IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS
11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Actions of the 2010 Annual Conference relating to Program and Legislation are in Section V and are corrected to reflect final action. Reports are found in Section VIII.

FIRST DAY – OPENING SESSION
Thursday, June 3, 2010, 10:00 AM

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOLY COMMUNION

The service of Remembrance and Holy Communion commenced with a greeting by Rev. Sung Ahn, the Processional Hymn, "Hallelujah" and "The Church's One Foundation".

Ressie Fuller, Esq., Conference Lay Leader, led the Call to Worship followed by the hymn "Gracias Mi Amigo." Rev. Lyssette Perez read Hebrews 10:19-25 in Spanish which was followed by the song "There's Something About That Name".

Bishop Devadhar introduced the preacher, Rev. Dr. Esther Chung Kim. Rev. Kim is a clergy member of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. Appointed to Extension Ministries, she is an Assistant Professor of History of Christianity at Claremont School of Theology. In her tribute message, "Promises Made, Promises Kept," Dr. Kim reminded the audience of "God's promise of access," which means God promises to speak, listen, commune and be with us through Emmanuel. Our response to God's promise is to approach God in assurance - drawing near to God with confidence. Rev. Kim also encouraged everyone to consider one another and draw near to each other. Rev. Kim challenged the audience to make the most of our access to God with acts of encouragement to each other and to persevere in ministry.

GLORY ROLL

Friends and family members of those individuals we gathered to remember were invited to place a piece of a puzzle on the board in front of the auditorium.. Rev. Robert Scott, Jr., Raritan Valley District Superintendent, led the Prayer of Remembrance. Conference Secretary, Dr. Michael Harriott read the Glory Roll of Laity, Clergy Spouses, and Clergy who have died since last Annual Conference through April 2010.

Laity:

Mr. Arthur W. Loder
Mrs. Naomi Taylor

Clergy Spouses:

Mrs. Alma L. Bips
Mrs. Marjorie Ann Bryant
Mrs. Jean H. Campbell
Mr. Carl Errickson
Mr. David Gibbons
Mrs. Marcella Halvorsen
Mrs. Joan R. Hoffman
Mrs. Bettilou Holland
Mr. Conrad Kauffman
Mrs. Virginia Johnson Merriam
Mrs. Barbara Miller
Mrs. Eronia Romero
Mrs. Claire Mabel Turk
Mrs. Janet Wadas
Mrs. Alice White

Clergy:

Rev. Warren K. Alnor
Rev. Nancy S. Belsky
Rev. W. Benjamin Eppinger
Rev. Harold E. Facey
Rev. John F. Garrahan
Rev. Thomas E. Johnson
Rev. A. Keyes Layton
Rev. Charles A. McFarren
Rev. A. David Purushothaman
Rev. Frank Robinson
Rev. Arthur David Seeland
Rev. Francis E. Sweeten
Rev. Compton A.L. Williams

Bishop Devadhar and Rev. Dr. Esther Chung Kim led Holy Communion. Rev. Renee McCleary received the offering for the Sustentation Fund. The service concluded with the Closing Hymn "I'll Fly Away." Bishop Devadhar gave the Benediction.

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CALL TO ORDER

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar called to order the Eleventh Session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Bishop Devadhar welcomed all members of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference to the Valley Forge Convention Center. He informed the body that he has selected Lynn Caterson, Esq. as Parliamentarian. The selection was supported by the Conference members. Bishop Devadhar informed the conference that Bishop Alfred Johnson sent greeting to everyone.

SETTING THE BAR

Dr. Michael Harriott, Conference Secretary, moved that the Bar of the Conference include all seats on the floor of Conference, the Hospitality Area, the Video Room, the Prayer Room and the Conference Secretary's Office. Seats excluded from the Bar are the Visitor's Section behind the red rope and in front of the dais. The motion was passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Michael Harriott announced the removal of two Resolutions from the Consent Calendar: the "Trustees Enabling Resolution" and "Additional At-Large members to PTT" Resolution.

Rev. John DiGiamberardino corrected the last part of Line 11; it had been cut off in the Primary Task Team Resolution which was distributed to the members at the beginning of the session. The correction added "the PTT shall be named by the Bishop."

RULES OF ORDER

June McCullough presented the Rules of Order and made a motion to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolutions in the Conference Resource Packet. The motion passed.

Ms. McCullough presented changes made to Rules 50, 49 and 61. She then made a motion to accept the Rules as changed. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Michael Harriott informed the body of a new form to be used during Conference: Announcement Authorization Forms, located in the Conference Secretary's Office, on the Pages Table, on the Hospitality Table or on the dais. He reminded the body that there are also Prayer Request Forms and Motions Forms.

Dr. Michael Harriott also made general announcements. Rev. Don DeGroat informed the body of the Emergency Exits from the main room.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LAY AND CLERGY SESSIONS

Bishop Devadhar instructed the members to go directly to the Lay and Clergy Sessions following lunch.

DISMISSAL FOR LUNCH

Bishop Devadhar welcomed and introduced Ressie Fuller, Esq., Conference Lay Leader, who gave the blessing for lunch.

CLERGY SESSION
Thursday, June 3, 2010, 1:30 PM

Bishop called the clergy session into order. The Bishop led the clergy in a prayer and asked God to bless each person as they prayed the Lord's Prayer in their native language.

Bishop Devadhar asked the body for permission to grant two lay individuals, Nicola Mulligan, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, and Chris Moore (Sound Technician) to be included within the Bar of the Clergy Session. Permission was granted.

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Bishop Devadhar made a statement clarifying those who were permitted to be present in the Clergy Session and announced that Rev. Wayne Plumstead would serve as Parliamentarian for the Clergy Session. This was affirmed by the clergy session.

Rev. Steve Bechtold informed the body of the recommended changes for background checks which would increase the frequency of background checks to no less than once every five years.

Candidates for Commissioning were introduced. The clergy were invited to ask questions of the candidates. The candidates left the room. Bishop Devadhar asked for a vote to approve the candidates. The vote passed unanimously in favor of the candidates.

