IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS
12th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Actions of the 2011 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
Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 10:00 AM

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion commenced with the Processional Hymn "All My Days/Hallelujah." Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett led the Call to Worship. Rev. Isabella Quezada read Matthew 28:16-20. Bishop Devadhar introduced the guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Marion Jackson. Rev. Jackson's message entitled "Listen" was based on the Matthew reading and supplemented by Luke and 1 Samuel; each Scripture addressed the importance of listening as God calls each of us. At the conclusion of the message the Hymn of Response sung was "Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name."

Family and friends of the deceased were encouraged to go to one of the pillars in the room to place decorations on them in memory of their loved ones while Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, Conference Secretary, read the **Glory Roll**. Rev. Harriott led the Prayer of Remembrance followed by the Glory Roll of Laity, Clergy Spouses and Clergy who died since last Annual Conference.

Laity:

Mrs. Bernice Gesner
Mr. Charles (Chuck) Jones
Mr. John Lawson
Mrs. Susan M. McArthur

Clergy Spouses:

Mrs. Doris Mae Amelung
Mrs. Kay D. Anderson
Mrs. Joan W. Bennett
Mrs. Dolores Bowen
Mr. William L. Everett
Mrs. Alice Jane Helms
Mrs. Darbi J. Hess
Mrs. Elaine M. Hunt
Mrs. Nancy Kemp
Mrs. Vivian E. (Penny) Moore
Mrs. Mary W. Poyner
Mrs. Betty Voelker
Mrs. Dorothy W. Watt
Mrs. Idell V. Wilson

Clergy:

Rev. Henry C. Anderson, Jr.
Rev. Mary Lou Ballentine
Rev. William H. Black
Rev. John R. Bowering
Rev. Norman G. Britton
Rev. Emanuel E. Burkman
Rev. Raymond E. Carter
Rev. Margaret Cousins
Rev. J. Roger Geyer
Rev. John D. Godsey
Rev. Robert B. Goodwin
Rev. Mona Maglone
Rev. Harvey Malick
Rev. Willie Mae Nanton
Rev. Margaret (Peggy) Parker
Rev. Charles F. Post, Jr.
Rev. Emerson R. Rubio
Rev. Norman W. Schanck
Rev. G. Willard Southwick
Rev. Harold F. Turk
Rev. George Watt, Jr.

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Bishop Devadhar and Rev. Dr. Marion Jackson led Holy Communion. Rev. Robert Smith spoke about the offering for the District Superintendents' Sustentation Fund. The service concluded with the Closing Hymn "We'll Understand It Better By and By." Bishop Devadhar gave the Benediction.

CALL TO ORDER

Bishop Devadhar called to order the Twelfth 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 GNJAC to the Valley Forge Convention Center. He emphasized the special importance of this year's Conference because of the election of delegates to attend General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He called upon attendees to be prayerful throughout the Conference proceedings. He informed the body that he has selected Lynn Caterson, Esq. as Parliamentarian.

Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader, greeted the body and encouraged each Lay Member to take what they learn during the conference sessions back to their respective communities. She challenged everyone to consider "How can we be more fruitful for God?" as well as "How can we move out of the pews and into the world?"

SETTING THE BAR

Conference Secretary, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, moved that the bar of the Conference include all seats on the floor of the conference room, the pages table, the video room, the Conference Secretary's office and the registration area. Seats excluded from the bar were: the visitor's section, the standing area around the conference room and the guest seating area. The motion passed.

RULES OF ORDER

June McCullough presented the Rules of Order, found on pages 11-24 in the Pre-Conference Workbook and the Addendums to Proposed Rules of Order found on pages 12-14 in the Conference Resource Packet. She explained the need for each change and Addendum.

Creed Pogue made a motion to retain current language in Rule 58. The motion failed.

Creed made a motion that Rule 63A include additional language, "that format may be modified by each perspective session." June informed the body that under Robert's Rules of Order, the body may modify the rules at any time. Creed withdrew the motion.

June McCullough moved the **adoption of the Rules of Order** with all necessary changes and addendums. The motion passed.

GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE ELECTIONS

Conference Secretary, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, explained the balloting process for the General and Jurisdictional Conference Elections. A total of five (5) Clergy Members and five (5) Lay Members will be elected to attend the General Conferences; and a total of five (5) Clergy Members and five (5) Lay Members will be elected to attend the Jurisdictional Conference. Three (3) Clergy Members and three (3) Lay Members will also be elected as reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

An example of how to fill out a ballot was shown on Power Point slides. The Scantron 888P+ Electronic Scanner and tallying machine was used to count and tally the votes.

Rev. Harriott stressed that it was important to vote for the correct number of candidates. He explained that if more or less than the required numbers of candidates to be voted for are on the ballot, the ballot will be invalid. He also noted that if a mistake is made on a ballot, it may be turned in to receive a new ballot. He stressed the importance of using a number two pencil for balloting.

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MOTION

June McCullough made a motion to take a vote immediately at the end of Corporate Session. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Devadhar instructed the body to go directly to the Laity or Clergy Sessions after lunch.

Rev. Don DeGroat and Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott gave the necessary announcements.

BLESSING

Bishop Devadhar gave the blessing for the noon meal.

CLERGY SESSION
Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 1:30 PM

Bishop Devadhar called the Clergy Session to order and asked District Superintendent, Rev. Reneé McCleary, to open with prayer. Bishop asked to be granted permission to allow two lay persons: Nicola Mulligan, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, and Chris Moore (sound system), to attend the Clergy Session. Permission was granted. Bishop Devadhar indicated to the body that he had selected Rev. Galen L. Goodwin as Parliamentarian for the Clergy Session. The Clergy session was in agreement with this.

Bishop Devadhar presented each section of the **Business of the Annual Conference Report** (including an Addendum) pertaining to Ordained Ministers and Local Pastors. Approvals and corrections were given where needed. The report was adopted.

An Executive Session was called to clarify a matter regarding ordination. All those who were not eligible to be in the Executive Session were excused. The matter was clarified, those excused earlier rejoined the session and the Clergy Session resumed.

Candidates for Commissioning were introduced. The clergy were invited to ask the candidates questions. After the questioning the candidates left the room. Bishop Devadhar asked for a vote to approve the candidates. All candidates were approved unanimously. The Candidates for Ordination were presented and again, 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.

Rev. Dr. Vicki Miller Brendler presented The **Clergy Effectiveness Document**. The document was approved as presented.

Two additional clergy were nominated for the 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences: Rev. Steve Bechtold and Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak. They accepted the nomination and were assigned numbers 33 and 34 respectively. Rev. Hugo Rey prayed before the nominees made their two-minute nomination speeches to the body.

Bishop Devadhar thanked the clergy for their faithful work in ministry for Jesus Christ. He thanked the Board of Ordained Ministry for all their hard work. The meeting was adjourned.

LAITY SESSION
Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 1:30 PM

Rosa Williams called the Laity Session to order and opened with prayer. Rosa reviewed the agenda.

Rosa presented the **State of the Church Report** and announced that a copy is available online. She provided an overview of the General Guidelines for Local Church Laity Leadership and shared that booklets would be handed out later during the Conference.

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Jay Brown presented an overview of the **Certified Lay Minister** (CLM) Program. He explained that the program was approved at the 2004 General Conference. Jay asked that anyone interested in the CLM Program contact him at 856-728-3191 or via email at 'usn65@aol.com', or to speak with Betty LaSalla at the Conference Office.

June McCullough reviewed the **Rules of Order** related to nominations and nomination speeches, including the revisions accepted during the morning session.

Four additional lay persons were nominated from the floor: Betty Coram, Wha Sei Kim, Constance Ace and Judy Colorado. Their nominations were accepted and approved.

Gail Eisenlohr made a motion to close nominations. The motion passed.

Each nominee was introduced and given two minutes to make their nomination speeches.

