballot results, Marie Gasau entertained the Conference with singing and dancing around the ballroom.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the eighth ballot to elect clergy to Jurisdictional Conference. 124 ballots cast, 0 invalid, 63 needed to elect. Three elections: Carolyn Waters with 72 votes; tied at 67 votes: Olon Lindemood and Eric Van Thomas Smith.

**MOTION:** Delbert Hansen made a motion to take the next four nominees on the list as the alternates. This motion was withdrawn after Rich Stoakes made a motion for one more ballot to be taken and the top three vote getters be declared our clergy alternates. On motion it was adopted.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Bill Selby withdrew as a nominee.

**BALLOT:** Following prayer, the ninth ballot to elect clergy alternate delegates to Jurisdictional Conference was cast.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Alane Currier Griggs announced that blood screening is tomorrow morning. Plenary begins at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. invited Claire Zilm for a closing prayer.

### PLENARY SESSION

Saturday, June 16, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. convened the Conference and invited Bo Yong Lee to open this session with prayer.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**ELECTION REPORT:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. advised that we have completed the election process. All delegates will be presented later.

**BALLOT RESULTS:** The results of the ninth ballot elect Steve Burnett, Melanie Rosa, and Sione Tukutau.

**BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jane Riecke, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, who introduced those to be Commissioned and Ordained at this Annual Conference. Those to be confirmed as Local Pastors: Dawnmarie Fiechtner, John Kingsbury, Carol Loftin, Atamani Longolongofolau, Karen Schneider, and Harold Sharp. Received as Associate Member: Donald A. Ford. Commissioned towards Deacon's Orders: Pamela J. Graham and Bo Yong Lee. Those being Commissioned towards Elder's Orders: Debra A. Edwards, Allyson Margaret Ellis, Spring Cora Erickson, Pamela S. Everhart, Meghan E. Feldmeyer, Eric R. Feuerstein, Mariah E. A. Hayden, Jerry Hershops, Bradley D. Laurvick, Susan D. Otey, Theresa L. Todd, Susan L. Warren. Those being Ordained Deacon in Full Connection: George E. Dunn and Daniel James Klawitter. Those being Ordained As Elder in Full Connection: Jung-Sup "Jay" Ahn, Kirsten Catherine Barlow, Tom Albert Barlow, Jr., Loren Alexander Boyce, King Hezekiah Harris, Kerry Alison McCormick, Emily Leslie Ann Neely, Trevor Potter, Laura Easter Rainwater, Maggie Davis Rose, Jessica Beth Rooks, Alan Dwight Strauss, and Eunjoo Yi.

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

**BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY REPORT (cont.):** Jane Riecke then introduced Cindy Klick, who achieved her certification of youth ministry. Jane then introduced Gary E. Stephens, who achieved his certification as a lay minister. She then introduced those received from other Christian denominations as probationary members: Tan Van Nguyen.

Jane then introduced those who have been received as transfers from other conferences: Michael Dent, James Gulley, Kent Ingram, and Eric Parker. She then introduced those who transferred from other Methodist denominations: Felicia George.

**PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN:** Tommy Gleaton presented the report. There were only 6 children in childcare this year. He introduced a video to see the children and activities at Hope United Methodist Church.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Rich Stoakes, United Methodist Presbyterian Church in Rifle. He expressed appreciation for the outpouring of love and support following the fire that engulfed their home, which resulted in a total loss. Rich advised that there is a Personal Disaster Fund that can be used for persons in this situation.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Jim Calhoun stated that every candidate impressed him with their testimonies at Clergy Session. He hopes that one day there will not be a division between clergy and laity sessions. He expressed appreciation to Jane Riecke and the Board of Ordained Ministry.

**EXTENSION MINISTRIES PRESENTATION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Karen Hurst who introduced the extension ministers within our Conference.

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MINISTRY FOR DEACON & DIACONAL MINISTRIES:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Nani Arning who expressed appreciation for all deacons and diaconal ministers. The Conference viewed a video regarding the process.

**GLOBAL AIDS PRESENTATION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Don Messer, Youngsook Kang, and Gary Archer. The Conference viewed a short video on the Church and Global AIDS and Mother Theresa. All three briefly addressed the Conference. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called attention to using the envelopes enclosed in the information shared for an offering.