Candidates for Ordination were introduced. The clergy were invited to ask them questions. The ordinands left the room and a vote was taken to approve them. All candidates were approved.

Bishop Devadhar presented each section of the **Business of the Annual Conference Report** pertaining to Ordained Ministers and Local Pastors. Corrections were made as needed.

In response to a question concerning action taken on Question Number 42, the Clergy Session was directed to move into an Executive Session in order to discuss the Question. At the request of Bishop Devadhar, Rev. David Finch clarified who was permitted to attend the Executive Session. A question was raised as to why a particular candidate was being discontinued and whether the issues now stipulated had been made clear to the candidate. The questions were addressed and the last letter sent from the Continuance Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry was read. The Chairperson spoke about the process. After discussion, the question was called. By a standing vote, Question 42 was approved. Those who abstained were included in that count as per Conference rules.

Those who were not permitted in the Clergy Executive Session were excused temporarily and returned after the Executive Session concluded. The remainder of the Board of Ordained Ministry Report was presented and adopted.

The Bishop thanked Rev. Steve Bechtold and all the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry for their work. Bishop recognized all the members of the District Committees on Ordained Ministries for their work in their respective districts. Rev. Steve Bechtold thanked Rev. Shawn Callender Hogan for her assistance as the new Vice Chairperson of the Board and thanked Rev. Barbara Rambach for her years of service on the Board as Co-Chairperson and as Vice-Chairperson.

Bishop Devadhar called for a standing ovation in recognition of the retiring clergy members. Rev. Matthew Na concluded the Clergy Session with a closing prayer.

LAITY SESSION
Thursday, June 3, 2010, 1:30 PM

Ressie Fuller, Esq. Conference Lay Leader, welcomed the Lay Members with the Conference Theme: "Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World: Building the Church by Our Presence." Ms. Fuller introduced Lynn Caterson, Esq. as Conference Parliamentarian.

Ressie Fuller, Esq. welcomed Mrs. Prema Devadhar, Mrs. Margie Costello, Mrs. Johanna Nichols and Mrs. Linda Scott. Ressie introduced Juan Flores-Ponce, a Certified Lay Minister Candidate, who opened the session with prayer.

Fred Adams, a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and Chairperson of the Lay Speaking Ministry, read Acts 3:1-10. Ms. Eileen Rosfjord, a Certified Lay Minister candidate, gave the message. She spoke of her experience providing words of affirmation and consolation; serving as a "cracked vessel" bringing God's word and love to others. She challenged us to be a holy presence by holding each other accountable in action and claiming the power of Jesus to transform the world. The youth led the song "This Little Light of Mine." The service concluded with a Benediction from Jude 1:24-25.

Ms. Fuller opened the Business Session of the Laity meeting by introducing Mark Halverson, Chairman of the Lay Speaking Ministry. Mark Halverson introduced the District Leaders. Jay Brown introduced the first class of Candidates for the Certified Lay Ministers preparing to graduate.

Ms. Fuller reminded the Laity of the importance of the laity vote during Holy Conferencing; she encouraged laity to visit all the vendors, to take information back to their local churches and to inform their local churches of actions taken at this Annual Conference.

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Ms. Fuller announced that she would be stepping down as Conference Lay Leader at the end of June and that Rosa Williams, from the Palisades District, had been nominated for the position of Conference Lay Leader.

FIRST DAY – SECOND SESSION
Thursday, June 3, 2010, 3:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Bishop Devadhar opened the Plenary Session with prayer.

CORPORATE SESSION

Dr. Michael Harriott made a motion to move into Corporate Session. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF CORPORATE OFFICERS

Lynn Caterson, Esq., Parliamentarian moved the acceptance of Conference Corporate Officers: Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, President; Dr. Michael Harriott, Conference Secretary; John Cardillo, Treasurer and Rosa Williams, Lay Leader. The motion passed.

CHANCELLORS

Rev. Charles Bender made a motion that Sanford Brown, Esq., continue as Co-Chancellor for the Conference. The motion passed.

Rev. Charles Bender moved that Evelyn Caterson, Esq. be nominated as the other Co-Chancellor for the Conference. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION

Rev. Mark Earl moved the Trustees Enabling Resolution. The motion passed.

CENTENARY FUND

After informing the body that the Centenary Fund Board was reducing its membership number from twenty-four to sixteen by 2014, Rev. Neill Tolboom moved the nominations of Rev. Neill Tolboom, Rev. Barry Werhle, John (Jack) Scharf and Neil Erikson to the Board of the Centenary Fund. The motion passed.

UNITED METHODIST HOMES FOUNDATION

Rev. James Batten introduced Rev. Virginia Samuels-Cetuk as the incoming Chairperson of the Board for the United Methodist Homes. He introduced the outgoing Chair, Morris Smith, who spoke for a few moments about his time on the Board.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Mr. Smith for his dedication over the years to the United Methodist Homes.

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

Rev. Richard Hendrickson moved the election of Rev. Robert Costello, Rev. David Mertz, Ed Bowen and Paul Edwards as trustees of the United Methodist Foundation of NJ. The motion passed.

CAMPING MINISTRY

Sujaya Swaroop moved the election of Rev. Michael Williams, Rev. Jean Arlea Ericksen, Rev. Douglass Rea, Paula Blackman and Sandy Dabb as members of the Greater NJ Camping Ministries, Inc. The motion passed.

MOTION

Rev. Bob Costello moved the election of Rev. Richard Hendrickson to the Board of the United Methodist Foundation. The motion passed.

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PENNINGTON SCHOOL REPORT

Rev. Robert Williams moved to affirm the Class of 2012: Tim Harmon; Ex Officio: Bob Carroll and Elizabeth Secrest as members of the Board of Trustees of the Pennington Schools. A motion was made. The motion passed.

CORPORATE SESSION ADJOURNED

Rev. Michael Harriott made a motion to adjourn the Corporate session. The motion passed.

CHRISTIAN UNITY AWARD

Rev. Jessica Campbell presented the Congregational Christian Unity Award to the Middletown United Methodist Church; the individual Award to Rev. Carol Davies of Hurffville Bethel United Methodist Church and the Young Adult Award to Katelyn Einstad from Pitman United Methodist Church.

