IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS
13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Actions of the 2012 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, May 31, 2012 10 a.m.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOLY COMMUNION

The service of Remembrance and Holy Communion opened with praise music led by the Worship Team. The processional hymn was "Help Us Accept Each Other". The call to worship was led by Rev. Varlyna Wright. Bishop Devadhar extended greetings to the body and introduced the morning preacher, Rev. Glenn J. Conaway, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Mullica Hill. The song "God is Able" was sung by the worship team. Rev. Rolando Santiago-Fuentes offered the Prayer of Illumination then read the text from Hebrews 12:1-3 in English and in Spanish.

Rev. Glenn Conaway's message, "Running with the Clouds" inspired the body not to quit. Remembering those who have encouraged us, we are to be witnesses of encouragement to others. We are to throw off everything that entangles us so that we may run the race unhindered. He shared his own story of encouragement and perseverance which he experienced while running a ten mile race. He called us to run, being empowered by the Holy Spirit, and keeping our eyes on Jesus. At the end of the message the Hymn of Response was "Guide My Feet."

Glory Roll

Friends and family members were invited to place a mirror on the pillars on the conference floor, reflecting gifts for leadership in ministry seen in others. The conference body was invited to stand in honor of those whom they have known and come to remember, while Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott read the **Glory Roll**. Rev. Harriott led the Prayer of Remembrance and read the Glory Roll of all the Laity, Clergy Spouses, and Clergy who have died since last Annual Conference through April 2012.

Laity:

Wayne Chatten
Hilda Blake Druback
Lillian Kenyon
Queen Porter
Samuel L. Welch

Clergy Spouses

Doris A. Atkinson
Mary Banach
Bernice H. Collins
Julio DeSanctis
Elaine A. Dewart
Katherine S. Green
Genevieve "Jean" Hill
Genevieve Jenkins
Dorothy Light
Marjorie K. Marker
Marian G. Marshall
Esther J. Morgan
Esther Stone Wilson

Clergy

Lloyd R. Applegate
Charles (Christopher) Hinnen

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Jackie Lou Everett
Alan F. Geyer
John Hanjian
R.C. Musgrove
Miriam Parsell
Horace W. Rousseau
Merton A. Steelman III
Walter C. Jordan
Robert E. Kirk
Mark McCombs
William Thielking
Maxwell G. Tow
Paul van der Loo
Naomi "Pat" Westover

Bishop Devadhar and Rev. Glenn Conaway led Holy Communion. Rev. Frances Lawrie Noll spoke about the offering, which was for the District Superintendents Sustentation Fund. The service concluded with the Closing Hymn "Just a Little Talk with Jesus". Rev. Conaway gave the Benediction.

CALL TO ORDER

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar called to order the Thirteenth 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 thanked God for all present, using the words from Psalm 98:1. He admitted to the body that when the GNJAC was birthed, it was never imagined that we would be meeting in a casino. The Bishop implored us to live as Paul lived, reminding the body of Philippians 4:1, "For I have learned to be content with whatever I have". The Bishop reminded the body that it is not important where we meet but rather our service and witness for the glory of God, and he hoped that the body would be missionaries for the next seventy plus hours in the name of Jesus Christ. The Bishop also asked for prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance throughout the Conference.

Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader, greeted the body and reminded the Laity that they are the connection between Conference and the local church. She called the body to lift their voices to invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit saying "Holy Spirit- you are welcome here".

CELEBRATION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Devadhar introduced the Rev. Dr. Robert Williams, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH), who gave a brief history of the first New Jersey Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Williams read from the original handwritten minutes of April 26, 1837 and recounted significant events over the past 175 years of New Jersey Annual Conference history, especially recognizing the New Jersey Conference of 1865 which celebrated the thirteenth amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This amendment abolished slavery and condemned the failure of the New Jersey state legislature to abolish slavery in the state.

SETTING THE BAR

Conference Secretary, Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, moved that the Bar of the Conference include all seats within the room, the hospitality area, the video room, page's station, 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.

Rev. Harriott made a motion that the registration cards, which each member signed, would be used as the form to acknowledge attendance at Conference. The motion passed.

Bishop Devadhar nominated Evelyn Caterson**,** Esq. as Parliamentarian for the conference and Laity Session and Rev. Wayne Plumstead as Parliamentarian for the Clergy Session. The nominations were affirmed by the body.

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RULES OF ORDER

June McCullough presented the Rules of Order and brought to the body's attention the changes made. She then made a motion to approve the Rules of Order with the exception of Rule 11. The motion passed.

MOTION

Rev. John DiGiamberardino presented the resolution from the Primary Task Team, "Proposed Changes to Rules of Order", which would limit the term of the Conference Secretary to two quadrennium. Evelyn Caterson explained to the body that changing Rule 11 which leaves the decision on the process to each Annual Conference was in line with the Book of Discipline. The motion passed.

MOTION

June McCullough made a motion to accept all the Rules of Order as amended. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DISMISSAL FOR LUNCH

Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader, gave the blessing for lunch.

CLERGY SESSION
Thursday, May 31, 2012, 1:30 PM

Bishop Devadhar called the Clergy Session to order. The session was opened with prayer. Bishop asked for the permission of the clergy to allow two persons to attend the Clergy Session without voice or vote, Nicola Mulligan, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, and Chris Moore (sound system). Permission was granted. Bishop Devadhar introduced Rev. Wayne Plumstead as the Clergy Session Parliamentarian**.**

Bishop Devadhar, along with the Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Rev. Shawn Callendar Hogan, presented each section of the **Business of the Annual Conference Report** pertaining to Ordained Ministers and Local Pastors. Approvals and corrections were given where needed. The report was adopted.

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. 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 the candidates were approved.

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
Thursday, May 31, 2012, 1:30 pm

The Laity Session was called to order and opened with prayer by Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader.

Evelyn Caterson, Esq., head delegate to General Conference, presented an overview of General Conference. Ms. Caterson, shared with the body that General Conference was hard work and people needed to be prepared for the work. She shared her observation that for more than 40% of the delegates,

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English was not their first language but the documents for voting were published only in English. She emphasized that the work of laity is to make disciples and to be inclusive.

Bethany Amey, youth representative to General Conference, spoke about her experience as Subcommittee Chair for Church and Society on Social Principles and the Environment. Bethany commented on the increasing use of Twitter by the youth and young adults during General Conference. Samuel Sim served as first reserve delegate and had an opportunity to be present at General Conference.

Dr. Constance Ace reported on the upcoming Jurisdictional Conference being held July 16 -20, 2012 in Charleston, West Virginia. She informed the body that three Bishops would be elected at that time for our jurisdiction. Dr. Ace went on to explain the episcopacy nominations, elections, interview and assignment process.

Barbara McFarquhar gave a presentation on the "Evangelical Experience in Korea" trip by GNJAC members this past March 19-30, 2012. Twenty-six members of the GNJAC, including Bishop and Mrs. Devadhar, toured South Korea receiving "awesome" hospitality. Ms. McFarquhar cited the high density, excellent work ethic, good infrastructure, total land usage, radical hospitality, great spirituality and a homogenous society as the highlights of the trip.