Rosa Williams thanked the nominees and the laity for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

FIRST DAY – SECOND SESSION
Wednesday, June 01, 2011, 4:00 PM

GATHERING

Mark Miller led the gathering worshippers by singing "Praise Ye, the Lord."

PLENARY SESSION

Bishop Devadhar opened the session with prayer.

CORPORATE SESSION

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

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Mark Earl moved the acceptance of the Trustees Enabling Resolutions.

A motion was made by Rev. B.J. Kim to change the wording on page 94, line 32, to read "in its discretion with the exception of involvement of the ethnic community." The motion failed.

The Enabling Resolutions were passed.

Rev. Earl then brought a resolution that would create an Ad-hoc Committee to help the Trustees investigate options for providing adequate, fiscally sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally responsible facilities for the Conference Office, Resident Bishop and the Northern Shore District Office. The Committee is to present a report to the Trustees by December 31, 2011. The Bishop will name the members of the committee.

Elwood Davis offered a friendly amendment to add 'mass transit' to page 96, line 35 Create Conference Office Facilities Ad-hoc Committee. The amendment was accepted.

The resolution passed.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Dr. Dave Wiley made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion passed. He presented the Nominations Committee Report, with corrections, for approval. The report was approved.

PENNINGTON SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Bob Williams presented the Pennington School Board of Trustees Report, with the corrections, for approval. The report was approved.

CENTENARY FUND AND PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY

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Rev. Neil Tolboom presented the Centenary Fund and Preachers' Aid Society Report for approval. The report was approved.

UNITED METHODIST HOMES TRUSTEES

Rev. James Batten moved the approval of the United Methodist Homes Report. The report was approved. He introduced Rev. Dr. Virginia Samuel-Cetuk, President of the Board of Directors. She informed the body that the Board was currently searching for a new President. Bishop Devadhar recognized Rev. James Batten for his 20 years of service and hard work and presented him with a plaque of appreciation declaring June 12, 2011 Rev. James Batten day which was received by the body.

CAMPING MINISTRIES

Jessica Stenstrom led the song "Rise and Shine" as youth and young adults marched into the Conference Room. Ms. Stenstrom then introduced the Site Directors for the camp ministries, Bethany L. Amey and Drew Sperry. Ms. Stenstrom encouraged conference attendees to send youth and young adults to camp this year. Bishop spoke in support of the camping ministry and called on each local church to participate in this ministry. Jessica closed with a prayer. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lynn Caterson, Esq. made a motion to elect as officers of the Corporation: President, Bishop Devadhar; Lay Leader, Rosa Williams; Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services, John Cardillo and Secretary, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott. She asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. She moved for election of the officers. They were elected.

Lynn Caterson Esq. made a motion to move the closing of three churches to Thursday's Corporate Session. The motion passed.

Lynn entertained a motion to end Corporate Session. The motion passed.

FIRST LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 1 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar explained that members must show their name badge to the tellers in order to receive a ballot. He reiterated that members needed to be within the bar of the Conference to be able to cast a vote. Bishop Devadhar offered a prayer and instructed the lay members to vote for five (5) persons. The pages collected the ballots.

FIRST CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 1 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy that only those with red or green name badges were permitted to vote. He offered a prayer and instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) persons. The pages collected the ballots.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott gave the necessary announcements.

GRACE FOR THE EVENING MEAL

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell gave the blessing for dinner.

FIRST DAY – THIRD SESSION
Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 7:30 PM

GATHERING

Mark Miller and the conference musicians opened the session with the ministry of music.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY AWARD

Rev. Jessica Campbell explained the purpose and significance of the Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns Award. She introduced Wendy Whiteside who presented the Clergy Church Christian Unity Award to Rev. Beverly Jones, of the Freehold Clergy Association, for her ecumenical work within her community and Nigeria, Africa. The Morristown UMC was awarded the Local Church Christian Unity Award for their work with neighboring churches to promote Vacation Bible School in their community. The individual Christian Unity Award was presented to Chef Jerome Turner of St. Luke's Community Church in Long Branch, New Jersey for his work cooking Thanksgiving and Easter dinners for those in need and teaching cooking classes to youth. Chef Turner's award was accepted for him by Avery Grant.

HARRY DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARD

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Potts presented the Harry Denman Evangelism Award to the youth recipient, Weagba Nelson. The lay recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award was Donna Kozlowski of St. Paul's Christian School in Brick, NJ. The clergy recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award was Rev. Ricardo Ramos-Diaz from the El Redentor UMC in Linden, NJ.

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Rev. William Wilson presented the GNJ Commission on Archives and History Award to the Frankford Plains UMC for their historical sketch of the church's three hundred years of ministry and mission.

HARRY A. SEESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. Varlyna Wright presented the Harry A. Seese Memorial Scholarship Award to Rev. Dennis Blackwell.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Bishop Devadhar introduced the Conference guest preacher, Rev. Mike Slaughter. Rev. Slaughter preached on the topic "Self-Leadership." He explained that all leadership begins with self-leadership and that we cannot take people farther than where we are ourselves. Rev. Slaughter shared the five disciplines that he practices every day based on the acronym 'D.R.I.V.E.': Daily devotion to God, Readiness for life-long learning, Investing in key relationships, Visioning for the future and Eating and Exercise for life. He encouraged everyone to establish daily discipline as part of their spiritual journey.

REPORT OF FIRST LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 502, invalid 33, valid 469, necessary to elect 235. There was no election.

REPORT OF FIRST CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 351, invalid 12, valid 339, necessary to elect 170. There was no election.

SECOND CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 2 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar offered a prayer and instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) persons. The pages collected the ballots.

SECOND LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 2 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for five (5) persons. The pages collected the ballots.

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CLOSING PRAYER

Jim McDowell closed the session with prayer.

SECOND DAY – FIRST SESSION
Thursday, June 2, 2011, 8:30 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. John C. Holbert, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, led the Bible Study. He was also Conference Bible Study Leader for the 2010 Annual Conference.

GATHERING

Mark Miller and conference musicians led the gathering worshippers in singing.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Rev. Mike Slaughter challenged conferees with these questions: How am I the church? Why am I United Methodist? What if we Rethink Church? He spoke about the three great requirements expected of us as God's children: First, Micah 6:8, "to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." Second, John 13:34, "follow Christ's command to love one another as he loves us." Third, Matthew 28:20, "fulfill Christ's command to go and make disciples." Rev. Slaughter emphasized that our focus should not be on getting more people into the church, but getting our people out into the world.

Rev. Slaughter spoke of the many mission activities and experiences his church offers. He encouraged the body to consider what is needed in our communities and to plan ways our churches can help meet those needs. He stated that we are to go into the community and work on behalf of Christ

The session ended with Mark Miller and the Praise Team leading the body in singing "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

CORRECTED REPORT ON FIRST CLERGY BALLOT

Bishop Devadhar began the session with an opening prayer. He called the Election Judges, Keith Cunningham and Rev. Jeanette Block, to clarify an error in Clergy Ballot Number 1. They reported that the numbers displayed on the screen for the first clergy ballot were incorrect. Bishop Devadhar read the correct numbers given to him, but they did not match the numbers on the screen. The correct numbers for Clergy Ballot Number 1 are: ballots cast 351; invalid 13; valid 338; necessary to elect, 170. There were no elections.

REPORT OF SECOND CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 303, invalid 10, valid 293, needed to elect 147. There was no election.

THIRD CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 3 was distributed. A prayer was offered before votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) persons. The pages collected the ballots.

REPORT OF SECOND LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 449, invalid 13, valid 436, needed to elect 219. **There were four elections**: Lynn Caterson, 295 votes; John W. Bishop, 262 votes; Mark Miller, 256 votes and Jay Brown, 239 votes.

THIRD LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 3 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn, Dean of the Cabinet, spoke about what it means to have a fruit bearing ministry based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. He explained the five common identifiers for a fruitful ministry: Joyful celebration, Disciple making ministry, Passionate Worship, Risk Taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity. He listed the many ministries reflecting these attributes within our Conference.