HARRY DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARD

Rev. Douglas Spencer and Rev. Larry Potts presented the Harry Denman Evangelism Award to: Jacob Sprengle, a youth from Cross Keys United Methodist Church; Ann Dice, a layperson at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, Ocean City, and Rev. Koo Young Na, Pastor of the Korean Community Church in Englewood.

FRANCIS ASBURY AWARD

Carolyn Pendleton presented the Francis Asbury Award to Rev. Derrick Doherty from the Waretown United Methodist Church.

HARRY A. SEESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. Lyssette Perez presented the Harry A. Seese Memorial Scholarship to Douglas E. Grant.

LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY AWARD

Rev. Robert Williams, representing the Conference Commission on Archives and History, presented the first Local Church History Award to the Chatham United Methodist Church.

CORPORATE SESSION

Rev. Michael Harriott made a motion that the Conference move into Corporate Session. The motion passed.

UNITED METHODIST HOMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. James Batten moved the election of Shirley Lewis, Arthur Spell, John Bishop, Paula Blackman, Mandy Dana, Kenneth Garrett, Sr., Nona Ostrove, Rev. Lanie Price and Faith Thonnerieux to the Board of Directors for the United Methodist Homes. The motion passed.

CORPORATE SESSION ADJOURNED

Rev. Michael Harriott moved that Corporate Session be adjourned. The motion passed.

CONFERENCE PREACHER

Bishop Devadhar introduced Rev. Stephanie Hand, preacher for the 2010 Annual Conference. Speaking from John 20:20-29, Rev. Hand focused on the fact that Thomas was not present the first time Jesus met the disciples after his resurrection. She reminded the body that there are many Thomases in our communities who are doubting and have not experienced Jesus. It is up to us to share our experiences. Rev. Hand offered this challenge: consider if local churches are missing the mark in worship services; are they waiting for God to come and transform them? She ended the sermon reminding the body that God is a God of second chances and invited persons forward who wanted to commit or recommit their lives to Christ.

DISMISSAL

Bishop Devadhar ended the session with prayer.

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FIRST DAY – THIRD SESSION
Thursday, June 3, 2010, 7:30 PM

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Devadhar opened the evening session with prayer.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Bishop Devadhar introduced a young performer, Lizzie Burns, a youth in our Conference, who performed a classical piece on the double bass.

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE

Rev. Frank Fowler, Chair of the Episcopacy Committee, recognized Connie Ace and Rev. Charles Bender for their service on the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee. He acknowledged the members of the Committee, as well as Nicola Mulligan, Susan Pfeiffenberger and Rev. Charles Bender who serve in the Bishop's Office.

Rev. Fowler presented Bishop Devadhar as a visionary and passionate spiritual leader who leads us by example with a pastoral style in his care for all pastors and churches in the Conference. He expressed appreciation for Mrs. Prema Devadhar for her loving partnership with her husband, and for her gentle and compassionate presence among us. After listing Bishop Devadhar's numerous accomplishments and titles, Rev. Fowler then "formally" introduced "Grandpa Suda"!

PRESENTATIONS

Bishop Devadhar began the evening's celebration by expressing personal thanks to: the Conference Episcopacy Committee, his staff in the Bishop's Office; and the Lay Leaders of the Annual Conference for their faithful ministry with him. He also thanked the Cabinet, Extended Cabinet, members of the Program Staff, leaders of the Conference and the Conference Staff for their faithful ministry.

Bishop Devadhar recognized Dr. Maxine Beach and Rev. David Beach. He thanked Dr. Beach for her 10 years of fruitful ministry as Dean of the Drew University Theological School and wished her well in her retirement. Bishop Devadhar presented her with an appreciation plaque.

Bishop Devadhar presented an appreciation plaque to Patria Agustin-Smith and Paul Smith, Jr., in appreciation for their generous gift of $100,000 toward an Endowment Fund to help our young people attend Taizé.

OFFERING

Amir Holland, a Conference youth, explained that this evening's offering was designated to support the Northeastern Jurisdiction Mission of Peace. This year's goal is to send two youth to China.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Bishop Devadhar introduced Keila Perez-Vega, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown; she performed a liturgical dance. Miss Perez-Vega attends a Performing Arts High School and aspires to be a choreographer.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bishop Devadhar gave his sixth Annual Episcopal Address. He highlighted the following Annual Conference accomplishments:

- Increase in professions of faith in 2009 up 7% from 2008
- Worship attendance to membership ratio is at a healthy 53%
- Launched the Certified Lay Minister Program
- Increase in UMW and UMM membership
- Gave 100% apportionment for the third year in a row

Bishop introduced the theme for this year's Annual Conference sessions: "Disciples Transforming the World: Through Our presence." He spoke about John Wesley's Seven Ministries of Presence in relation to the poor, slavery, prisons, those battling liquor, politics, war, and education. He raised several questions: What can we do through our Sacramental Presence to: develop principled Christian leaders for the Church and the World;

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create new places for new people and renew existing congregations; engage in ministry to stamp out the killer abuses of poverty, alcohol and prescription drug abuse.

Bishop Devadhar emphasized the need to develop missional and transforming leaders; he thanked the pastors and churches for faithfully making disciples for the transformation of the world. He exclaimed, "Let us become powerful Wesleyan witnesses for the 21st century generation." He asked, "Is God calling us to be risk takers, caretakers or undertakers?"

He outlined the following vital focused areas of ministry: planting seeds, celebrating the harvest in worship, disciples engaged in mission, Profession of Faith, mission giving, and Spiritual Disciple Formation Groups.

Bishop Devadhar challenged the members to: read Mike Slaughter's latest book entitled "Change the World"; to constantly nurture and develop Christian leaders; to engage in ministry with the poor; and do everything we can to stamp out poverty. He challenged the members to help stamp out malaria and to raise $100,000 at the 2011 Annual Conference for North Katanga Area.

Bishop concluded his Episcopal Address with a Franciscan Benediction.

CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Devadhar led the Celebration of Appointments. He affirmed that "presence" means placing our bodies where our words are, reclaiming New Jersey cities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Devadhar introduced Bishop May's new ministry effort in our Conference as the pastoral consultant for the historical United Methodist Church in Trenton, Turning Point United Methodist Church. He also thanked him for the transformational leadership he is already providing at the Newark Urban Project. Additionally, Bishop Devadhar thanked Bishop F. Herbert Skeete and the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry for lending Bishop May's service to our conference as a part of his current role as Executive Director of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry.

Bishop Devadhar recognized Rev. Bob Scott and his wife, Linda as Bob retires from ministry as the Raritan Valley District Superintendent, and introduced Rev. Barbara Rambach as the new District Superintendent for Raritan Valley. Bishop announced his appointment of Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn as Dean of the Cabinet and the appointments of all the District Superintendents. The District Superintendents read the list of their district's new appointments. Each new pastor and local church received a certificate of new appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Harriott gave the necessary announcements.

DISMISSAL

Ressie Fuller, Esq. offered the closing prayer.

TAIZE SERVICE

Rev. Jeff Markay led a Taize service at 10:00 PM in Room GS2.

SECOND DAY- FIRST SESSION
Friday, June 4, 2010, 8:30, AM

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. John C. Holbert, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, provided a powerful and stimulating breakfast Bible study.

GATHERING

Mark Miller led the gathering worshippers by singing "Praise Ye The Lord." The members saw a video "Imagine No Malaria" Project. This project coincides with "Nothing but Nets" campaign, expanding to include education.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

Rev. Stephanie Hand preached from 2 Kings 5:9-14, focusing on the fact that Naaman was both a captain of an army and also a leper. Rev. Hand reminded the members that we are all broken jars of clay; anyone is eligible to be in God's Army. If God gives us work to do, we should 'just do it'; we are to hold each other accountable and she emphasized that we are our brother's keeper. We are all called to be ministers, so laity should not wait for their pastors to do everything. She ended by singing "I Need You, You Need Me."

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Steve Bechtold, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, highlighted key points of the Board's Report. He suggested each church update its Child Protection every five years. He explained one of the focuses of the Board is the promotion and administration of the Ministerial Education Fund. He also challenged clergy to listen with 'attentive ears' to children and youth, encouraging them to consider listening for a call to ministry from God, and reminded clergy that calls can come early in life. He presented the Board's Report for acceptance. The Report was accepted.

RECOGNITION

Rev. Steve Bechtold called on Rev. Dr. Stafford J. Miller, of St. Phillip's Ministry, Paterson, NJ. Steve explained that Rev. Miller completed the required courses for special certification in Spiritual Formation, is approved by both the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and successfully met the standards set by the United Methodist Church for Certification in Spiritual Formation. Bishop Devadhar prayed for Rev. Miller and his ministry.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR THE ORDER OF DEACONS

Rev. Steve Bechtold, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, presented the following candidate for the Order of Deacons: Bonnie Strain

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ORDER OF ELDERS

Rev. Steve Bechtold presented the candidates for the Order of Elders in Full Connection:

Thomas F. Austin	Matthew D. Na
Scott Bostwick	Juel Nelson
Jessica Campbell	Michelle Ryoo
Hosuk Chung	Janice Sutton
Eric Michael Helms	Alice Walsh
Donnie Mitchell	

HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

Bishop Devadhar asked the Historical Questions from *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church for Ordination to the candidates in attendance.

SPECIAL THANKS

Bishop recognized the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry and Rev. Steve Bechtold's wife, Rev. Ellen Bechtold. He thanked her for her support to her husband and the Conference. Bishop thanked the members of the Board for their work and prayed for them.

HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

Bishop Devadhar asked the Historical Questions from *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church for Ordination to the remaining candidates who were in attendance at that time.

REPORT OF THE STUDY ON EFFECTIVELY FULFILLING OUR MISSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Rev. Doug Ruffle, Conference Coordinator for Congregational Development, informed the body of the findings of the Report of the Study on Effectively Fulfilling Our Missional Responsibilities. He stated of the more than nine million people living within the bounds of our conference, it is estimated that only a third are active participants in a community of faith. He reminded the members of John Wesley's efforts to go where the

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people were. Rev. Ruffle presented a conference-wide strategy for new church plants and revitalization; he celebrated the starting of two new congregations within our conference. He explained the 'revitalization clusters' within each district and how they would be more effective together. He presented the Report of the Task Force for acceptance. It was accepted.

PARLIAMENTARY RULING

In reference to Conference Rule 49, Bishop Devadhar read the following statement: "Yesterday, Conference Secretary Rev. Michael Harriott, was handed a written memo requesting a matter of privilege in accordance with Conference Rule 49. As required, the Conference Secretary, Conference Lay Leader and the Chair of the Conference Sessions met last night and have recommended to me not to grant the request.

I have reviewed the matter in accordance with our Conference Rules, Robert's Rules of Order, and the recommendation I received. I have determined that the privilege being requested is procedurally out of order."

STUDY STRUCTURE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

David Evans, Chairperson of the Structure Study Task Force, moved for the acceptance of the Study Structure Task Force Recommendations to the PTT Resolution. After some discussion, the motion passed.

PRIMARY TASK TEAM RESOLUTIONS

Rev. John DiGiamberardino, member of the Primary Task Team, presented three Resolutions which replaced the Primary Task Team's Resolution and Report beginning on Page 80 and Page 81 of the Pre-Conference Legislation Packet. Rev. DiGiamberardino moved the "**Resolution To Add Two Additional Members To The Primary Task Team:"**

> Whereas, the PTT is responsible for translating the decisions of the Annual Conference to the day to day work of the Conference, and
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> Whereas, the PTT has the responsibility to evaluate emerging issues, concerns and opportunities as they arise and to determine the appropriate responses in light of the Conference's Vision and Mission, and
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> Whereas, the membership of the PTT calls for broad participation in acquiring the widest perspective on the ministries of the church,
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> BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Annual Conference adds two additional At-Large Members to the Primary Task Team not currently listed as a representative in any other category. These additional At-Large members to the PTT shall be named by the Bishop.

After much discussion the Resolution was adopted.