Rosa Williams announced that upcoming events would include: a "Workshop for Conference Laity: Leader Training" during the Conference Day of Learning at Calvary Korean UMC on June 9**,** 2012 and the Lay Speaking Graduation at St. Mark UMC in Hamilton Square on June 10, 2012.

Rosa Williams encouraged the laity to pay special attention to the upcoming Laity Sunday date of October 21, 2012 with the theme being, "Disciples Transforming the World through Service and Word".

Ms. Williams led a discussion regarding the challenge to increase the participation of laity in the Pre-Lenten Worship Service. Suggestions were made including alternate/multiple venues, schedule the event on Saturday and investigate live-streaming to multiple sites. Rosa agreed to investigate the options with the Conference leadership.

Rosa Williams informed the body that this would be the end of the terms for current At-Large Lay Members and that they should have received an application to complete and file for consideration in the next quadrenium.

A petition to General Conference regarding equalization of membership versus attendance at Annual Conference was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 3p.m.

FIRST DAY – SESSION TWO
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012, 3:30 PM

GATHERING

Conference Lay Leader, Rosa Williams opened the session with prayer.

HARRY DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARD

Rev. Douglas L. Spencer explained the history and purpose of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. He informed the body that the Youth Award presentation would be made on Saturday and that the Clergy and Laity Awards would be given out now. Rev. Spencer introduced Rev. Dr. Lawrence H. Potts who presented the Clergy Award to Rev. Jerry D. Ruff. Rev. Potts shared some significant works of Rev. Ruff. Rev. Ruff accepted the award and gave thanks to God for his grace and goodness. The Bishop congratulated and thanked Rev. Ruff for his service in ministry.

Rev. Potts presented the Lay Person Award to Shirley Stewart, from Parkside UMC in Camden, NJ. Rev. Potts spoke about the ministry Shirley has been doing through her church in her community, her District and the Annual Conference. Shirley accepted the Award, gave thanks for the award and thanked God for the opportunities to serve. The Bishop thanked Shirley for her ministry of service and for fulfilling her baptismal covenant.

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THE REV. ROBERT B. STEELMAN METHODIST HISTORY AWARD

Rev. William B. Wilson presented the Rev. Robert B. Steelman Methodist History Award to the Delaware Valley United Methodist Church. Members of the Delaware Valley UMC came forward to accept the Award. Rev. Karen Popjes thanked the body for this award and shared that the church had just celebrated its 100th anniversary and how, in the process, they came to realize how the church needs to look to the future. Rev. Steven G. Bechtold, Skylands District Superintendent, gave his praise to the Delaware Valley congregation. Bishop Devadhar congratulated the congregation.

HARRY SEESE SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn shared the history of the Harry Seese Scholarship, which was set up by his widow, Mrs. Rose Seese, in his memory. Rev. Ahn presented the award to Rev. Michael Smith, from Tabernacle UMC. Rev. Smith accepted the award and gave thanks to Bishop Devadhar and Mrs. Seese for the opportunity to further his education. He added thanks to his congregation and encouraged all local churches to support continuing education for their pastors.

CHRISTIAN UNITY AWARD

Rev. Jessica M. Campbell came forward to explain the Christian Unity Award. Rev. Campbell reminded the body of the importance of ecumenical partnership. The Clergy Award was presented to Rev. Thomas J. Korkuch from Westwood UMC. Rev. Korkuch accepted the award, sharing the work done by the Westwood UMC to creatively support and serve the community through the Community Hospice Center in Bergen County. The Laity Award was presented to Mrs. Debbie Hall-Dean from the Franklin-St. John's UMC. The Rev. Dr. Lloyd Terrell and two members of the congregation accepted the award on behalf of Mrs. Hall-Dean. The Congregational Award was presented to the Emley's Hill UMC for their service to an ecumenical community food pantry. The award was accepted by Rev. Dorothy L. Johns and several members of the congregation. Rev. Johns thanked the body for this award. The Bishop congratulated the recipients of the awards and the congregations on their work~~s~~ and partnership in this ministry.

FRANCIS ASBURY AWARD

Carolyn Pendleton presented the Francis Asbury Award to Dave Dellett from Memorial UMC in Neptune City. Mr. Dellett accepted and gave thanks for the award. He encouraged all churches to continue to support the scholarships for United Methodist students. Bishop thanked Carolyn Pendleton and the committee for their work and also congratulated Dave Dellett.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Bishop Devadhar introduced the guest preacher for the day, Bishop John Michael Lowry, from the Central Texas Conference. Bishop Lowry presented a message entitled "Beyond Aqaba" based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Bishop Lowry explained that during World War II there was a strategic seaport called Aqaba, located in the Western Mediterranean, which was heavily guarded on one side and surrounded by impassable desert on the other: this made Aqaba unapproachable and therefore, thought to be secure from other nations. The Bishop told of how a British Lieutenant led an Arab revolt which resulted in the unlikely capture of Aqaba.

Bishop Lowry related the conquering of Aqaba to the United Methodist Movement stating that "We (the United Methodist movement) have taken Aqaba". He emphasized that Methodism has conquered many different challenges, "Aqaba's", as we grew across our nation and the globe. Bishop Lowry reminded the body that although the United Methodist movement has "Taken Aqaba", struggles continue. He said there is much more to conquer such as war, terror, and racism, and there is the reality of sin and Satan**,** emphasizing that our people are "being destroyed". There is a "thirst to quench" deep in the human soul. Bishop Lowry concluded with a statement related to a scene in the movie "Lawrence of Arabia", based on the taking of Aqaba**,** "Avoid offering membership in the Officers' Club and instead, offer the Drink of Life".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott gave the necessary announcements.

GRACE FOR THE EVENING MEAL

Rev. William B. Wilson gave the grace for the noontime meal.

FIRST DAY - THIRD SESSION
Thursday May 31, 2012, 7:00PM

GATHERING

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

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE

Rev. Dr. Frank L. Fowler III, Chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy, greeted the body in the name of Jesus Christ and invited the Committee to stand and be recognized. He stated: "Good evening. Grace and peace to each and every one of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm Frank Fowler and it is my privilege to serve you as the chairperson of The Episcopacy Committee of our Annual Conference. There are many on that team, and some are here this night, and I'd like to ask now that if any of our team members are present, if they would simply stand where you are, so we might recognize all who serve together. Would you please stand and be recognized? Thank you so much.

The Episcopacy Committee, by Discipline direction, is designed to support our Bishop and his staff in the same types of ways a staff parish relations team might support a local pastor. So we meet with the bishop on a regular basis, we consult with him, we offer him our assistance and certainly our prayers, and it is a joy to meet with him and be a part of helping him to do his very, very important ministry. You perhaps have heard that in front of one church, on its sign one week that read "Don't let worry kill you, let the church help". Well we don't want Bishop Devadhar to worry any more than is necessary.