Rev. Ahn thanked Bishop Devadhar for his support during his years on the Cabinet and acknowledged the District Superintendents who are leaving and introduced the new District Superintendents coming onto the Cabinet.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Ahn for his service as a District Superintendent and as Dean of the Cabinet and presented him with a plaque. Bishop Devadhar also thanked the Ahn family for sharing him.

Bishop Devadhar announced that Rev. Barbara Rambach is the new Dean of the Cabinet.

Bishop Devadhar recognized the out-going District Superintendents for their service: Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn, Palisades District; Rev. Reneé L. McCleary, Skylands District; Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Gateway South District and Rev. Robert Smith, Capital District. Bishop Devadhar presented each with an appreciation plaque.

Bishop Devadhar recognized the incoming District Superintendents: Rev. Steven Bechtold, Skyland District; Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak, Gateway North District; Rev. Wayne J. Plumstead, Palisades District and Rev. Varlyna Wright, Capital District.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRIES REPORT

Rev. Shawn Callender Hogan explained how life is experienced when an individual is walking on a sacred journey. The Board of Ordained Ministries walks with those who feel called to the ordained clergy life. The recruitment for young clergy begins at the local church level and it is up to each church to cultivate a culture of calling. She invited Rev. Steven Bechtold to the podium. While Rev. Bechtold was making his way to the dais, Bishop Devadhar presented the Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry for approval. It was approved.

Bishop Devadhar commended Rev. Callender Hogan and Rev. Bechtold for jobs well done.

HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

Bishop Devadhar asked the candidates for ordination the Historic Questions from *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church for Ordination.

ORDER OF ELDERS REPORT

Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim invited members of the Order of Elders' Leadership Team to come forward. Rev. Charles Wagner gave an overview of the results of a clergy survey conducted on March 8, 2011. He shared five statistics from the survey results given to the 350 active elders in the Conference: 1) 40% responded; 2) 83% of respondents requested a Conference ID badge; 3) 85% of respondents have never taken a renewal or sabbatical leave; 4) 92% of respondents say family time is very limited and 5) 80% of respondents have supportive friendships outside of church. Rev. Wagner explained that there were many more statistics in the report and encouraged Conference members to read the entire report and share the report with their SPR/PPR Committees.

Rev. Dr. Helen Rainier gave directions to Clergy on how to obtain their ID badges while attending the conference.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Dr. Kim and the Order of Elders' Leadership Team for their service.

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CF&A SHARED MINISTRY REPORT

John Bishop presented the CF&A Report which included the status of the Conference's Shared Ministry Giving for 2010. He reported that 383 churches paid 100% of their Shared Ministries.

John also reported that the 2010 Conference audit was completed with no material comments.

He also explained that the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit that may be used to help defray health insurance costs was available for participating churches for 2010. The deadline for filing for this credit was May 15, 2011. He encouraged churches to go to the Conference website for more information about making a request for 2011 funds.

LONG-TERM RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Rev. Neil Tolboom reported that, thanks to prior actions by all Conference finance leadership, currently the Conference Long Term Retiree Health Insurance Fund maintains an adequate funding level.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott made the necessary announcements.

BLESSING

Rev. Betty Horne gave the prayer for lunch.

SECOND DAY – SECOND SESSION
Thursday, June 2, 2011, 2:00 PM

GATHERING

Mark Miller opened the session with music. Rosa Williams offered an opening prayer.

REPORT OF THIRD LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 506, invalid 6, valid 500, necessary to elect, 251. There was no election.

REPORT OF THIRD CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 353, invalid 14, valid 339, necessary to elect 170. There was no election.

FOURTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 4 was distributed. Rev. George Morris offered prayer before votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) people. The pages collected the ballots.

FOURTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 4 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Bishop Devadhar introduced Moses Kumar, General Secretary of GCFA. Mr. Kumar presented a video on a Young People's Conference that occurred in Berlin, Germany. He thanked Bishop Devadhar and the GNJAC for their part in making the Germany trip possible. Mr. Kumar presented a Certificate of Thanks to Bishop Devadhar, John Bishop and Rosa Williams for the 100% giving by the GNJ Conference to the 2010 General Church Apportionment Covenant.

Bishop Devadhar thanked the conference members for their giving and Moses Kumar for his work.

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CELEBRATION OF SPECIALIZED AND EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Rev. Grace Pak began the celebration by performing on a special drum, in Korean style. Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett gave the welcome. She encouraged attendees to consider what ministries their churches have with the poor or for the poor and to write them on the poles around the worship space. Rev. Barbara Rambach led the Litany of Gift-Giving. Bishop Devadhar celebrated the work of those involved in Specialized Ministries, Extension Ministries and Deacons by asking each group to stand to be recognized. He thanked them all for using their gifts and graces in ministry for Jesus Christ.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Rev. Bill Davis read the names of the retirees.

Retiring Clergy 2011:

James Carver Batten
Robert L. Boettner
Linda Delsardo
David Earl Dutcher
Boyd L. Fox
Louis Frick
C. Christopher Hinnen
George Adam Imhoff
John Vernon Johnson
Calvin Woods
Deborah A. Kauffman
Christopher Seog C. Ko
Dennis G. Lippart
Donna Nilson (Diaconal Minister)
Norman Paul Madsen
Reneé McCleary
Carolyn J. Montgomery
Stephen Palmer
James Sherman
Robert Smith
Howard Sterling
Raul O. Terrero
Doris Jane Thompson
Judith Todt

As the names were read, the retirees came forward. Bishop asked the conference to thank them for their faithful years of service, which totaled approximately 464 years.

GOLDEN CIRCLE RECOGNITION

Rev. Gary Hope read the names of those in ministry for 50 years:

Thomas R. Bush
David M. Finch
Robert. L. Frost
Joseph A. Hofer
Richard W. Klein
Murray W. Neumeyer
David C. Pierson
William S. Reasner
George C. Schlesinger
Richard R. Smyth
David T. Wilson

Bishop Devadhar thanked each person in the name of Christ for their years of service, which totaled 550 years. He presented those in attendance with a plaque.

SCRIPTURE

The Scripture passage, 1 Timothy 4:11-18, was read in Korean.

SERMON

Bishop Devadhar introduced the guest preacher, Bishop In Hwan Kim from Korea. Bishop Kim preached from 1 Timothy 4:11-18. His sermon was entitled “Be an Example for the Believers.”

Bishop Kim advised the Candidates for Commissioning and the conference to preach the Good News of salvation with full authority and truth. We should never doubt the full authority of God’s teaching and we must preach with boldness and confidence. He pointed out that Paul told Timothy not to compromise when preaching the gospel, neither should we alter, nor turn away from the truth of the Gospel. Bishop Kim admonished pastors to become experts of the Bible in order to have authority of Scripture and preach from the Word of God with knowledge and wisdom.

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He reminded the Candidates of the five marks of conduct that Paul taught Timothy in verses 15 and 16: Speech, Conduct, Faith, Love and Purity; he encouraged the Candidates to be diligent in those same five traits.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

Bishop Devadhar, Bishop Kim and Bishop May examined the Candidates for Commissioning by asking them the Historical Questions from *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church. All the Bishops joined in the laying on of hands.

Commissioned Clergy:

Yohan Baik	Brian Neville
Sharon Burniston	Donald Stevens
Peter Jamieson	Cynthia Stouffer
Sandra Jenkins	Kee Young Yang

OFFERING

Bishop Devadhar announced that the offering would go towards UMCOR's Global Aids Fund and offered a prayer for this fund.

PASSING OF THE MANTLE

Rev. Robert Smith, retiring clergy, passed the mantle from his generation to the next generation. Rev. Sandra Jenkins received the mantle on behalf of the Candidates for Commissioning. The service ended with singing, "Creation Sings."

USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS TO INCREASE DISCIPLE-MAKING

John Bishop began the presentation of the CF&A's resolution by explaining Organization Economics. He introduced the resolution that contains a motion to create a new task team appointed by the Bishop.

Bishop introduced Rev. Steve Bechtold who explained that he and a number of Conference representatives attended a "Financial Leadership Forum." There they learned a process to help increase membership. Currently most churches look at what ministry and missions they have, but do not examine the fruitfulness of those ministries. At this Forum they learned of the need to create a "roadmap" for the next level of "Making Disciples for Jesus Christ." He expressed a need for a team to be established to create a strategic plan with the purpose of measuring the results of the ministry we do and to set aside $15,000 from the reserves to develop a five year plan and then an additional $185,000 to implement the plan if the plan is approved at the 2012 Annual Conference.

John Bishop made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion passed.

BUDGET

Ed Barber presented the 2012 Budget for approval. He reported the giving rates for the period 2008-2010 and CFA projected that the 2011 giving rate will be approximately 84.2%. He explained that the 2012 expected budget is based on this rate.

Barber stated that the budget includes a 2.5% increase for Conference and District staff and District Superintendent's salaries and proposes a 3.4% Ministry Team budget increase.

There was a motion to accept the 2012 Budget. The motion passed and the Budget was approved.

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SUPPORT OF MINISTRY IN AFRICA

Rev. John DiGiamberardino presented the Ministries Team resolution, "Support of Ministry in Africa," which would give $50,000 from the Reserve Funds to the North Katanga Conference, and $50,000 to "Imagine No Malaria." The resolution passed.

OFFERING

Rosa Williams introduced the missionaries for **"Wings of the Morning"**, Gail and Steven Quigg. They presented a video explaining the mission and ministry they offer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They fly planes into the remote areas to bring medicine and teachers or transport sick people, all in the name of Christ. Williams stated that this offering would support the **"Wings of the Morning Flight Ministry."** She offered a prayer for the GNJAC.

REPORT OF FOURTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 295, invalid 16, valid 279, necessary to elect 140. There were **two elections:** Rev. Drew Dyson, 149 votes and Rev. Varlyna Wright, 148 votes.

REPORT OF FOURTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 490, invalid 5, valid 485, necessary to elect 243. There was no election.

FIFTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 5 was distributed. Rev. Ed Carty offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for three (3) people. The pages collected the ballots.

FIFTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 5 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

BLESSING

Rosa Williams prayed a blessing for the evening meal.

SECOND DAY – THIRD SESSION
Thursday, June 2, 2011, 7:30 PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The Episcopal evening began with the Liturgical Dance Ministry of the Clair Memorial UMC in Jersey City.

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE

Rev. Dr. Frank Fowler, Chairperson of the Episcopacy Committee, welcomed Bishop and Prema Devadhar and celebrated their thirty-five years of ministry together. Rev. Dr. Fowler commended Bishop Devadhar on his ministry as bishop of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. Fowler announced that Bishop Devadhar would be taking a sabbatical leave on a grant provided by the Louisville Institute, A Lilly Endowment-funded program based at Louisville Seminary.

Bishop Devadhar thanked everyone for their love and support.

DEAN OF DREW THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Bishop Devadhar introduced Dr. Jeffrey Quan, the new Dean of Drew Theological School. Bishop called Dr. Quan a prophet in his own right, giving lifelines to the despairing, serving as corrective

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voice to the complacent and giving faithful theology to the community. Bishop Devadhar presented the Dean with flowers as an expression of appreciation.

Dr. Quan commented that the GNJ Conference reflects the global church and stated that a theological education should reflect that as well. Dr. Quan expressed his goal to work to achieve global theological understanding.

RECOGNITION

Bishop Devadhar recognized Rev. Robin E. Van Cleef, Editor of the *Relay*, and praised him for his work. Bishop Devadhar expressed that Rev. Van Cleef never let anyone tame him or contain him which is the sign of a true journalist. Bishop announced that Rev. Van Cleef will be retiring from this position. In his absence Mrs. Van Cleef accepted a plaque of appreciation for his service and ministry.

FLASH MOB

The Conference Praise Team began to sing "Jesus, I'll Never Forget," which erupted into what Connie Ace called, the very first flash mob at Conference. The Conference Choir members jumped out of their seats and began singing in the aisles.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bishop Devadhar began his Seventh Annual Episcopal Address with prayer. He celebrated some of the positive strengths of the conference. He noted that according to the 2010 numbers, there is an increase in ethnic and racial groups in our churches and an increase of Christian formation groups across the age spectrum. Bishop Devadhar also celebrated that our Conference is providing support for global ministry efforts, as evidenced by the $79,320 collected for "Wings of the Morning."

This year's Conference theme affirms the Baptismal Covenant to uphold the Church with "prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service." Bishop referenced two types of giving: the "doron gifts", which are gifts of value and "charismata or spiritual gifts." Bishop Devadhar explained that when using the gifts of doron, we are acknowledging our belief that sacrificial giving will help extend the Kingdom of God. As for charismata gifts, he encouraged the body to explore the gifts in the pews because they are the key that unlocks the power of God to make an impact in the community and the world.

Bishop Devadhar concluded his Episcopal Address with a prayer by Walter Brueggermann.

OFFERING

Bishop Devadhar called upon Weagba Nelson, a Youth Member to Conference, to speak about the **Northeast Jurisdictional Mission of Peace**. Weagba explained that each year the Conference may send up to three youth on a Mission of Peace. This experience has been life-changing and helps youth discover God's Spirit at work in the world. He further explained that this is a Person-to-Person Mission – a sharing of ones understanding of shalom. Next year's trip will be to Nicaragua. Weagba explained that tonight's offering will support this mission. He concluded with an offertory prayer.

SETTING OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Devadhar announced that Bishop Felton Edwin May, Retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church, would commence his formal pastoral ministry appointment at the Turning Point UMC in Trenton and serve as consultant in Newark and Camden. Bishop Devadhar introduced each of the District Superintendents and they read the names of the new appointments.

REPORT OF FIFTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 475, invalid 3, valid 472, necessary to elect 237. There was **one election**: Bethany Amey, 301 votes.

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REPORT OF FIFTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 315, invalid 15, valid 300, necessary to elect 151. There were **two elections**: Rev. Jessica M. Campbell, 166 votes and Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim, 152 votes.

SIXTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 6 was distributed. Rev. Dr. Frank Fowler offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

SIXTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 6 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for five (5) persons for the Jurisdictional Conference. The pages collected the ballots.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Carla Costantino offered a closing prayer.

TAIZE

A Taize worship service was held in one of the conference rooms.

THIRD DAY – FIRST SESSION
Friday, June 3, 2011, 9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. John C. Holbert provided another inspirational breakfast Bible Study.

GATHERING

Mark Miller and the Conference Praise Band gathered worshippers with praise music.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Bishop Devadhar introduced Rev. Mike Slaughter and thanked him for being our Conference Preacher. Bishop expressed appreciation to Rev. Slaughter for his presence in the UMC and for sharing his insights with the GNJAC.

Rev. Slaughter began his sermon by asking the question "What is our business?" He reminded us that the UMC has a mission statement which defines our business: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." How then, he asked, do we raise up people to fulfill this mission?

Rev. Slaughter explained that he uses the acronym C.O.R.E. to focus on the message and mission of Jesus Christ. "C" stands for the Call of Jesus on the community. "O" stands for organic strategy. He gave the example that, in his church, they reduced numerous weekly meetings down to one meeting a month. "R" stands for Relationship networks – connecting people to one another within the church and beyond in the community. "E" stands for execution. Slaughter reminded the body that coming up with ideas is good, but it is more important to execute them and make them fruitful.

Rev. Slaughter explained that he has used this process at his church and that sometimes following the call was difficult. What he has come to realize is that we are called to follow Christ first – belief comes second. He felt this process was important because folks under 35 years of age are looking for meaning not meetings. For newcomers to the church, it is important that the church create mission opportunities for them. In this way, people feel deeply connected to Christ.