**EXTENSION MINISTRIES:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Amy Stapleton, National Coordinator for Social Action. She led the Conference in recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She then introduced Marti Zimmerman who briefly addressed the Conference. The Conference then viewed a video.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**BUDGET:** Les Ludlam, President of CF&A (Council on Finance and Administration), presented the report. The proposed budget is \$5,877,349.

**BUDGET VOTE:** Les motioned that the budget be approved and that the vote be taken by hand rather than by paper ballot. That motion was approved. On motion it was ordered that the budget be approved.

**ADA Accommodation Recognition:** Nancy O'Loughlin led the Conference in recognizing John Hogan of the Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel for their strides in making everything ADA appropriate. She also thanked Walter "Skip" Strickland for the large print bulletins, hearing devices, etc., and Sandi Johnson for signing throughout the Conference. Nancy presented all with certificates of appreciation.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE AWARDS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland, Director of Mission and Ministry, introduced Lavada Redding, John Cross, Linda Gertenbach, Merlene Barner, and John Barrow who recognized the following:

**Road Runner Award  
Small Church Award**

**Marie Gasau  
Northeast Colorado Cooperative Parish**  
Fleming UMC  
Julesburg UMC  
Haxtun UMC  
LeRoy UMC (Fleming, CO)  
Ovid UMC  
Peetz Community Church  
Pleasant Valley UMC (Yuma, CO)

**2007 Merit Award**

**Jeanell J. Robnett  
Gregory Taylor  
James J. Thornton  
Christina L. Woodbury**

All of the above received \$500 scholarships

**2007 Peacemaker Award**

**Mark Ely**

**2007 Lifetime Peacemaker Award**

**Elinor Kirby Lewallen**

**Peace Church**

**St. Andrews UMC**

**2007 Harold C. Knudsen Historic  
Preservation Award**

**Dr. Duane Smith**

**2007 Dr. J. Alton Templin  
Development Award**

**Berthoud UMC and  
Phillips UMC**

**2007 Conference Camping Award**

**Richard Marsh**

**RECOGNITION:** Walter "Skip" Strickland led the Conference in recognizing the work of Brian Riecke and Ron Hodges at the Conference staff level. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. expressed his appreciation as well. They both received "Honorary Staff Member of the Rocky Mountain Conference" t-shirts. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. told Skip, "Every corporal carries a general's baton in his backpack" and expressed his appreciation for Skip's work at this Conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Alane Currier Griggs read announcements.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Ross Kershaw expressed honor for Harold Rickard, a clergy member of the Troy Conference but very active here in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Harold passed away in November.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. expressed prayer and concern over the recent events in the Middle East, Palestinian people, and issues surrounding Israel. These are the lands we reflect on in our study, messages and worship. Discernment is needed to understand what makes for peace. Next February, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. will go to the Holy Land and invites all to join him. Brochures are available in the resource area. Walter "Skip" Strickland shared his experiences of visiting the West Bank and how safe they were.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Prayers were shared for Daryl Easterday-McPadden, and the love and prayers these last 4 years. For Justin who is in the middle of brain surgery to correct epilepsy.

**TEACHING MOMENTS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Grant Hagiya to lead the Conference in a teaching moment.

**NOTHING BUT NETS:** The silent auction winner to play Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. in basketball shooting was Amy Wise.

**CLOSING:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced J. Charles Schuster who recessed this session to lunch with prayer.

### PLENARY SESSION

Saturday, June 16, 2007 – 2:00

**OPENING:** Lonesome Traveler, a Bluegrass Band from the Loveland, Ft. Collins area, led the Conference in song.

**PRAYER:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Andrew Craig, who led the Conference in prayer.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIREES:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jim Harris, Board of Pensions, who along with Lonnie Eakle honored this year's retirees: Diana Boulter, Joyce Curtis, Lynn Evans, Glenda Hart, Ronald Hodges, Marla Kauertz, Shirley Keith, Richard Lyon, Jorge Pantelis, and Carolyn Young. They also recognized all retired clergy and the members of the Board of Pensions.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Dennis Shaw offered a prayer for those who are invisible because they are behind bars (confinement).