And so, there is a wonderful staff that supports him in the Episcopal Office and we would like to recognize them now. First, Nicola Mulligan, administrative assistant. Nicola, would you please come forward? I believe many of you knew and do indeed know, how hard Nicola works in order to keep things moving smoothly in the Bishop's life and schedule. Also in the office is Susan Pfeiffenberger, the bookkeeper, and Susan is unable to be with us this night. And also serving with the Bishop is the Rev. Charles Bender, the Episcopal Associate. I believe that you know that Bishop Devadhar's biggest supporter, most important prayer partner, great cheerleader, and wonderful friend, is his soulmate of 36 years, his wife, Prema. Prema, will you come forward? We have all come to know and to love Prema over these last 8 years, and she has come to know and to love us. Her grace, charm and faith, has blessed us all and we thank God for her journey with our Bishop and with us.

I clearly remember when I got the news. It was in July of 2004. I had been occasionally going to the website of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and had learned already that some new Bishops had been elected. But the news that you and I awaited was which person would become our new Bishop. And then the news came, that Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar would serve the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. And I remember smiling and whispering a doxology for I had already known Suda some 16 years before as we had shared time together in the academy for preaching, and I knew of his fine quality as a leader and his reputation in the ensuing years just continued to grow. And so I certainly was elated that he was going to become my bishop and many of you soon came to know that you would likewise be elated. But on that first day of announcement we didn't know what kind of bishop he would be, and that's because he didn't know what kind of bishop he would be. But our journey together began. Now 8 years later and at the end of his second and perhaps final 4 year assignment as our bishop, we know what kind of bishop he has been. And in looking back we all, I believe, not whisper, but can shout a great doxology.

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Bishop Devadhar has been a model of faith and trust in the One who changes not, even though in these past 8 years much has changed in our world, in our churches, in our conference, and indeed, in our individual lives. His love for God and Jesus Christ has been clear and compelling. His devotion to the church, unwavering, and his tireless effort is to strengthen and expand God's kingdom, and in this vineyard has yielded great fruit. He has helped us keep our eyes on the broader and larger vision. He has made bold and sometimes courageous decisions. He has inspired us to give more, to do more. He has prayed with us, rejoiced with us, cried with us, and most important of all, he has loved us, each and every one of us.

In large measure because of Bishop Devadhar's leadership, wisdom and example, today, the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference is stronger, healthier, and more effective in mission and ministry than 8 years ago. These things and much, much more, were a part of an Episcopal evaluation that our Episcopacy Committee was required to complete within the past year. We were asked to submit it to the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee for their use in the upcoming Jurisdictional Conference. That evaluation, which took 6 months to complete, had included input from over 150 leaders and participants in the Annual Conference, was amazing in its response. The efforts to evaluate our Bishop covered many different areas. There were about 20 questions, with many sub-questions, and our team scattered about the conference, meeting with groups and individuals, asking them to complete the questions. The results of our evaluation, of your evaluation, were amazing in that there was almost universal affirmation of Bishop Devadhar's ministry. It was so positive, that our Episcopacy Committee voted unanimously to include an addendum at the end of the report to the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee. And that addendum asked that committee, in its upcoming meeting in July, to re-assign Bishop Devadhar to this Annual Conference for a third 4 year term (applause by the body).

We now know that we stand in the in-between times, for it is on July 20th, when that decision will be made, as the Jurisdiction Conference will be meeting that week in Charleston, West Virginia. Therefore, truth be told, Bishop Devadhar does not know until then where he will be serving on September 1st, and we do not know until then who our new Bishop or our Bishop will be on September 1st. But this is familiar scenery, isn't it? For we are facing a future that is unknown, as all the future is, and so I encourage us to face that future with a yes. Recommitting ourselves to the continuation of the ministry and mission of this Annual Conference that Bishop Devadhar has led us in, in these past years, until we know who it is that will be leading us into that future. But as we look back, we also know that together we can indeed shout that great doxology and give thanks to God for all that Bishop Devadhar has meant to us, done with us and for us, and offered to God through his ministry with us. So friends in Christ, with all of this before us, acknowledging where we are in our system and church, let us enthusiastically now, once again, welcome and affirm our Bishop, Sudashana Devadhar."

Bishop Devadhar thanked everyone for the love demonstrated to him and his family over these eight years and how grateful he was for those years. Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Fowler, the Committee on the Episcopacy, the Episcopal Residency Committee, and all the committees for all their love and hard work. Bishop was also appreciative and expressed his profound thanks to the members of the cabinet, Extended Cabinet, program staff, the staff of the Conference and District offices. He acknowledged with gratitude the great support of Nicola Mulligan, Susan Pfeiffenberger and Rev. Charles Bender. He especially thanked Nicola Mulligan for her generous and sacramental ministry with long hours as his administrative assistant.

RECOGNITION

Bishop Devadhar introduced Bishop Jong Hoon Kim from the Seoul Annual Conference, Bishop Felton E. May and Bishop J. Michael Lowery.

UNITED METHODIST HOMES

Bishop Devadhar invited Larry Carlson, President and CEO of the United Methodist Homes, to the podium. Rev. Dr. Virginia Samuel introduced Mr. Carlson. Mr. Carlson stated that, through our

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donations, over one thousand people have received care in the United Methodist Homes. Bishop Devadhar committed the Conference to be in prayer for the United Methodist Homes.

DEAN OF THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Bishop Devadhar introduced Rev. Dr. Paul Rajashekar, Dean of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Bishop Devadhar praised Rev. Rajashekar for his radical hospitality towards all the Conference groups that have met there. Bishop Devadhar presented Rev. Rajashekar with a plaque expressing his gratitude for all of Rev. Rajashekar's help. Rev. Rajashekar expressed his thanks to Bishop Devadhar for the plaque.

MUSICAL RECOGNITION

Bishop Devadhar encouraged the body to recognize the children in our local churches and to encourage their gifts and talents. He introduced Eloise Vent from the Morrow Memorial UMC in Maplewood. Miss Vent sang the hymn "Sanctuary" while playing the guitar.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bishop Devadhar began his eighth Episcopal address by greeting all in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Bishop Devadhar celebrated with the body that for the first time in forty-five years, we have a net gain of membership. After singing "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", Bishop reminded the body that we live in a world of rapid change. He cited Deuteronomy 32:7, reminding us that, through the rapid change, the sustaining presence of God is with us. Bishop Devadhar told those gathered that he would be drawing from three points made in the book titled "That Used to Be Us" by Thomas L. Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum. The points are: "That Used to be Us!", "That Continues to be Us!", and "That Will Be Us!" This book reminds us of what made our nation a great nation, stating that our problem is not elsewhere, our problem is us, and that means the solution is us. He related this to the United Methodist Church, considering the history of the Methodist Church. Bishop Devadhar told of a time in our history when the Methodist Church was making an impact in the world. He told of the time, around 1910, when Methodists were starting one new church a day, were part of the largest and most influential Protestant denomination in the United States, and were engaged in mission throughout the world. He said, "That used to be us!"

The Bishop then emphasized "That Continues to be Us!", celebrating how the United Methodist Church still reaches around the world through our global agencies. The Bishop also celebrated the fact that our denomination started 60% more new churches in the past quadrennium than the previous one and so we are getting closer to starting one new church per day.