Slaughter concluded his message with a simple rule he uses at his church – "Never vote 'no' on something Jesus would do." He believes this has helped his church grow to where it is today.

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PLENARY

Bishop Devadhar opened the session with prayer.

Bishop thanked the conferees for their generous giving towards the **"Wings of the Morning"** mission. The total collected has reached $80,820.00.

REPORT OF THE SIXTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 379, invalid 18, valid 361, necessary to elect 181. There were **three elections**: Samuel Sim, 250 votes; June McCullough, 207 votes and Judy Colorado, 193 votes.

REPORT OF SIXTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 289, invalid 6, valid 283, necessary to elect 142. There was no election.

POINT OF ORDER

Bethany Amey asked for a review of the Lay Ballots. She believed that there had been write-in names or additional nominations. Bishop Devadhar requested that the judges review the ballots.

SEVENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 7 was distributed. Rev. Larry Oksten offered prayer before votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION REPORT

Rev. Jennifer Cho presented the Commission on Equitable Salary recommendations and moved its adoption.

Rev. Tom Lank offered a friendly amendment to include Deacons in Full Connection. It was accepted.

Rev. Jackie Burgess reminded the conference that Deacons are responsible for setting their own contracts so the conference cannot set a minimum. Rev. Lank confirmed his request for the amendment by reading paragraph 331.14b from *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church.

A motion was made to table this report until CF&A could review the implications of adding Deacons to the resolution. The motion passed.

LAY BALLOT REVIEW

Bishop Devadhar reported to the conference that in Lay Ballot Number 6, two new persons were nominated as candidates through write-in votes: Weagba Nelson and Jessica Stenstrom.

Bethany Amey moved to suspend the rules to allow Weagba Neilson and Jessica Stenstrom to speak for two minutes each. The motion failed.

SEVENTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 7 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for two (2) persons. The pages collected the ballots.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION REPORT AMENDMENT

Rev. Tom Lank offered a friendly amendment to change the wording in line 36 to read "Clergy in Full Connection." It was accepted.

Rev. Jennifer Cho moved for the adoption of the entire report.

Rev. Jessica Campbell offered a friendly amendment to change wording on line 33 to read "minimum of four weeks vacation for the first ten years of service." It was accepted.

Rev. Cho moved for the adoption of the entire report as amended. The motion passed.

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Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Cho and the entire Equitable Compensation Committee for their work.

LAY LEADER'S REPORT

Rosa Williams called upon Albert Ramirez to speak about the Conference youth ministry. He stated that the Youth and Young Adult Ministries were now called the **Greater NJ Ministry with Young People,** and includes people from 12 to 30 years of age.

Ramirez spoke about many of the youth events that occurred over the past year. He shared the fact that there were 650 youth who attended the Ocean City Youth Weekend in September 2010 and that during the Youth Weekend, twelve youth came forward to answer the call to a life in ministry. He also spoke about the Confirmation Celebration, which took place in May 2010. Hundreds of confirmands from throughout the Conference gathered together to celebrate their faith. In this past year alone, fifteen youth participated in and completed the Youth Lay Speaking Program.

Ramirez ended by stating that the youth of the GNJAC are taking seriously the Scripture passage, 1 Timothy 4:12: "Do not let anyone look down on you because of your youth."

Rosa Williams spoke of the joy she has experienced while on her journey to know each of the nine districts within the Conference. She has received a warm welcome in each district.

The Laity Council is working hard to improve communications and reach out across the Conference. She referred to the new booklet published by the Laity Council, "General Guidelines for Local Church Laity Leadership." She encouraged all laity to read and share this booklet in their local churches because it gives guidelines for the different laity roles within the local church.

Williams reminded the lay members that not only had they been elected by their churches to be here, but that they had also been called by God to this leadership role within the church. She emphasized the importance of working as a team with their pastors and wants each lay member to encourage their pastors to live healthy life styles.

In her concern for youth, Williams encouraged each church to send their youth to Taize. She celebrated all those who had already gone and emphasized how life-changing the Taize experience can be for all.

Williams concluded her report by stating that as a church we must continue to grow, produce more fruit; remember that love in action is always fruitful.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rosa and the Conference Lay Leaders he has worked with over the seven years -- Connie Ace, Jay Brown and Ressie Fuller -- for all their work and dedication.

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 305, invalid 5, valid 300, necessary to elect 151. There was **one election**: Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett, 165 votes.

EIGHTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 8 was distributed. Rev. Myrna Bethke offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) people for the Jurisdictional Conference. The pages collected the ballots.

WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE UMC

Bishop Devadhar introduced Harriet Olsen, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division of the UMC. He commended her work and all the mission work that the Women's Division accomplishes.

Olsen stated that the Women's Division, which began in 1869, is still focused on the same basic missions, which can only happen when women are grounded and rooted in Bible Study and faith.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott and Bishop Devadhar gave the necessary announcements.

BLESSING

Harriet Olsen gave the blessing for lunch.

THIRD DAY – SECOND SESSION
Friday, June 3, 2011 – 1:30 PM

GATHERING

The Conference Praise Band led the worshippers in singing. Bishop Devadhar opened with prayer.

WORSHIP

Rev. Jackie Burgess led a worship service that focused on those with disabilities. Through this experience, the conference was able to have a better understanding of what worship is like for someone who is hearing impaired.

GNJ DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Rev. Burgess introduced the four resolutions from the Disabilities Mission Team. Resolution "NJ Disabilities Awareness Sunday" was presented for acceptance.

John Bishop made a motion to move this resolution to CF&A. Rev. Burgess informed him that the resolution had already been presented to CF&A and that CF&A instructed her to receive approval from the Conference.

John Bishop made a motion to move the resolution to the Ministries Team for further discussion. The motion failed.

June McCullough offered a friendly amendment to change the wording on Line 11 from "shall" to "may" and to add "or another Sunday best for the congregation." The amendment was accepted.

Rev. Burgess moved that the resolution be accepted with the revision. The resolution passed.

ESTABLISH COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY MINISTRIES

Rev. Burgess presented the Resolution to Establish a Committee on Disability Ministries for endorsement to the 2012 General Conference. The resolution passed.

DISABILITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY - A SPECIAL SUNDAY WITH OFFERING

Rev. Burgess presented a resolution to create a seventh General Church Special Sunday with offering as "Disabilities Awareness Sunday", for endorsement to the 2012 General Conference. The resolution passed.

CHANGES REGARDING INCAPACITY LEAVE

Rev. Burgess presented the resolution regarding incapacity leave.

Creed Pogue made a motion to move this resolution to the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits for referral.

Rev. Derrick Doherty made a motion to table Creed's motion to let the Board review the resolution and bring it for a vote on Saturday. The motion passed.

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MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Rosa Williams introduced Mary White, Conference Lay Leader of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference (EPAC). White brought greetings from the EPAC. She asked for prayers for General Conference and congratulated all the delegates.

Bishop Devadhar thanked her for coming to the GNJAC and offered greetings to Bishop Peggy Johnson and to the EPAC.

CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Mary Martz, Coordinator of the Camden Neighborhood Center, expressed thanks for conference support and asked for continued support for the work in Camden.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Bishop Devadhar requested and was granted a moment of privilege. He invited Bishop In Hwan Kim and his wife to the podium. Bishop Devadhar thanked them for their years of ministry and celebrated Bishop Kim's leadership as Bishop. Bishop Devadhar presented a plaque to Bishop Kim and flowers to Mrs. Kim.

SEVENTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 497, invalid 16, valid 481, necessary to elect 241. There was **one election**: Rosa Williams, 252 votes.

EIGHTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 8 was distributed. Rev. Dr. Ramon Evangelista offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

EIGHTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 295, invalid 13, valid 282, necessary to elect 142. There was no election.

NINTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 9 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar offered prayer before the votes were cast. He instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) people. The pages collected the ballots.

BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

Eleanor Hartley presented the Recommendations of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits for approval. She explained the HealthFlex 2012 Wellness Incentives Program. After some discussion, Rev. William Noll moved all that was before the body. The motion passed.

Eleanor moved for the acceptance of the Board's Pension Recommendations. The motion passed. Eleanor then moved for the acceptance of the Board's Health Insurance Guidelines. The motion also passed.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Eleanor and the Board for their work.

RETIRED PROVISIONAL ELDERS

Rev. William T. Noll moved for the acceptance of the Resolution for Retired Provisional Clergy. The motion passed.

GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

David Malloy highlighted the General Board of Global Ministries' new program, **"Ministry with the Poor",** emphasizing "with" not "to" or "for" the poor. A brief video was presented that will be used

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in advertising this new program. He challenged every local church to do ministry with the poor and to utilize their new website www.ministrywith.org as a resource.

Bishop Devadhar thanked David and sent greetings to Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of the Board of Global Ministry.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Rick Walker presented Bishop Devadhar with a plaque on behalf of the National Association of Conference Presidents of UMM and the General Community of UMM, thanking the GNJAC for paying 100% of their Shared Giving. Bishop Devadhar invited John Bishop and Rosa Williams to accept the plaque along with him.

CLOSURE OF FIRST UMC, CARNEY'S POINT, NJ

Rev. Richard Nichols presented the Resolution for the Closure of the First UMC in Carney's Point, NJ. The motion passed. Rev. Nichols offered a prayer for the people of the First UMC in Carney's Point.

CLOSURE OF MONROEVILLE UMC

Rev. Nichols presented the Resolution for the Closure of the Monroeville UMC.

Rev. Dr. Hae Jong Kim made a motion that, in the future, when a church is being closed, a brief history will be given at the time of closure to celebrate the life of the church. The motion passed.

Rev. Joe Monahan made a motion to add to the Monroeville UMC resolution wording that would empower the Conference trustees to set aside funds for the perpetual care of the cemetery before the church funds go to the Harvest Mission Fund. The motion failed.

Gail Eisenlohr made a motion to call for the question and all that was before the body. The motion passed.

The resolution to close Monroeville UMC passed.

CORPORATE SESSION

Rev. Michael Harriott made a motion to move out of Corporate Session. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Harriott announced that two resolutions had been withdrawn: The **"Formation of Study Task Force to Evaluate GNJAC Organizational Structures and Programs"** and the **"Limitation on Number of 'In-Person' Conference Meetings."**

REPORT OF EIGHTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 456, invalid 3, valid 453, necessary to elect 227. There was no election.

NINTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 9 was distributed. Rev. Fred Price offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the lay members to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

REPORT OF NINTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 275, invalid 4, valid 271, necessary to elect 136. There was no election.

TENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 10 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for five (5) people. The pages collected the ballots.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett made an announcement about the Ordination Service. Rev. Michael Harriott provided additional necessary announcements.

BLESSING

Rosa Williams gave the blessing for the evening meal.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION
Friday, June 3, 2011, 7:30 PM

The Service of Ordination began with the ordinands, clergy and bishops processing to the hymns "When Words Alone Cannot Express" and "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Ordination guests included: Bishop Felton Edwin May, Retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church; Bishop In Hwan Kim, Bishop of the South Seoul Annual Conference and ecumenical guest, Dr. Rev. Iain Torrance, President of Princeton Theological Seminary. Bishop Devadhar gave words of welcome and led the Call to Worship. The candidates were presented for ordination.

Several conference youth read the Scripture passage Exodus 3:1-15. In Bishop Devadhar's sermon, "The Burning Bush," he explained that the Scriptures recount an encounter between Moses and God. "Leadership is about ordinary people doing extraordinary things," he said.

Bishop Devadhar described today's church like the experience of being in the wilderness. He remarked to the ordinands that the churches they will serve will be in the wilderness. The task they face is to serve in the present age and answer the question "Where is God in all of this?" He reminded the ordinands that the church, like Moses, has to listen to hear God speak.

Bishop mentioned that our values shift because of situations and context of life; on any given Sunday the ordinands may be preaching to people in difficult situations. Bishop Devadhar reminded the ordinands that Moses had to overcome fear and self doubt in order to fulfill God's call; they, too, must trust that God will guide them in difficult situations.

OFFERING

The offering was designated for the **Central Conference Pension Initiative.** The Conference Choir sang the anthem, "God is Able" followed by the hymn, "Victory in Jesus."

ORDAINED ELDERS

Byungil Ahn
Barbara Frohock
Daniel Gepford
Erik Hall
Brian Joyce
Hyoik Kim
Hannah Hyokyung Lee
Erik A. Ostrow
Isabel Quezada
James Geunsu Ryoo
David B. Schumacher
David Yun

RECOGNTION OF NEW MEMBER IN FULL CONNECTION

Also presented to the Bishop and the Conference was a person already ordained by the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas (MCCA), who is received as a full conference member at the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference: Rev. Hugo Edison Rey

Bishop Devadhar offered an invitation to Christian ministry at the end of the Ordination Service. Many responded and received prayers of blessing. Bishop Devadhar concluded the Service of Ordination with a final prayer, dismissal and blessing. Conference members recessed to the song, "Walk in the Light."

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FOURTH DAY – FIRST SESSION
Saturday, June 4, 2011, 9:00AM

GATHERING

The Conference Praise Band began the session with praise music and concluded with a request from Bishop Devadhar for the hymn, "Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary."

Rosa Williams read Ephesians 4:7-16 and then offered prayer.

REPORT OF NINTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 431, invalid 7, valid 424, necessary to elect 213. There was **one election**: Constance Ace, 220 votes.

REPORT OF TENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 269, invalid 14, valid 255, necessary to elect 128. There were **three elections**: Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn, 167 votes, Rev. Christopher Heckert, 157 votes and Rev. John DiGiamberardino, 134 votes.

MOTION

June McCullough moved to suspend rule 65D in order to elect the three lay members with the greatest number of votes. The motion passed.

June moved to elect the three persons with the greatest number of votes in the next lay ballot. The motion passed.

TENTH LAY BALLOT

Lay Ballot Number 10 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar offered prayer before the votes were cast and instructed the lay members to vote for three (3) people. The pages collected the ballots.

ELEVENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 11 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for two (2) people. The pages collected the ballots.

MOTION

Rev. Dr. Richard Knox moved that the GNJAC extend funds to both the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates for both to attend General Conference in Florida. After some discussion as to where the funds would come from, the motion failed.

CONFERENCE STUDY OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUBORDINATE, AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Harriet Olsen explained that due to Conference action in 2010, a task force was established to Study the Relationship with Subordinate, Affiliated Organizations of the Conference with its seven institutions. She made a motion requesting more time for the Task Force to complete its study; they will report at the 2012 Conference. The motion passed.

WOMEN'S DIVISION STRUCTURE PROPOSAL

Harriet stated that the Structure Proposal slated to go to General Conference in 2012 was prepared by the Women's Division and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). She explained that since 1964, the funds raised by women's groups for the Women's Division were administered by the GBGM. In the past quadrennium, both groups had been reviewing this process and came up with a more

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effective means of accomplishing the task by asking the question "How do we relate to the church?" Their plan now is to be structurally separate while being missionally connected. A new Board will be created that will include five women from the Central Conference. In this new structure, the Women's Division will be seen as a global agency.

SHARED FACILITIES TASK FORCE REPORT

Lynn Caterson detailed the various ways "Shared Facilities" was being understood by churches. She explained that the task force met only sporadically and will be meeting again. They will report back on the Conference Shared Facilities in 2012.

APPRECIATION

Bishop Devadhar expressed his appreciation to our Conference youth. He thanked them for their presence, enthusiasm and input. He concluded his appreciation comments by reading part of a poem written by Betty Lou Holland.