Rev. DiGiamberardino moved the **"Resolution For Change In Program Staff:"**

> Whereas, the Structure Study Resolution adopted by the 2008 Annual Conference specifically required that "the Primary Task Team in cooperation with Conference Council on Finance and Administration, engage consultants to study the structure of the conference as set forth in the Vision Document," and
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> Whereas, consultants retained to comply with this directive have completed a thorough review of the current staff structure and reported findings to the PTT and the Annual Conference that recommend changes in the current staff structure,
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> BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference adopt a recommendation to re-align the Conference Program Staff by moving to a single Director of Connectional Ministry (DCM), responsible for the management of program staff, effective July 1, 2010, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference eliminates the positions of Ministries Team Coordinator, Leadership Development Coordinator, and Communications Coordinator, effective July 1, 2010.

The Resolution was discussed and adopted.

Rev. DiGiamberardino moved the **"Resolution To Eliminate The Vision Team**"

Whereas, the initial purpose of the Vision Team from the time of the 2000 merger was to serve as a structural place of accountability for the vision and purpose of the new conference , and

Whereas, the current composition of the Vision Team, including the Bishop, Dean of The Cabinet and conference staff ex officio, is a highly representative group of persons with potentially conflicting interests which makes their work of evaluation difficult, and

Whereas, the functions of the Vision Team have become redundant with the emerging strong strategic PTT,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Vision Team be eliminated from the structure of the Greater New Jersey Conference effective upon approval of this resolution and that the persons who have served on this Team be given full thanks and appreciation.

The resolution was adopted.

MOTIONS

June McCullough made a motion to suspend the Rules. The motion passed.

McCullough then moved to open the Rules again for the sole purpose of adding Rule 25 and to adjust the wording in Rules 68 and 71 under Section III, entitled Business Procedures, under Rule VIII, Concerning Financial Obligations. The motion passed.

June McCullough moved for the acceptance of Rule 25 which would allow for a mail-in vote, if ever needed, in between Annual Conference sessions. The motion passed.

McCullough then moved for the change of wording in Rule 68 and Rule 71 from 'disciplinary obligations' to 'clergy support'. The motion passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Ressie Fuller, Esq. presented to Bishop Devadhar, on behalf of the District Superintendents, the 100% Shared Ministry plaque. The plaque was awarded to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference from the General Conference for paying 100% of its General Church apportionment in 2009.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

John Bishop, Chairperson of Conference Council on Finance and Administration, reminded the members that an I-9 Form is required for all employees receiving a W-2 Form. This requirement includes laity and clergy. He informed conference members that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Audit Report was received and is available, if needed. He thanked all the financial officers of the Conference for maintaining our books well.

MOTION

John Bishop moved the acceptance of the **Study Relationships with Subordinate Affiliated Organizations Report**. The motion passed.

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BUDGET

Edward Barber presented The Budget for 2011 and moved its acceptance.

AMENDMENT

Tom O'Hearn made a motion that the Conference tithes ten percent of its surplus to the Nothing But Nets Campaign in the amount of $170,000.00. The motion failed.

BUDGET

After some debate, the motion to accept The 2011 Budget passed.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Bishop Devadhar thanked the Conference Council on Finance and Administration members for their work and dedication. He also reminded the members of his challenge several years back to increase the pastors' salaries to be more in line with the salaries within the Jurisdiction. He thanked the body for continuing to work at this.

NEW SHARED GIVING FORMULA

Rev. Robb Shoaf, member of Conference Council on Finance and Administration, moved the acceptance of the new formula for the Conference Shared Ministry Plan. He explained that the formula would no longer include membership. The motion passed. The formula is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Local Church Expenses}}{\text{GNJAC Total Local Church Expenses}} \times \text{Total 2011 Shared Ministries Plan} = \text{Local Church Shared Ministry}$$

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Harriott made the necessary announcements.

DISMISSAL

Donnalie Nelson prayed a blessing for lunch.

SECOND DAY – SECOND SESSION
Friday, June 4, 2010, 1:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP GAIN OR LOSS RESOLUTION

Raymond Herr presented the Membership Gain or Loss Resolution for approval. The motion failed.

MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF AN ALTERNATIVE BALANCED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Bishop Devadhar deemed the Mandatory Submission of an Alternative Balanced Budget Resolution to be out of order.

LOCATE A CONFERENCE CENTER IN MULTICULTURAL NJ RESOLUTION.

Rev. Thomas Trainor presented the Locate a Conference Center in Multicultural NJ Resolution. After some debate, the motion failed.

EQUIPPING LAY MINISTRY RESOLUTION.

Thomas O'Hearn presented the Equipping the Lay Ministry Resolution for acceptance. The motion passed.

RETHINKING OUTREACH/MISSIONAL STRUCTURES RESOLUTION.

Creed Pogue presented the Rethinking Outreach/Missional Structures Resolution for approval. The motion passed.

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EXERCISING OUR AUTHORITY UNDER PARAGRAPH 704 OF *THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE* RESOLUTION.

Creed Pogue presented the Exercising Our Authority under Paragraph 704 of *The Book of Discipline* resolution for acceptance. A motion was made to allow John Cardillo, a non-member of Conference, to speak from the floor. The motion passed. John explained that the motion requires more in-depth information than is currently offered by General Boards on their year end fiscal reports; yet the information sought is allowed by *The Book of Discipline*. After some discussion, the Resolution was passed.

AMEND THE HEALTH INSURANCE GUIDELINES RESOLUTION.

Donald Matthews presented the 'Amend the Health Insurance Guidelines for Retirement Benefits for Extension Clergy Serving Approved Conference Advance Specials' Resolution for approval. After explaining this Resolution replaces the Resolution entitled 'Equalized Clergy Benefits Resolution, he amended the Resolution to add "within the boundary of the GNJAC" on both line 44 on Page 5 and Line 4 on Page 6. The motion passed.