**PRAYERS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in prayer for Mike Barningham and Tim Cook's father.

**BISHOP'S AWARD(S):** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented one of the 2007 Bishop's Awards to Barbara Baldwin, University Park UMC, Denver, Colorado. Barbara received a certificate and medallion.

**CONFERENCE LAY LEADER ADDRESS:** Judy Hill, Lay Leader, briefly addressed the Conference. She led the Conference in recognizing the Board of Lay Ministry, and Lay Speaking. She also expressed her appreciation.

**BISHOP'S AWARD(S):** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented the second of the 2007 Bishop's Awards to Timote Latu, Trinity UMC in Kearns, Utah. Timote received a certificate and medallion. He then presented the third of the 2007 Bishop's Awards to Dale Sherrod, Longs Peak UMC, Longmont, Colorado. Dale received a medallion and certificate. The fourth award went to Maryhannah Throm from Rifle UMC. Maryhannah received a medallion and certificate.

**RECOGNITION OF GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Janet Forbes, Head of the Delegation, who introduced the delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Janet Forbes – C, Josh Davies – L, Youngsook Kang – C, Judy Hill – L, Charles Schuster – C, Kunle Taiwo – L, Carolyn Waters – C, Philip Cardin – L, Eric Smith – C, Wendy Moffatt – L, Olon Lindemood – C, Diana Huerta – L, Steve Burnett – C, Emily Dawson-Peterson – L, Melanie Rosa – C, Ruth Wills – L, Sione Tukutau – C, and Gheeta Smith – L. Delegates introduced themselves to the Conference. The delegation then moved to the center aisle of the Conference for a laying on of hands.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jay Rundell, President of Methodist Theological School in Ohio (Methesco), who extended personal greetings as well as bringing greetings from other Conferences from that part of the country.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DELEGATION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized those persons who had attended the Global Young People's Convocation in Johannesburg, South Africa in December 2006. Each one introduced themselves, and Mike Ratliff recognized the work of Bishop Brown at that Convocation. The Conference then viewed a video on the delegation's adventures.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Liz Glaser, Longs Peak UMC, Longmont, challenged the Conference to outfit all youth attending YOUTH 2007 with "Buzzkill" t-shirts to make a statement.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Dave Moorman shared the miracles from the clean up of the Holly community that survived the tornado by neighbors helping neighbors. He presented a t-shirt to Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., stating that they had survived because of neighbors helping neighbors.

**CHURCH GROWTH:** Walter "Skip" Strickland recognized First United Methodist Church Ogden, Utah as they broke ground on a new church building. Alane Currier Griggs, pastor, recognized her lay delegation and associate pastor.

**NOMINATIONS REPORT:** Wendy Moffatt, Chair of Nominations, presented the report for a vote. On motion, it was adopted.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Bishop Gaspar and Lucrecia Domingos to speak to the Conference before we adjourn. Through the translator, Don Reasoner, Bishop Domingos expressed his appreciation for the welcoming atmosphere. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented each of them with a gift and expressed his appreciation for their participation in this Conference.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Walter "Skip" Strickland who recognized the work of those persons who plan for the Annual Conference. He encouraged the Conference to thank Nancy Butterfield, Nancy Cox, Donna Hite, Ben Roe, Netta Hares, Pat Moore, Laurie Day, Brian Riecke and Loren Boyce. He also recognized ushers, tellers, pages, the rest of the tech team, and the secretarial team.

**EVALUATIONS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland directed the Conference on completing Evaluation forms.

**SITE INVITATION:** Walter "Skip" Strickland invited the Conference back to the Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel, June 18-21, 2008. Conference in 2009 will be in Grand Junction, Colorado, June 17-20.

**TRAVEL VOUCHERS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland instructed the Conference on the completion of Travel Vouchers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Walter "Skip" Strickland finished up announcements for ordination, retirement banquet, etc.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized the leadership of Walter "Skip" Strickland.