Bishop Devadhar gave a vision of the future in which the United Methodist Church will transform the world. He admonished the body that this will only happen if we take on an attitude of humility through service and witness. "That will be us!" Before the Bishop concluded he expressed his thankfulness to God for blessing him "with a wonderful Cabinet, Program Staff and faithful office staff and a truly, truly loyal and extravagantly selfless Episcopal staff whose professional and vocational companionship has been a divine blessing." Bishop Devadhar then shared a quote by Mother Theresa, "God doesn't call us to be successful, but to be faithful". He challenged us to think "out of the box". The entire text of the Episcopal Address may be found in the Report section of the 2012 Journal and Yearbook of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

OFFERING

Bishop Devadhar invited Attayah Douglas, a Conference Youth member, to come forward and talk about the Mission of Peace Offering.

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CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Devadhar invited the District Superintendents to join him at the podium for the Setting of Appointments. Bishop Devadhar introduced each of the District Superintendents and they read the names of the new appointments.

Bishop Devadhar announced that there were no changes in the listing of extension ministries as presented. He thanked all the District Superintendents for their hard work and dedication to the Lord.

The Bishop also announced that Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Ruffle and Rev. Erica Munoz are appointed to start a "Cyber Church" of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. These appointments are in addition to their other conference duties. They will be assisted by Heather Fullerton, Conference Media Specialist.

BENEDICTION

Bishop Jong Hoon Kim gave the benediction in Korean.

SECOND DAY – SESSION ONE
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012

BIBLE STUDY

The Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore, Associate Dean for Black Church Studies and Church Relations at Duke Divinity School, led the early morning Bible Study. The study generated much enthusiasm and was well attended.

GATHERING AND ORDER OF THE DAY

Mark Miller and the conference musicians opened the session with the ministry of music. Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett then encouraged the body to get the Holy Spirit moving and led us into worship by leading the Call to Worship. Acts 3:1-10 was read.

Bishop J. Michael Lowry began his sermon titled "Doctrine of Sanctification", asking the question "What's Your Policy?" based on a video clip of a Liberty Mutual Insurance commercial which was shown. He challenged all the members of Conference to consider that question in regard to the United Methodist Church as a whole and as a local church. He asked, "What's Your Policy"? and "What is the Policy going to be of the United Methodist Church"?

Bishop Lowry acknowledged that when preaching on the theme of service, there are many scriptures to choose from such as Matthew 25, Luke 10, Micah 6:8 or the Ten Commandments. He brought attention to the fact that many skip over Acts 3; they go from Pentecost in Acts 2 to Acts 4 without considering the simple text of Acts 3. Bishop Lowry emphasized the importance of living a life of service, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World, which is what Acts 3 is all about. Bishop Lowry made the analogy that to say you are a Christian and not be in service is akin to saying you are a student, but don't show up for class and don't study, or akin to saying you are part of an orchestra but don't practice or show up for the concert.

Bishop Lowry shared a number of stories exemplifying Christian service and giving, stressing the need for Christians to stop looking for "what's in it for me" and, instead, to live in service for others. He reminded the body that in serving, we find ourselves the most alive. He stressed that Methodists need to find a new way of being Christian with hands-on service and witness. Outward love of God should be in all our outreach as it comes from our inward love of God. Our service should be sacrificial, risk taking and explicitly connected to Christ.

He closed by asking us to look at how we are engaged in hands-on service with the poor in tangible ways, asking, "Are we/ am I, sacrificial in our service? Are we/ am I, risk taking in our service? Are we/ am I, explicitly connected to Christ in our service? Do I say His name, giving witness?"

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PLENARY

Rosa Williams opened the session with prayer.

CORPORATE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott made the motion to go into Corporate Session. The motion passed.

CENTENARY FUND AND PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY

Rev. J. Neill Tolboom presented the names for the Centenary Fund Board of Directors and moved that they be accepted. The motion passed.

PENNINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Dr. David E. Wiley, III presented the Pennington School Trustees Report for approval. The report was approved.

UNITED METHODIST HOMES TRUSTEES

Rev. Wiley presented the names for the United Methodist Homes Trustees for approval. The report was accepted.

THE UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

Rev. Wiley presented the names for the Board of the United Methodist Foundation of New Jersey for approval. The motion was passed.

CAMPING MINISTRIES

Rev. Wiley presented the names for the Board of the Greater NJ United Methodist Camping Ministries, Inc. for approval. All were approved.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:

Rev. Wiley presented the names for the Conference Board of Trustees for approval. The report was approved.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Marian Munson presented the report of the Conference Trustees. She highlighted the sections regarding two district parsonages: the first in the Capital District on the campus of the Pennington School and the second, serving the Gateway South District, located in Moorestown. She informed the body that the Moorestown parsonage will be closed and the parsonage on campus of the Pennington School will be rehabilitated. The Trustees will begin the search to purchase a parsonage for the Gateway South District. The goal is for the parsonage to be ready for occupancy by July 1, 2014. She brought to the Conference's attention the concerns for the St. Philip's ministry, whose building has been rehabilitated after significant damage by Hurricane Irene and is now up and running, serving the needs of the community. Ms. Munson also brought attention to the section of the report where the Trustees voted to establish the property insurance surplus at 50% of premium costs. She informed us that the current excess above that amount would be returned to each insured by way of a credit against future billings. Ms. Munson recognized and thanked the members of the Board of Trustees for their work and shared that many times the Board had lifted her up during her time on the trustees.

Creed Pogue, Lay Member, asked the Board of Trustees to consider replacing the Gateway South District Parsonage sooner due to the current real estate market. Ms. Munson indicated that the board would take the suggestion into consideration. Bishop Devadhar thanked Ms. Munson and the Board of Trustees for their fine ministry.

MOTION

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott made the motion to go out of Corporate Session. The motion passed.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

Rev. Shawn Callender Hogan presented the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

HISTORIC QUESTIONS

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

Bishop Devadhar asked that the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry stand and be recognized. He thanked them for all their work and effort.

RESOLUTION

Bishop Devadhar asked Bishop Felton E. May to take over as presiding officer so a member of the conference could offer a moment of personal privilege which pertained to Bishop Devadhar.

Bishop May noted that Rule 50 of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Rules of Order has been read and approved to allow the conference to have a moment of personal privilege from Creed Pogue. Mr. Pogue presented the following resolution: Resolved that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference prayerfully requests that the Episcopacy Committee of the Northeastern Jurisdiction re-assign Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar to the GJNAC for a third quadrenium. This motion passed.

Bishop Devadhar returned to the conference and shared a few words of thanks to the Conference for their love and support and made it clear to the body that we need to be open to accept the decision of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee on this matter.

CONFERENCE BUDGET

John Bishop, Chair of the Council on Finance and Administration, began by reporting that once again we have a clean audit report. He gave credit to and thanked Conference Treasurer John Cardillo and his staff. Mr. Bishop informed the body that, through the work of the conference administrative staff, over $200,000 will be paid to churches that took advantage of the federal government's 2011 Small Employer Healthcare Tax Credit but stated that there are many more that may qualify for the credits and did not take advantage of the conference assistance. He encouraged all churches to look into these healthcare credits.