THE ADVANCE

David Malloy from the Advance Office of the General Board of Global Ministries, brought greetings from Thomas Kemper, the new General Secretary of the Board, and Shawn Bauker, the Director at The Advance, the official giving arm of the United Methodist Church. Malloy reported that United Methodists have continued their long-standing commitment to designated or "second mile" giving by donating over $34 million dollars for mission and ministry in 2009. He thanked the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference for contributing $633,479 in 2009. He noted that, overall, Advance giving was down due to the economy, and asked for churches to participate in the Covenant Relationship Programs to support United Methodist missionaries. He explained that Covenant Relationships are not just financial commitments, they also involve prayer and personal contacts, making disciples of Jesus Christ, building up the church, and responding to human needs. He spoke about the Ten Fold Project that will begin on October 10, 2010 and encouraged each church to find their passion in mission and support this project.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SERVICE

Worship began with the song "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore." Rev. Tanya Bennett gave the Greeting and led the Opening Prayer, followed by a song from Kenya, "Kanisa Litagenjua." The Celebration of Ministries Service recognized the ministry of Deaconesses, those in Extension Ministries, and the Golden Circle Class of 2010, before honoring the retirees, whose service to the church equaled 523 years.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Rev. Shawn Callender Hogan read the names of the retirees:

Retiring Clergy 2010:

Franck Aguilh
Harry L. Anderson
Henry C. Anderson
Marie Annette Burger
Willard N. Cotton
Eugene Errickson
Jack Thomas Howard
Margaret Kaleh
Duk Kyun Lee
Mona Maglone
Lucy Martinez
Joyce Radcliffe Mayer
Koo Yong Na
John Donald Painter
Robert Ralph
James W. Sainsbury
Marilyn Kay Sainsbury
Robert W. Scott
Hazel Thomas Shue
Thomas John Venables
Carole Ann Wagg
Clarence Melvin Wilson

GOLDEN CIRCLE RECOGNITIONS

Rev. George Reid read the names of those in ministry for 50 years:

Golden Circle:

Lloyd R. Applegate
Eldrich C. Campbell
Douglas S. Miller
Emerson R. Rubio

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John R. Carty
Eugene W. Foote
Stanley B. Scott, Jr.
Edward J. Wynne, Jr.

Bishop Devadhar presented each of those in attendance with a plaque.

SERMON

Bishop Devadhar introduced Rev. Dr. Kadi Billman, John H. Tietien Professor of Pastoral Ministry: Pastoral Theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, preacher for the service. Preaching from Matthew 14:13-21, when Jesus fed five thousand men, women and children, Rev. Billman warned the Candidates for Commissioning that there will be moments in their lives that will seem too large to handle. She challenged them to remember this Scripture when they reach these moments in ministry; when they feel as if their gifts and resources are not sufficient. She reminded the candidates, and the members, of how Jesus had been where everything seemed too large. Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd, he went in a boat attempting to seek a secluded spot to be in prayer. Rev. Billman encouraged each candidate to find their own place for prayer where they could take what seems to be too large to God.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

Rev. Steve Bechtold and Rev. Wayne Plumstead presented the Candidates for the Order of Deacons and Commissioned Clergy. Bishop Devadhar and Bishop May examined the candidates by asking them questions. Both Bishop Devadhar and Bishop May joined in the laying on of hands on each candidate.

Order of Deacons:
Bonnie Strain

Commissioned Clergy:
Jessica Brendler
Hector Burgos
Jonathan Campbell
Colleen Fitch
Amanda Hemenetz
Robyne Mayer
Loraine Priestley-Smith

PASSING OF THE MANTLE

Rev. Koo Yong Na, retiring clergy, passed the mantle from his generation to the next generation. Loraine Priestley-Smith, Commissioned Clergy, received the mantle on behalf of her colleagues. The service ended with singing, “The Voice of God is Calling.”

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Rev. Sung Ahn, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the District Superintendents' Report in which the leadership of the Conference was encouraged to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Report started with a musical tribute featuring the song, "Turn, Turn, Turn." Rev. Ahn urged the churches toward Christian perfection by reaching a goal of 100 Percent of Shared Ministries to be paid in the upcoming year. He stressed the importance of discerning and equipping leadership and taking risks in ministry, while deepening spiritual experiences. During the Report, the members viewed a video of the 2010 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He highlighted a number of ministries within the conference which are reaching out in new ways to new people. Barnegat Anew, a new church start and a multi-campus plant in Sharptown, was one shining example. Rev. Ahn ended with: "Would you join us in making God's dream come true? We cannot transform the world unless we are willing to be transformed first."

Bishop Devadhar recognized and thanked The Cabinet and Extended Cabinet. He presented plaques of appreciation to Lyssette Perez, Jack Shaw and Robert Scott, Jr., for their work since each of them would be leaving their positions on the ministry team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Harriott made the necessary announcements.

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DISMISSAL

Matthew Kanns gave the blessing for the evening meal.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION
Friday, June 4, 2010, 7:30PM

The Service of Ordination began with an organ prelude, "Gigue' Fugue in G Major" by JS Bach. The Ordinands, Clergy and Bishops processed to the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Ordination guests included: Bishop Felton May, Retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church; Bishop E. Roy Riley, Jr., Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Rev. Dr. David Graybeal, Bishop Devadhar's mentor.

Several conference youth presented the Scripture, John 21:1-19 in a skit.

Bishop Devadhar began his sermon by discussing the disease George Barna identifies as, "Ecclesia Exitus" latin for "Church Drop Out" and the fact that this disease has infected many people who once attended our churches. People often leave a church for three common reasons: 1) What is preached in church is not being practiced; 2) People have been badly treated by church members and, 3) Individuals did not have the 'God experience' they had hoped to have. Bishop Devadhar noted when Jesus asked the disciples "Have you caught any fish?," the disciples, though long-time fishermen, were unsuccessful. They were not successful until they followed Jesus' directive to "cast their nets on the other side of the boat." Intrinsic to Jesus' question is "Where's the beef?" Where is the substance of your faith?' People desire to experience ministries that are substantive. Bishop reminded the ordinands and the members that it is our love for people, not our educational degrees or titles that minister to people. He challenged the ordinands to connect with people who are suffering from 'ecclesia exitus;' make a personal connection to demonstrate the substance of our witness. Bishop ended with a challenge to the ordinands and all churches to ask ourselves three questions: Is there coherency between what we preach and what we practice? Are we healing the wounds of past mistakes? Lastly, are we providing a space for people to encounter and experience God?