KOREA TRIP

Rosa Williams announced a trip to Korea planned for March 19-28, 2012. The trip will be an educational experience for 35 people. She invited Rev. Dr. Hae Jong Kim to explain what the trip will include. Rev. Dr. Kim explained that the trip includes sightseeing, and educational and spiritual enrichment. Travelers will stay on a prayer mountain where they may journey up the mountain and participate in the Stations of the Cross. The journey culminates at the top of the mountain with Holy Communion at sunrise. The trip includes a ride on a bullet train.

Rosa thanked Rev. Dr. Kim for his help in organizing this trip.

RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED METHODIST LOBBY OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT FUNDED ABORTION

Bishop Devadhar requested that someone move the resolution since Charles Currier was not present. Charles W. Wolfram moved the adoption of this resolution from the floor. The motion failed.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Catherine Castleback from Church World Service thanked the Conference for their continued support to Church World Service. She emphasized that the people around the world who are grateful for provisions such as clean water, or people who can now grow their own food, or now have food, are the ones saying "thank you."

SESSIONS TEAM REPORT

Rev. Reggie Albert reported that a casino is scheduled to be in place at the Valley Forge Convention Center next year and that the GNJAC had approved to hold Conference at the Convention Center until 2013. She explained that the casino will be located in the area that the conference currently occupies and that Conference will be held on the floor below our current location.

Rev. Albert moved to suspend the rules so that John Bishop could speak. The motion passed.

John Bishop explained that the Sessions Committee had done all that it could to ensure that the gambling rooms will not interfere with conference proceedings.

Rev. Albert opened the floor up for comments.

Rev. Dan Amey moved that the Sessions Team do all it can to explore options to witness with holy boldness, perhaps around the casino entrance, and that we do all we can to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in outward expressions of worship, witness and prayer. The motion passed.

Rev. Albert made a motion that the GNJAC affirm that we stay at the Valley Forge Convention Center to the end of our contract. The motion passed.

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SESSIONS TEAM RESOLUTION

Rev. Albert reported that the Sessions Team began work on one of last year's resolutions, which requested that it come up with "out of the box" ideas as to how to "do" Conference. The Team realized that this was beyond their scope and moved that a Study Team be formed to accomplish this task and report back at the 2012 Conference. The motion passed.

REPORT OF ELEVENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 223, invalid 14, valid 209, necessary to elect 105. There was no election.

TWELFTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 12 was distributed. Rev. Dan Amey offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for two (2) people. The pages collected the ballots.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rev. Albert moved for the adoption of the Consent Calendar. The motion passed.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane expressed thanks for the Conference's continued support of UM Communications. He celebrated some of their accomplishments: over 2600 people watched the Service of Ordination the night before through live streaming; there are DVDs available for the "Wings of the Morning" mission. He stated that there is a new promotional product called "High 5." "High 5" is designed to help churches understand how UM Communications can assist them in their ministry. He then presented the video to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Sloane thanked the churches that participated in the "Change the World Weekend." He explained that the goal was for one hundred churches to participate, yielding an end result of one thousand churches participating in the USA; churches in sixteen other countries also participated.

Sloane provided an update on the accomplishments of the campaign "Nothing but Nets." When the campaign began, every thirty seconds a child was dying of malaria; now, due to the campaign, it is down to one child every four to five seconds.

COKESBURY

Rev. Gary Hope, NE Jurisdictional Cokesbury Representative, announced some of the changes that occurred in the past year and celebrated the publishing of the new *Common English Bible* New Testament. He introduced Debbie MacPhail, Manager of the Princeton store. She expressed thanks for support received during Conference and invited everyone to visit the Cokesbury Store in Princeton University's Dining Hall. She explained that she sees Cokesbury as a ministry to the Conference, supporting us on our spiritual journey.

Bishop Devadhar thanked both Rev. Hope and Debbie MacPhail for their ministry.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Bishop Devadhar requested all individuals who work in other places for the denomination to come to the podium. He thanked each one for their ministry and for representing the Conference in many different places.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Rev. Derrick Doherty requested that all members of the Disaster Response Team stand and be recognized. He announced that GNJ Conference now has three trained workers who are prepared to train local churches. He encouraged local churches to consider having them come and train their members. He

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distributed Disaster Response Team tee-shirts to those Conference staff that helped them over the past year.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Doherty for his commitment to the team and its ministry.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

June McCullough requested a moment of privilege to acknowledge and thank Bishop Devadhar for his involvement in the Global Board of Discipleship and the Division of Ministry with Young People.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Rev. Dr. Douglas Miller was given a moment of privilege to address the conference. He spoke of how inspired he had been by Rev. Michael Slaughter and was moved by the Holy Spirit during the Service of Ordination to challenge us to pledge the remaining $20,000 towards the "Wings of the Morning's" new plane.

The Holy Spirit moved and during forty-five minutes of spontaneous, continuous pledging the members pledged over $90,000 on top of the already $82,000 that was received.

BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Billman offered the blessing for the noon meal.

FOURTH DAY – SECOND SESSION
Saturday, June 4, 2011, 1:15 pm

GATHERING

The Conference Praise Band gathered worshippers together with music and songs. Bishop Devadhar opened the session with prayer.

REPORT OF THE TENTH LAY BALLOT

Ballots cast 381, invalid 16, valid 365. **The three candidates with the highest votes were elected**: Cynthia Kent, 269 votes, Creed Pogue, 206 votes and Weagba Nelson, 96 votes.

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 256, invalid 4, valid 252, needed to elect, 127. There was no election.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Rev. Carla Costantino moved to suspend rule 65D in order to elect the two people with the most votes on the next election. The motion passed.

Rev. Costantino moved that the two people with the most votes be elected in Clergy Ballot Number 12 as the remaining delegates to Jurisdictional Conference. The motion failed.

THIRTEENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 13 was distributed. Bishop Devadhar offered prayer before the votes were cast and instructed the clergy to vote for two (2) people. The pages collected the ballots.

JURISDICTIONAL AND GENERAL CONFERENCE DATES

Bishop Devadhar informed the delegates that the NE Jurisdictional Conference will be July 15 – July 20, 2012 in Charleston, West Virginia and the General Conference will be April 24 – May 4, 2012 in Tampa, Florida.

Bishop informed the members of the delegation of a meeting at the Conference Office on July 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. At that time, Rev. L. Fitzgerald Reist, Secretary of the General Conference and a

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representative of the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits will discuss legislation that will go to General Conference dealing with clergy pension benefits.

WINGS OF THE MORNING PLEDGES

Bishop Devadhar invited Rosa Williams to join him at the podium. He expressed extreme gratitude for the generosity and willingness of the Conference to follow the leading of the Spirit. He said he has never experienced anything like what occurred in the morning's session in the collection of the offerings in support of the "Wings of the Morning" mission in North Katanga.

He invited Rev. Dr. Doug Miller to the podium and explained that Doug came to him after the Service of Ordination asking for a couple of minutes of Personal Privilege to attempt to raise the remaining $20,000 of the Conference pledge.

Bishop Devadhar stated that prior to this morning, the amount collected for "Wings of the Morning" was $86,688; the amount pledged this morning was $108,421 for a total amount of $195,109.

Steven and Gail Quiggs thanked the conference for their generosity and hoped that everyone would someday have the experience of receiving an outpouring of love such as they just had.

Rosa Williams offered a prayer for the Quiggs and the Wings of the Morning mission.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Millie Grey thanked Bishop Devadhar and the Conference for their support for the work of the UMW. She celebrated the fact that the UMW continues to do the work of their foremothers, which is to be in mission for women, children and youth around the world.

She asked for help from pastors to participate in the "Membership Counts" Campaign. She explained that a District UMW representative would come to the local church to speak about the work of the global UMW. She encouraged each pastor to allow the UMW representatives a Mission Moment during worship to do this.