Mr. Bishop informed those present that, after several inquiries by our churches in regard to solar generated energy, CF&A is planning to hold seminars on this topic if there is enough interest. He asked for those interested to stop by the Treasurer's table and sign up.

Mr. Bishop introduced the outgoing CF&A budget sub-committee chair, Edward S. Barber, Jr. and the incoming chair, Ade Adesanya. Mr. Adesanya presented the 2013 Budget for approval. He reported that the 2013 budget will have an increase of 1.12 % over the 2012 budget, and this will decrease the Conference reserve funds used for the budget to 170K. He also reported that the total asking from Shared Ministries will increase by 2.46% in 2013 with an expected giving rate of 84.41%.

Mr. Adesanya reported that several reductions helped keep the budget increase to a minimum. General church apportionments are down $25,000, the Planned Giving Program was eliminated, and the reserve for Conference sessions was reduced by 50%.

Mr. Adesanya moved to adopt the budget. The motion passed with nearly unanimous approval and no questions from the floor.

STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION PROJECT RESOLUTION

John Bishop presented the Strategic Transformation Project Resolution for approval. This proposal would exclude Shared Ministry obligations and billable items for up to ten Strategic Transformation Project churches. He explained that each church would have to prepare a ministry action plan before they can be considered for this exemption. The plan would then be monitored by the District Superintendents and the Bishop.

Mr. Bishop moved the proposal for adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

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CF&A SHARED MINISTRY REPORT

John Bishop reported that the GNJAC has paid 100% of its Shared Ministries to the General Council on Finance and Administration. He thanked all the local churches that paid 100% of their Shared Ministries. Mr. Bishop presented Bishop Devadhar with a plaque from GCFA congratulating the Conference on its 100% payment to the general church.

Bishop Devadhar stated that the plaque belongs to the Conference because it reflects the hard work of our churches, clergy, laity and the leadership of the Conference and the part they play in the fulfillment of our Shared Ministries goals.

Bishop Devadhar called John Cardillo to the podium and thanked him for his work and efforts as Treasurer.

John Bishop thanked the CF&A members whose terms were coming to an end. He thanked them for all their hard work and service to the Conference. The Bishop thanked Mr. Bishop and the entire CF&A for their faithful ministry.

REPORT BY GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Evelyn Caterson, Esq. and Rev. Drew Dyson presented their report on General Conference in a newscast fashion, similar to the five o'clock news on television. Other delegates gave reports on different aspects of General Conference. Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn and Rev. Varlyna Wright spoke about the inspirational worship at General Conference.

Rev. Dyson reported on the resolution that passed at General Conference that would do away with guaranteed appointments for Elders and the concern of the impact of this vote on the future of the church.

Rev. Dyson also reported on how two resolutions, each offering a different way of restructuring the global UMC, came together in what was called 'Plan UMC'. This plan was approved on the Conference floor but, as soon as it was approved, someone raised the question as to its constitutionality. Rev. Dyson went on to state that several days later at General Conference, Plan UMC was deemed unconstitutional by the Judicial Council.

Rosa Williams reported on some of the changes that would affect the laity. First was the change of the title "Lay Speaking Ministries" to "Lay Servant Ministries," explaining that the term 'speaking' implies preaching which inhibits some from taking the training.

Rev. Dyson commended Ms. Caterson for her attention to detail throughout General Conference and asked her to share some of her insights into the process of Conference. Evelyn spoke about the frustration she felt several times during daily proceedings, such as when it took fifteen minutes to debate the starting date of a petition, which was the normal starting date of every petition, or when she found her name and Rev. Dyson's name on the Inter-Jurisdictional Episcopal Committee. She brought to the attention of the Annual Conference that approximately 40% of the General Conference delegates were not from the United States and many of them did not speak English, yet all of the legislation was in English only. When she asked some of the non-English speaking delegates how they managed this they told her, through their translators, that when they did not understand all that was before them they simply voted 'No'. She ended by reflecting on how we are a global church--and we still need to figure out how to be one.

Bethany Amy gave an update on the missional witness of the UMC's 'Nothing but Nets' campaign. She reported that due to the 20.2 million dollars raised by the UMC so far, deaths from malaria have been cut in half.

Bethany also reported that a Young Clergy Initiative has been voted by General Conference to help young adults hear God's call to ministry. A $5 million fund was established to use towards theological education for our pastors.

Rev. Jessica Campbell reported on the evolution of the church's history of racism and injustice and how the UMC has taken steps toward reconciliation with indigenous persons. She reminded the body of the times when General Conference questioned the ordination of African Americans and when the church removed people in prayer, communion and worship due to the color of their skin. She

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admonished us to never forget how, in 1864, a Methodist clergyman and a District Superintendent led an attack on a Cheyenne tribe at Sand Creek, killing over 700 children, women and elderly. She then celebrated the progress made at General Conference, reporting that on May 1, 2012, the UMC formally entered into full communion agreement with our Pan-Methodist brothers and sisters. This agreement celebrates the fact that more unites us than divides us.

Rev. Campbell went on to report of a healing service that took place at General Conference where the story of Sand Creek was told along with the history of the church's continued oppression of indigenous people around the world. During this service, Bishops made a public apology for these actions and acknowledged that acts of oppression, massacre, discrimination and causing pain to people of different cultures are not God's way.

Jay Brown reported on the global-ness of the UMC and the acknowledgement at General Conference of our multi-cultural nature. He stated that the Conference body agreed that although there are differences, we share a unified vision, mission and purpose, succinctly stating this as "we are a global village with a common purpose." With the acknowledgement of our cultural differences, a resolution was passed allowing the Central Conferences to make slight changes to the Book of Discipline to meet their cultural needs.

Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett reported on some of the struggles at General Conference. She explained that a number of petitions coming to the floor dealt with human rights such as the General Conference's strongly worded statement calling for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine; however the statement stopped short of approving divestment from companies that are in support of that occupancy. Rev. Bennett went on to report that the resolution that would combine COSROW, the commission focused on the status and role of women in the church, and the Commission on Race and Religion into one committee, stating the loss of support for women and minorities by these advocacy groups would be significant.

Rev. Bennett then spoke about the issue of divisiveness over the church's stance on homosexuality. She reported that it was painful when Rev. Adam Hamilton's proposal to use language reflecting this divisiveness was defeated. She reported that, after the vote, there was a moment of hopefulness and solidarity through unity around the communion table, reminding those gathered that we are all welcome at the table of Jesus Christ, we are all critical members of the body of Christ and we are all beloved children of God.

Mark Miller gave a report about how General Conference failed in its attempt to have holy conversations over the issue of human sexuality. He stated that this was first made difficult due to the brief time allotted and because, within the conversations, there was emotional, spiritual and physical bullying by some of the delegates. In addition, Mark said, there were no plans in place to care for those who were hurt by the process. He felt this showed lack of respect for our GLBT brothers and sisters and went against Wesley's rule of 'Do no harm'. He suggested that we, as a denomination, have come to the point in our history where we may need to organize the church differently, possibly becoming regional. He ended by stating we shall overcome with love.

Evelyn Caterson shared that the GNJAC delegation "worked hard, cried and prayed and laughed and ate and laughed and ate".

Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim thanked the all the delegates for their leadership at General Conference. She reported on each delegate's participation while at General Conference. She thanked Bishop Devadhar for a luncheon he held for the delegates.

Ms. Caterson called all the delegates forward and thanked them for their work. Bishop Devadhar gave his thanks to the entire delegation and indicated that our delegation provided great leadership at the General Conference.

BLESSING

Rev. Grace Sinae Pak gave the blessing for the noon meal.

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SECOND DAY – SESSION TWO
Friday, June 1, 2012, 1:15PM

GATHERING

Rev. Barbara Rambach opened the session in prayer.

PRESIDENT OF DREW UNIVERSITY

Bishop Devadhar welcomed and introduced Dr. Vivian A. Bull who has agreed to be the interim president of Drew University. Dr. Bull gave a brief summary of her life experiences. She went on to explain the history of Drew, how it was established in 1867 as a theological seminary, adding a liberal arts college in 1928 and later, a graduate school. She spoke about how Drew is known for small classes and personal attention to its students. Dr. Bull invited anyone who wished to visit the university to do so. Bishop Devadhar thanked Dr. Bull for her leadership at Drew University.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott gave the necessary announcements.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson informed the body that the Jurisdictional Conference is on July 16 in Charleston, West Virginia. He explained that a primary task of this Conference is to elect and assign Episcopal leaders. Rev. Dyson introduced Dr. Connie Ace and Rev. Charles Bender, representatives of the Jurisdictional delegation.

Dr. Ace shared with us that the upcoming Jurisdictional Conference theme for the next quadrennium is "Rise Up, Encounter God and Engage the World". Dr. Ace stated that they will be electing three new Bishops. She went on to explain how Episcopal nominations can be brought by Annual Conferences or through other nationally recognized United Methodist caucuses or organizations.

Rev. Bender reviewed the qualifications needed to become a Bishop. The nominee must be an elder in full connection, no older than 68 years of age by July 1 of the Jurisdictional Conference year, and should be someone with a vision for the church, a passion for unity, a gift for the ministry of administration, and a servant leader. Rev. Bender explained that in order to be elected to the Episcopacy, a person needs to receive at least 60% of the votes cast. The assigning of Episcopal areas is the responsibility of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy committee. Bishops may be assigned for three quadrennium to the same area but cannot first be assigned to the area from which they came. This rule may, however, be changed by a 2/3 vote.

Dr. Ace ended with saying that both she and Rev. Bender heard the resolution passed by Conference earlier expressing the wish to have Bishop Devadhar return. She is taking this as the delegation's "marching orders" when they go to Jurisdictional Conference.

EPISCOPACY NOMINATIONS

Evelyn Caterson, Esq. informed the body that the Jurisdictional delegation prayerfully concluded that they would not bring any nominations for bishop to the Annual Conference but rather, they would encourage members to listen to those who were willing to give of themselves, at this time, by serving in Episcopal leadership. She explained that we would be following Rule 82 of the Rules of Order on page 59 when making the nominations.

Bishop Devadhar asked for those attending Jurisdictional Conference as delegates to stand so they could be lifted in prayer.

Bishop Devadhar, as per the Book of Discipline, informed the body that any ordained Elder in our Conference could be nominated for the Office of Bishop. He asked members if Rev. Bender's detailed explanation of the qualifications of a bishop was enough. Those gathered said "yes".

Rev. Harriott reminded the body of the areas set as the Bar of the Conference. Bishop Devadhar then called for nominations. Those nominated were:

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1. Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim
2. Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn
3. Rev. Dr. Vicki Miller Brendler
4. Rev. Dr. Robert E. Costello was nominated but declined the nomination.
5. Rev. Dr. Frank L. Fowler, III was nominated but declined the nomination.

MOTION

A motion was made to close the nominations. The motion passed. Each candidate gave a three minute speech.

VOTING

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott asked all members to be within the bar of the Conference and reminded the body that only those members wearing either red, kelly green, lime green or yellow badges were allowed to vote. Rev. Harriott introduced Keith Cunningham as the official judge of the election. Rev. Charles Wagner was called forward to read the names of the tellers. Rev. Harriott informed the body that in order for a person to be nominated, they need to receive a majority of the votes taken. Evelyn Caterson explained that each voting member of the Conference could vote for one, two, or three persons or for no one. She explained that if you vote for no one it will count as a cast vote.

Bishop Devadhar called for the vote to take place. The ballots were distributed, votes were cast and the ballots collected. Bishop closed the ballot.

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE GCF&A

Bishop Devadhar introduced the General Secretary and Treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration, Moses Kumar. Mr. Kumar thanked the GNJAC for its financial commitment and generosity to the global church. He presented a video clip of General Board of Higher Education celebrations, showing the body what some of their donations made possible. Bishop Devadhar thanked Mr. Kumar for his leadership.

MULTI-ETHNIC CENTER

Bishop Devadhar introduced Rev. Dr. H. Ward Greer, the interim director of the Northeast Jurisdiction Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry. Rev. Greer explained that they are a jurisdictional group that focuses on inclusivity in leadership on all levels of the church. He thanked Bishop Devadhar and the GNJAC for their partnership and support in all they do. He presented Bishop Devadhar with a report from the JMECM that will be presented at the Jurisdictional Conference. Rev. Greer thanked Bishop Felton May for all his leadership, vision and prophetic work.

THANKS

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Lyssette Perez for her leadership role in the worldwide nature of the global church.

CELEBRATION OF EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Mark Miller and the conference musicians opened the service with the ministry of music. One of the conference youth led the Call to Worship. Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett encouraged the body to reflect on what it means to be the bearers of gladness for ministry to the world and to write these reflections or leave a hand print on the pillars in the room. 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.

Bishop Devadhar called forward Helen Gorby McCahill and acknowledged her call to the specialized ministry of Evangelism. Bishop offered a prayer for her ministry.

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RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Bishop Devadhar called all the retirees forward and thanked them for the over 700 years of service to the church represented by their presence. He also thanked their spouses and families for their dedication and support.

Retiring Clergy 2012

Roy C. Amore
Edward S. Carty
Donald F. De Groat
Jere L. Hopkins-Doerr
Marjorie G. Eriksen
Karen W. Gazzillo
Judith P. Gehrig
Carol Freeman Hann
Edwin F. Hann, III
David F. Harwood
Marion Jackson
Frank W. Kowar
Karl R. Kraft
John B. Mitchell
George E. Morris
Vena M. Murphy
E. Joan Palmer
Jeanne A. Pearson
Rebeca M. Radillo
Jose E. Rivera-Bocanegra
Gary L. Turk
Thomas A. Wadas
David E. Wiley, III
Emerson T. Woodward
Christina C. Zito

GOLDEN CIRCLE RECOGNITION

Rev. Barry W. Wehrle read the names of those clergy who have reached the fifty year anniversary of their ordination.

David N. Cousins
Donald F. Derse
Robert L Reasner
Mahlon H. Smith, III
Albert J. D. Aymer
William R. McElwee

Bishop Devadhar presented a plaque of recognition to Rev. McElwee who was the only retiree in the Golden Circle present.