ORDAINED DEACON:

Brenda Wheeler Ehlers

ORDAINED ELDERS:

Thomas F. Austin
Scott Howard Bostwick
Jessica M. Campbell
Hosuk Chung
Eric Helms
Donnie W. Mitchell
Matthew Na
Juel Frances Nelson
Michelle Ryoo
Janice Louise Sutton
Alice F. Walsh

Bishop Devadhar offered an invitation to Christian ministry at the end of the Ordination Service. Many responded and received prayers of blessing by the newly ordained. Bishop Devadhar concluded the service with a final prayer and blessing. Conference members recessed to the song, "This Little Light of Mine."

THIRD DAY – MORNING SESSION
Saturday, June 5, 2010, 9:00 am

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. John C. Holbert provided the second breakfast Bible study.

WORSHIP

Following an inspiring worship service led by Conference Preacher and Teacher, Rev. Stephanie Hand, Bishop Devadhar opened the session with prayer.

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CELEBRATION OF THE UPPER ROOM'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Kwasi Kena presented a video celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Upper Room. He affirmed that countless lives have been inspired and have been brought closer to God through this daily devotional guide and encouraged churches to use it.

LAY LEADER REPORT

Lay Leader, Ressie Fuller, Esq., began by expressing her love for the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and its leaders—laity and clergy, alike. She thanked Bishop Devadhar for the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Conference Lay Leader and thanked Rev. Richard Nichols and Rev. Varlyna Wright for their leadership of the laity. Ressie encouraged the members to be not only hearers, but doers of the Word, particularly on behalf of those who suffer. She celebrated the numerous accomplishments over the past year including the new Certified Lay Ministry Program that will graduate 29 members this month and the new ministry, Bible Café which is being started by laity throughout the Conference. Ressie acknowledged how lay people are working with their pastors to reach out to the homeless, the poor, the hungry, those in prison, those who suffer and the unchurched. Throughout the Conference great things are happening through the efforts of our laity bringing the presence of God to a lost and hurting world.

Ressie shared a special report by Melodie Jillson, Co-President of the Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministries Team. She cited the many things the youth have accomplished over the past year: holding three meetings on requirements and by-laws; holding the first ever, Girls Only Weekend and the new Youth Lay Speakers Class.

Ressie announced that her role as Conference Lay Leader will end June 30th 2010. She challenged the members to not be afraid, but to go forth growing in Christ and in ministry for God; she reminded the conference that people are watching us and depending on us to be examples of the love of God. Bishop Devadhar presented Ressie with a plaque of appreciation for her service.

CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS REPORT

Rev. Jessica Campbell presented the Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns Report. She explained that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, in Connection with the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, work toward unity with other Christians and mutual understandings with others in the interfaith arena. United Methodists are in an on-going dialogue with the US Catholics and Episcopalians, sitting regularly at tables with people of other faiths: people of Jewish tradition, Islamic tradition, and others. In the ecumenical discussion, understanding of the Eucharist has been the focus of their dialogues since early 2000. The goal of these dialogues can be found in Paragraph 2401.2b4 in *The Book of Discipline* and in the prayer of Jesus; that we as Christians can come to a common covenant and, ultimately, unity in our understanding of Christ and the practice of Christianity.

On the road to unity is an Interim Eucharist agreement, an agreement the United Methodist Church entered into with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2004. The United Methodist Church entered into a similar agreement with the Episcopal Church in 2006 as well. Campbell explained that this time period functions as a kind of "engagement," meaning each agrees to recognize each other's baptism, share the Eucharist, accept ordained ministers for service, be committed to evangelism, witness, service and share in decision-making on major issues. To recognize this progress, there will be a celebration on October 9, 2010.

CAMPING MINISTRIES REPORT

Rev. Lou Strugala presented the Report of the Greater New Jersey United Methodist Camping Ministries, Inc. He emphasized that camping is an "outdoor ministry" and that powerful ministry is happening at the camps. He presented a new program which asks people to voluntarily enter into a covenant to pray for the ministry of the camps and/or adopt a camp leader or camper. He encouraged people to sign-up at the Camp Ministries table.

COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION REPORT

Rev. Jennifer Cho presented the Commission on Equitable Compensation Report for approval.

MOTIONS

The following motions were made by the Committee:

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A motion was made stating the minimum salary for an Elder in Full Connection in 2011 be at the rate of $35,544. The motion passed.

A motion was made that the minimum salary for Provisional and Associate Members be at the rate of $33,766. The motion passed.

A motion was made that the minimum salary for Full Time Local Pastor be at the rate of $31,990. The motion passed.

A motion was made that there will be a $300 minimum increment in the base salary for each year of full-time service up to 15 years as established by the 2007 Annual Conference. The motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the entire Report as given. The motion passed. Bishop Devadhar recognized the Committee members and thanked them for their work.

MOTION

A motion was made by the Rules Committee to limit speeches to one minute and presentations to three minutes. The motion passed.

AFRICAN AMERICAN METHODIST HERITAGE CENTER OF DREW UNIVERSITY

In view of time constraints, the Committee showed a video in place of presenting the written Report. The Committee thanked the Conference members for their support.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Dave Wiley presented the Nominations Committee Report, with the necessary deletions, for approval. The Report was approved. Bishop Devadhar recognized the committee members and thanked them for their work.

CLOSURE OF CHURCHES

Rev. Vivian Rodeffer, District Superintendent of the Gateway South District, presented the Resolution to close the Solomon Wesley United Methodist Church: Blackwood. The Resolution passed. A prayer was offered in praise of the work accomplished by the congregation over the years.

Rev. Renee McCleary, presented the Resolution to close the Kinnelon United Methodist Church. The Resolution passed. A prayer was offered in praise of the ministry accomplished by the congregation over the years.

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION REPORT

The United Methodist Foundation Report was presented for approval. The Foundation encouraged churches to invest through them since their return has been better than most in these tough economic times. The Report was accepted. Bishop Devadhar recognized the Committee members and thanked them for their work

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rev. Michael Harriott moved the adoption of all the items on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Harriott made all the necessary announcements.