**NOMINATIONS OF EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS:** Alane Currier Griggs, following Annual Conference Rule F.1.a., asked the question, "Shall the Annual Conference Secretary distribute forms for the nomination of Episcopal candidates to the lay and clergy members of next year's Annual Conference, provided there is to be an Episcopal election?"

**MOTION:** Carolyn Tarman, Lay, so moved. John Cross seconded. On motion it was adopted.

**EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. thanked Dan Odell, agenda chair; Bob Phillips, parliamentarian; Judy Hill, Lay Leader; Alane Currier Griggs and the secretarial team; Brian Riecke, Loren Boyce, and the tech team. He also thanked Jayne Adams, and two other people working with her, Matthew Stolte and Gheeta Smith. He expressed his appreciation to the entire Conference.

**PRAYERS:** The Conference prayed for Sione Maaula.

## 2007 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE JOURNAL

**SONG:** Mrs. Minnie Brown sang for the Conference.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Conference Secretary, Alane Currier Griggs moved for adjournment of the 2007 Rocky Mountain Conference Session.

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

**RECESS:** Following a prayer by Amy Stapleton, the Conference recessed for dinner and the Ordination Service.

### CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY DINNER

**Saturday, June 16, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.**

The 2007 retirees, their families and friends gathered in a ballroom of the Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado for the Celebration of Ministry dinner. Rev. Jim Harris opened with welcoming words. Rev. Ron Hodges gave the invocation. Jim Harris introduced the retirees present and Donna Hite presented certificates and pins. Those in attendance were: Diana Boulter, Joyce Curtis, Ronald Hodges, Marla Kauerz, Shirley Keith, Richard Lyon, and Carolyn Young. Those who retired in absentia were: Lynn Evans, Glenda Hart, and Jorge Pantelis. Rev. Diana Boulter gave the benediction.

### A SERVICE OF CONFIRMING, COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

**Saturday, June 16, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Conference reconvened in the Rocky Mountain Events Center for a service of Ordination. Scripture was read by Judith Hill and the message was delivered by Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. Music was provided by Northglenn United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Instruments of Praise directed by Russ Kopperud and Tom Rudd. The offering collected was designated to the Central Conference Pension Initiative.

**CONFIRMING OF LOCAL PASTORS:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. confirmed Dawnmarie Fiechtner, John Kingsbury, Carol Loftin, Atamani Longolongofolau, Karen Schneider and Harold Sharp.

#### COMMISSIONING OF PROBATIONARY MEMBERS FOR THE ORDERS OF ELDER AND DEACON:

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. commissioned the following towards **Deacon's Orders:** Pamela J. Graham and Bo Yong Lee. **Elder's Orders:** Debra A. Edwards, Allyson Margaret Ellis, Spring Cora Erickson, Pamela S. Everhart, Meghan E. Feldmeyer, Eric R. Feuerstein, Mariah E. A. Hayden, Jerry Herships, Bradley D. Laurvick, Susan D. Otey, Theresa L. Todd and Susan L. Warren.

**ORDINATION AS DEACON IN FULL CONNECTION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. ordained as **Deacon in Full Connection:** George E. Dunn and Daniel James Klawitter.

**ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION:** Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. ordained as **Elders in Full Connection:** Jung-Sup "Jay" Ahn, Kirsten Catherine Barlow, Tom Albert Barlow, Jr., Loren Alexander Boyce, King Hezekiah Harris, Kerry Alison McCormick, Emily Leslie Ann Neely, Trevor Potter, Laura Easter Rainwater, Maggie Davis Roe, Jessica Beth Rooks, Alan Dwight Strauss and Eunjoo Yi.

**PASSING THE TORCH:** Marla Kauerz, representing the newly retired elders, to Al Strauss, representing the newly ordained class, passed the torch.

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

**ADDITIONAL REPORT:** Totals for the offerings at the 2007 Annual Conference session:

Wednesday	Communion Service	GraceWorks Community	\$2729.71
Thursday	Evening Plenary	Bridges of Love	\$9851.12
Friday	Memorial Service	Global AIDS Fund	\$2595.94
Saturday	Ordination Service	Central Conference Pension	\$2685.18
Clergy Session		Clergy Covenant fund	\$2340.29
Lay Session		Rod Anderson Scholarship	\$876.37