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn read the Scripture passage, 1Timothy 4:12-13, in both Korean and English.

SERMON

Bishop Devadhar introduced the guest preacher**,** Bishop Jong Hoon Kim, from the Seoul Annual Conference in South Korea. He spoke in Korean while Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak translated for him. Bishop Kim noted that even though our two conferences are far away from each other, with different cultures and history, we are of one mind and one body because we share John Wesley's passion for the gospel. Bishop Kim began his sermon by admonishing the Candidates for Commissioning of the holy code of conduct we need to live by as Christian leaders in order to make disciples for Jesus Christ. He focused on Paul's passage in Timothy as encouragement and an example to live by. He told the body that a pastor has two dimensions in spiritual authority: an external factor and an internal factor. He explained that they will be given institutional authority after going through the process and receiving an appointment: this is the external dimension. The internal factor is described by Paul in 1 Timothy 4:13. Bishop Kim advised that both the external and internal factors must be in harmony**;** he called these "Holy Form" and "Holy Substance." The Bishop then said that only when the holy form and holy substance are in balance will one obtain spiritual authority and encouraged the candidates to strive for this balance in their ministries.

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.

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Commissioned Clergy:

Order of Deacon:
Susan A. Iliff

Order of Elder:
Sanghoon Choi
Regine Jean-Baptiste
Seokman Park
Iraida Ruiz de Porras
Rolando Santiago-Fuentes
Michael Patrick Smith

PASSING OF THE MANTLE

Rev. Karen Gazzillo, retiring clergy, passed the mantle from one generation to the next. Rev. Susan Iliff received the mantle on behalf of the Candidates for Commissioning. The service ended with singing "Hakuna Wakaita"

Bishop Devadhar gave the closing blessing.

CORPORATE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott made a motion to move into corporate session. The motion passed.

CO-CONFERENCE CHANCELLORS

Bishop Devadhar appointed Evelyn S. Caterson, Esq. and Sanford Brown, Esq. as co-Conference Chancellors. The appointment was affirmed by the body.

CORPORATE OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

Janet Blohm made the motion to nominate Rev. David E. Wiley, III as Conference Secretary of the Conference Corporation. The motion passed.

Evelyn Caterson made the motion to nominate Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar as President of the corporation. The motion passed.

John Bishop made a motion nominating John Cardillo to be Treasurer and Statistician of the corporation for the next quadrennium. The motion passed.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Rev. Dr. David E. Wiley, III presented the Nominations report, with corrections, and moved for its approval. The motion passed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENABLING RESOLUTION

Janet Blohm presented the Board of Trustees Enabling Resolutions and moved for their approval. The motion passed.

CLOSURE OF FRANCES CHILDS UMC

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Costello presented the resolution to close the Frances Childs UMC and moved for its approval. Rev. Costello extended his thanks for all the ministry done from this church over the years. The motion passed.

CLOSURE OF HILTON UMC

Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak presented the resolution to close Hilton UMC in Maplewood, NJ and moved for its approval. The motion passed.

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Rev. Costello asked for all those whose lives were touched by the Frances Childs UMC and Hilton UMC to stand. He then offered a prayer for the Frances Childs UMC, and Rev. Kwak offered a prayer for the Hilton UMC and all those who had been touched by its ministry.

MOTION

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott moved that the body move out of Corporate Session.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION REPORT

Rev. Jennifer Yu Cho presented the resolutions from the Commission on Equitable Compensation and moved for their adoption. Rev. Cho asked the members of the Commission on Equitable Compensation to stand to be recognized and she thanked them for their faithful work. The motion passed unanimously, with no dissension. It was noted that the minimum salary for the clergy in our Conference was second lowest in the Northeast Jurisdiction only a few years ago. With the adoption of this resolution, salaries in the Conference will now be the highest in the Jurisdiction.

Bishop Devadhar thanked the body for the approval of the compensation recommendations. He also thanked Rev.Cho and the members of the committee for their faithful ministry.

WINGS OF MORNING OFFERING

Rev. Douglas S. Miller and Rosa Williams spoke about the need of the Wings of the Morning mission. Rev. Miller informed the members that the mission needs another $50,000 and asked everyone to pray about it and come back tomorrow with a commitment. A video clip was shown. An offering was taken during the video. Ms. Williams gave a prayer of thanks for the offering.

BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Thompson gave the blessing for the evening meal.

ELECTION RESULTS

Bishop Devadhar informed the body that there were 752 votes cast. Needed to elect: 377. Invalid votes: 13. Those elected were Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn with 464 votes and Rev. Dr. Vicki Miller Brendler with 433 votes. The Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim received 197 votes.

Bishop Devadhar invited the Jurisdictional Delegates, the elected Episcopacy candidates and their families to the dais. Bishop led us in a prayer for the elected candidates.

Bishop Devadhar announced that Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim would also be an Episcopacy candidate since she has been approved by the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists. Bishop offered a prayer for Rev. Kim.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edna Barrier announced that the School of Christian Mission would be held on July 6-8 at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ and July 26-28 at Kean University in Union, NJ. The theme for this year is 'That All May Have Life'. There will be four classes to choose from: Poverty, Haiti, Immigration and the Bible, and the Conference Study on the Economy of Love.

Rev. Michael Harriott made the necessary announcements.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION
Friday, June 01, 2012, 7:30PM

The Service of Ordination began with the ordinands, clergy and bishops processing to the hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".

Bishop Devadhar introduced the guest Bishops: Bishop J. Michael Lowry, Bishop of the Central Texas Annual Conference; Bishop Felton Edwin May, Retired Bishop in the United Methodist Church;

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Bishop Jong Hoon Kim, Bishop from the Seoul Annual Conference in South Korea; The Rt. Rev. George Edward Councell, D.D. Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, and The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, NY. Bishop Devadhar gave words of welcome and led the greeting and opening prayer. The candidates were presented for ordination after General Examination and approval of their candidacy by Rosa Williams, representing the laity, and Rev. Dr. Grace Sinae Pak representing the Board of Ordained Ministry.

The Scripture lesson, Matthew 26:36-44, was read by Tiffany Woolerton and several other youth members of Conference.

Bishop Devadhar delivered a message entitled "Get Me Out of This!" This was a message of encouragement to the ordinands to help them understand that ministry will be a challenge because it has all the components of humanity but they are asked to live as those who truly know and follow the teachings of Jesus. He said that though the road may be rough and the going tough, they are never alone because Jesus is with them and they have their connection in the United Methodist Church. He reminded the ordinands that this is not the finish line but the beginning of the race and that God goes with them.

OFFERING

An offering was collected for the Central Conference Pension Initiative.

ORDAINED DEACONS

Gary Henry Frieze
Susan Victor

ORDAINED ELDERS

Jessica Lynn Brendler Naulty
Hector A. Burgos-Nunez
Amanda Rose Hemenetz
Erica Leigh Milone Munoz
Loraine Priestley-Smith

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS IN FULL CONNECTION

Bishop Devadhar reminded the body that as United Methodist's, we are people of catholic spirit. Bishop presented two persons already ordained in a sister denomination. Myungsun Han and Hoo Sug Lee are received as Full Elders and members of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

PRAYER AND INVITATION

Bishop Devadhar offered the closing prayer. Bishop then extended an invitation to all who were feeling a call to Christian ministry to come forward.