THIRD DAY - SECOND SESSION
Saturday, June 5, 2010, 1:15 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ressie Fuller, Esq. offered prayer for Rosanna Massey and family upon the death of her daughter. Heather died in her sleep last night. Other prayer requests were shared.

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PLENARY SESSION

As the session began, Bishop Devadhar reminded the members of the changes in the Rules for time limitations.

MOMENTS OF PRIVILEGE

Rev. Vivian Rodeffer highlighted the ministry in Camden by one of her pastors, Rev. Marilus Rodriguez. The Courier Post carried an article about this ministry entitled, "Bringing Light to Darkness." In the article, Rev. Rodriguez is quoted, "Look! 2 a.m. belongs to God as much as 2 p.m. Having my degree on the wall and sitting in my office is not what God called me to do." Rev. Rodeffer used these words to challenge everyone to get out of their comfort zones, and do as God asks. She emphasized that Rev. Rodriquez's commitment should be the commitment of everyone - to go anywhere and to bring Christ with us.

Rev. Karl Kraft called upon the TV Ministry Team to come forward as he spoke briefly about their history and growth. Rev. Kraft explained that this team is supported by Jack Shaw, Conference Communications Coordinator. Bishop Devadhar informed us that 2400 people witnessed the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Ordination Service via a live feed streaming to the Conference website. Rev. Kraft thanked them for their ministry.

RESOLUTION FROM MARCHA (H)

Raúl Alegría, President of MARCHA, presented the Recommendation from MARCHA Resolution. He made a motion to accept the Resolution.

A motion was made to table this Resolution. The motion to table failed.

There were two speeches for and two speeches against the original Resolution. The Resolution passed.

STUDY ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS SCHEDULE AND LOCATION RESOLUTION

Creed Pogue moved his Resolution to Study Annual Conference Sessions Schedule and Location for approval.

Bishop Devadhar called Rev. Reggie Albert, Sessions Committee Chairperson, to explain the work the Committee has done relative to this Resolution. Reggie reported that last year the Sessions Committee had been challenged to find a place for the 2011 Annual Conference. If a location was found, it was to be presented to the Primary Task Team. The Sessions Committee could not find another location to accommodate the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. The Committee recommended the Annual Conference continue to meet at the Valley Forge Convention Center with a three-night/four-day stay to accommodate voting next year. Rev .Albert informed the members that the Valley Forge continues to pursue acquiring gambling on its premises, but to date has not been given state approval. It is not known if or when they will receive approval. Different voting technologies are being pursued. Rev. Albert reported that a day had not been cut from the schedule, but the Committee would continue to investigate on future action. She discussed the Conference's requirements; identified where the Sessions Committee has looked as well as other ensuing issues. The locations and costs investigated for 2011 and beyond were: Atlantic City - $430,370; Somerset - $397,500; and the Valley Forge Convention Center - $312,475. Rev. Albert stated that the prices for the same sites for 2012 and 2013 were basically the same.

AMENDMENT

A friendly amendment was made and accepted to approve the Study by the Sessions Committee and to authorize the Sessions Team to exercise a contract for 2012 & 2013.

After additional discussion, the Resolution to Study Annual Conference Sessions, Schedule and Location was brought to a vote. The Resolution was approved.

UMCOR VIDEO

A video by UMCOR entitled, "Impact Begins Right Now" was presented.

OFFERING REPORT

Michael Harriott reported the totals of the offerings collected during 2010 Conference:

Sustentation Fund:	$5,492.00
Missional Peace Offering:	5,072.77

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UMCOR:	5,814.24
Central Conference Pension Initiative:	5,904.39
Total:	**$22,283.40**

EXECUTIVE PRIMARY TASK TEAM

The following people were nominated to the Executive Primary Task Team: John W. Bishop; Emmanuel S. De La Paz; Rosa Williams; Albert Ramirez; Maylis De La Fe-Rodriguez; Rev. John DiGiamberardino; Heike Graef; Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar and Rev. Jisun Kwak. Dave Evans will serve as a consultant without vote and Nicola Mulligan will serve as Recording Secretary without vote. The nominations were approved.

SESSIONS TEAM REPORT

Rev. Reggie Albert invited the Sessions Team to the dais and pointed out a few highlights that occurred during Conference due to the efforts of the Sessions Team and other participants. She thanked the Video Crew, the facilities person, musicians, Cokesbury, AV Crew, and the EMTs for all their work during Conference. Bishop Devadhar also echoed his thanks to all of them and to Rev. Albert for her outstanding leadership.

She presented the following dates for Conference for approval: 2011, June 1 -4; 2012, May 31-June 2 and 2013, May 30-June 1. The dates were approved.

THANKS

Bishop Devadhar thanked the Parliamentarian, Lynn Caterson, Esq. and Conference Secretary, Rev. Michael Harriott for assisting him throughout the Conference.

SENDING FORTH

Ressie Fuller, Esq. made a motion to adjourn the Conference. The motion passed. The Annual Conference adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Having concluded the business of the 11th Session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Bishop Devadhar led the conference in a Service of Sending Forth and gave the Benediction.

JOURNAL CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a correct and complete report of the proceedings of the eleventh session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church held at Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, June 3 - 5, 2010.

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Sudarshana Devadhar
Resident Bishop, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dr. Michael M. Harriott
Secretary, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT on Friday, the 4th of June 2010, at Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the orders of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and in accordance with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline* therefore, I ordained as:

ELDERS

Thomas A. Austin
Scott Howard Bostwick
Jessica M. Campbell
Husuk Chung
Eric Helms
Donald W. Mitchell
Matthew Na
Juel Frances Nelson
Michelle Ryoo
Janice Louise Sutton
Alice F. Walsh

DEACON

Brenda Wheeler Ehlers

Also at the same place and on the same day and by the same authority I commissioned the following persons as:

PROVISIONAL ELDERS

Jessica Brendler
Hector Burgos
Johnathan Campbell
Colleen Fitch
Amanda Hemenetz
Robyne Mayer
Loraine Priestley-Smith

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