SEPTEMBER 11TH: A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE AND PEACEMAKING

Cynthia Kent moved the adoption of the September 11th: A Day for Remembrance and Peacemaking Resolution. The motion passed.

Kent moved for the adoption of the second section of the resolution, which states that the Conference will support and encourage its congregations and members to develop worship services on Sunday, September 11 that focus on peacemaking and reconciliation. The motion passed.

MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Cynthia Kent requested a moment of privilege. She explained that Church and Society is working with detainees in four jails in New Jersey. These detainees are immigrants who don't know if they will be allowed to stay in the country or if they will be sent home. Kent asked that each person write a letter of support and encouragement for the detainees and leave the letters on the pages table so they can be brought to the detainees.

WEB SITES FOR CONFERENCE BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Rev. Dr. Larry Potts reported that the Board of Discipleship was withdrawing the resolution "Web Sites for Conference Boards, Committees and Commissions." The resolution will be referred to CF&A's Information Technology Taskforce.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Rev. Dr. Vickie Brendler offered a friendly amendment that information from the Board of Ordained Ministry be added to the Web Site Resolution. The amendment was accepted.

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CORPORATE SESSION

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

CLOSURE OF OLD ORCHARDS UMC

Rev. Vivian Rodeffer moved for the adoption of the Closure of Old Orchards UMC Resolution. The motion passed.

Rev. Rodeffer offered a prayer for the members, past and present, of the Old Orchards Church.

CEMETERY ISSUES

Lynn Caterson, Esq. reported that she spoke with the Chair of Trustees and John Bishop from CF&A. She has learned that cemetery issues are incredibly involved. The request of Trustees and CF&A is that any motions dealing with cemeteries be delayed until next year so these two committees can look into the issues.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Lynn Caterson, Esq. apologized for missing a motion to call the Question the previous day. She asked if the conference would want to go back and re-vote. No one requested a re-vote.

MITCHELL'S MOTION

Rev. Robin Mitchell moved that a study be done by the appropriate groups, of churches that have rooted and grown in the locations we have closed, to learn lessons that might inform our own churches that are in a state of decline. The motion passed.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Creed Pogue offered a friendly amendment to send Mitchell's motion to the Congregational Development Team. The amendment was accepted.

MOTION TO END CORPORATE SESSION

Conference Secretary, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, moved to end the Corporate Session. The motion passed.

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett asked the members of the Worship Committee to come to the podium. She expressed appreciation for all their work.

Bishop Devadhar invited the musicians to the podium and expressed his appreciation for the work of the Worship Committee and the Conference singers and musicians.

REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 190, invalid 2, valid 188, necessary to elect 95. There was **one election.** Rev. Lyssette Perez, 112 votes.

FOURTEENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 14 was distributed. Rev. Reggie Albert offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for one (1) person. The pages collected the ballots.

CHANGES REGARDING INCAPACITY LEAVE

A motion was made from the floor to move the Changes Regarding Incapacity Leave Resolution off the table. The motion passed.

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Rev. Jonathan Campbell spoke about the resolution on behalf of Rev. Jackie Burgess. He reported that this resolution was being withdrawn and referred to the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits for further review.

GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATION: VOTING RIGHTS FOR LOCAL PASTORS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Rev. Paul Zorn moved the approval of the General Conference Legislation: "Voting Rights for Local Pastors, Associate Members and Provisional Members." The motion passed.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Rev. Dr. Douglas Ruffle requested a moment of privilege. He celebrated the launch of a second campus by the Sharptown UMC on March 27, 2011, with over 168 people at the first worship service. He also celebrated two new initiatives, the Barnegat Anew Initiative in Ocean County and a new initiative at Park Ridge UMC forming an Asian-Indian Community of Faith.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Ruffle for his work in this ministry.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Bishop Devadhar asked for a moment of privilege. He introduced Professor Sam Maben, one of Bishop's mentors from his student days and a former Principal at his alma mater. Professor Maben is visiting the United States.

SESSIONS TEAM

Rev. Reggie Albert invited the Session Team to join her up on the dais. She asked each member to introduce him or herself and explain the responsibilities they fulfill in preparation for Conference. She provided the names of missing team members and asked the Video Team to come to the podium. Reggie thanked them for a job well done.

Albert reported that the Sessions Team spent a considerable amount of time investigating the feasibility of electronic voting technology. She stated that we should be able to use electronic technology by the next time we vote for delegates. She explained that the current technology could not meet the needs of our rules.

Bishop Devadhar thanked everyone who helped make the 2011 Annual Conference a success.

2012 CONFERENCE DATES

Rev. Albert announced that the dates for the 2012 Conference have been set for May 31 – June 2 and the 2013 Conference will be May 30 – June1.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Bishop Devadhar expressed his appreciation and thanks to John Cardillo, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, Rosa Williams and Lynn Caterson for all their work and dedication. He thanked all people who have helped him and demonstrated love to him during this year's Conference.

UPPER ROOM

A video was shown celebrating the Upper Room's 75th year of ministry. We celebrated the fact that the Upper Room knows no boundaries because it is translated into many different languages and is sent around the world.

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UMCOR

Kathy Schultz, from the United Methodist Committee on Relief, reported that UMCOR is always one of the first on the scenes of disasters, and works worldwide with other disaster relief groups. She thanked the GNJAC for their donations through UMCOR that make disaster relief possible.

REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 148, invalid 5, valid 143, necessary to elect, 72. There was **one election**: Rev. Charles Bender, 82 votes.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Rev. William T. Noll made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion was approved. Rev. Noll made a motion that for Clergy Ballot Number 15, the top three persons be accepted as the alternates in the order of number of votes received. The motion passed.

FIFTEENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Clergy Ballot Number 15 was distributed. Rev. Jennifer Lovallo offered prayer before the votes were cast. Bishop Devadhar instructed the clergy to vote for three (3) people. The pages collected the ballots.

CONFERENCE OFFERING TOTALS

Conference Offerings totals were posted on the big screen:

District Superintendents Fund	$4,829
Global AIDS Fund	4,441
Wings of the Morning (so far)	86,688
Mission of Peace	4,985
Central Conference Pension Initiative	4,984
Total offerings to date	$105,927

ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES

Bishop Devadhar announced that he has appointed Rev. Charles Bender and Rev. Jessica Campbell as his ecumenical representatives when he is unable to attend an event.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Bishop Devadhar announced that 410 picture IDs were made during Conference. He thanked Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim for all her work on this project.

REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH CLERGY BALLOT

Ballots cast 127, invalid 8, valid 119, necessary to elect, **top three vote getters**: Rev. Dr. Robert Costello, 64 votes, Rev. Vivian Rodeffer, 47 votes and Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak, 44 votes.

PRAYER FOR DELEGATES

Bishop Devadhar read Psalm 100 and led the Conference in prayer on behalf of the newly elected delegates. All who were present gathered around the delegates with the laying on of hands.

SENDING FORTH

A motion was made to adjourn Annual Conference. The motion passed. Having concluded the business of the 12th Session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Bishop Devadhar led the Conference in a prayer of Sending Forth and pronounced the Benediction.

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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT on Friday, the 3rd of June 2011, 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 DISCIPLINE therefore, I ordained as:

ELDERS

Byungil Ahn	Hannah Hyokyung Lee
Barbara Frohock	Erik A. Ostrow
Daniel Gepford	Isabel Quezada
Erik Hall	James Geunsu Ryoo
Brian Joyce	David B. Schumacher
Hyoik Kim	David Yun

Also at the same place and on Thursday, the 2nd of June 2011 and by the same authority I commissioned the following persons as:

PROVISIONAL ELDERS

Yohan Baik	Brian Neville
Sharon Burniston	Donald Stevens
Peter Jamieson	Cynthia Stouffer
Sandra Jenkins	Kee Young Yang

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

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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, May 31 – June 4, 2011.

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

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

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