BENEDICTION

Bishop Devadhar and newly ordained deacon, Rev. Susan Victor, offered the closing blessing to the congregation.

THIRD DAY – FIRST SESSION
Saturday, June 2, 2012, 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY

The morning Bible Study and breakfast was again led by Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore.

GATHERING

Mark Miller and the conference musicians opened the session with the ministry of music. Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett reminded the body that we have spent the past two days considering what it means to take gladness into the world. She invited people during this session, to go to one of the pillars in the room

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and write on one of the stones how they will take gladness into the world. She announced that the murals on the pillars would be auctioned off. She then led the opening prayer.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Rev. Bennett invited Bishop J. Michael Lowry to the podium. He thanked Bishop Devadhar and the Conference for the hospitality extended to him and his wife. He then shared that when they arrive back in Texas they would be having their Annual Conference and requested we keep them in prayer.

Bishop Lowry began by presenting a video and challenged us to listen to the witness about his king and ask ourselves 'Do you know him? He then read from Acts 17:16-32.

Bishop Lowry shared a story of a woman named Judy, pastor of a small church in Grainger, Texas, whose purpose was to stay open so they could bury the two matriarchs of the church. When Judy began as a supply pastor, she didn't know this and the church began to grow. Not knowing any better, she began a food ministry because there wasn't any in the community. This small church grew by leaps and bounds and is still growing today. Bishop Lowry used this church as an example of what can happen when half a handful of people allow themselves to be used by God. They know the King.

Bishop Lowry spoke about how many people have a totally wrong notion about God, don't know Christ, and have no close relationship with God. He informed the body that the United States is now one of the biggest mission fields in the world. He related the story of the Grainger church to the passage in Acts 17 where the power of God spread the faith. He challenged those gathered to be courageous in sharing our faith. The Bishop noted that, even though Paul was waiting in Athens, his waiting wasn't passive; there was prayer, thought and growing in the Lord. The Bishop shared examples of non-passive waiting people, such as William Carey, a missionary who began five or six churches—while waiting for permission to do so.

The Bishop challenged us by asking the question, 'How deeply do we care for people who are far from God?' Just as the city Paul walked through was flooded with idols, so is today's society. He admonished the body to be bold enough to speak up in the name of Christ with the hungry and homeless. He invited the body to create evangelism that is both invitational and attractional to reach both those close to God and those who are not; in this way we make the gospel incarnational. He called Paul a courageous witness and encouraged us to be like Paul and proclaim the risen Christ.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Bishop Lowry and his wife for their presence with us and his inspiration. Bishop Devadhar offered a prayer for their travels and their annual conference. He also thanked Rev. Dr .Joy Moore for her excellent Bible studies.

PLENARY SESSION

Rev. Regina L. Albert opened the session with prayer.

COKESBURY

Steve Tombs, Cokesbury's new representative, spoke about a new children's program entitled, 'Grow-Proclaim-Serve.' He also noted that the new *Common English Bible* and the website, 'ministrymatters.com' from the United Methodist Publishing House are available for church leaders.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT REPORT

Bethany Amy reported to the conference about how busy the youth have been this year. She informed the group about the Ocean City retreat. She explained how they did not wish to continue just sitting around talking about faith but wanted to go and perform many different mission projects in the community. She spoke about the Youth Exploration weekend, where youth who felt the call to ordained ministry focused on discerning their call. Ms. Amy also shared about her experience at General Conference and how youth from around the globe participated on different committees. She then shared a video of various youth activities in the conference. She thanked the annual conference for the support demonstrated to the youth and young adults.

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Bishop Devadhar thanked Bethany and other youth at the Jurisdictional and General Conference**,** and global level of the church.

CONFERENCE LAY LEADER REPORT

Rosa Williams explained the role of a Conference Lay Leader by reading from *The Book of Discipline*. She explained that her year began in August when she attended the 20th World Methodist Conference in Durban, South Africa, where the theme was "For Healing of the Nations". The goals of the conference were to improve Methodist unity and witnessing, to end world hunger, and to continue the ecumenical dialogue with the Orthodox Church. She shared how grateful she was to be able to visit all nine districts with the Bishop. She explained that the Laity Council focused on laity leadership. Laity workshops were held with the goal of preparing laity leaders to engage in vital congregations. Ms. Williams encouraged the laity to work in partnership with their pastors, stating that this partnership has strengthened the church throughout the years. She reminded all that this partnership is complementary and is to present and promote the salvation of Jesus to all the people we meet.

She thanked Bishop Devadhar, Rev. Varlyna Wright, Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn and Bishop Hae-Jong Kim for making the Korean trip possible for the laity. She went on to share some experiences of the trip.

She ended her report with the summons adopted at the World Methodist Conference. This invitation summons the family of Methodists around the globe to pray that what happened in Jerusalem and what happened at Aldersgate will—through the moving power of the Holy Spirit—happen again.

Bishop thanked Rosa Williams for her dedicated ministry as the lay leader and expressed his deep appreciation for her partnership in our ministry together.

WINGS OF THE MORNING PLEDGES

Rosa Williams invited Rev. Douglas S. Miller to the podium. She informed the members that last night they collected $38,498 for the Wings of the Morning mission and noted that there was a need for $11,000 more. Rev. Miller stated that he wanted more, and after pledging $1000 from his church, he asked volunteers to come forward and make pledges. Many took the challenge and pledged towards the mission.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rosa for all that she does as Conference Lay Leader. Bishop also thanked Rev. Miller for his encouragement for the Wings of the Morning mission.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Dr. Connie Ace, former Conference Lay Leader, requested a moment of privilege in order to say farewell to this conference since she is moving and will become a member in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. She reflected on her thirty years as a GNJAC member. Bishop Devadhar invited all the former and present pastors, members of the White House church and District Superintendents to come forward and have a moment of prayer.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

Eleanor Hartley, chair of the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, requested a moment of privilege to share with the body that the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefit's Health Flex health plan declared a dividend in 2012 and gave a premium credit to the conference of $877,000. She explained that the Board has chosen to use this credit to double the amount of the health reimbursement accounts (HRA), increasing from $250 for individuals and $500 for families to $500/$1000 respectively in 2013.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Ms. Hartley and the members of the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits for their faithful and sacrificial ministry.

BRINGING MORE CLARITY TO THE CONNECTIONAL GIVING RESOLUTION

Creed Pogue presented the 'Bringing More Clarity to the Connectional Giving' resolution and moved for its adoption. The motion failed.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANCY REPORT

Rev. Barbara Rambach, Dean of the Cabinet, began by extending thanks to the members of the Cabinet, the Extended Cabinets and all the administrative staff for their work. She especially thanked Bishop Devadhar for his leadership and spirituality. Rev. Rambach then informed those gathered that she had auctioned off the rest of the D.S.'s report for the Wings of the Morning mission and that the full report would be on the conference web site the following morning.

Bishop Devadhar expressed his appreciation to the Cabinet for all that they do for the church. The Bishop asked the Program Staff and Conference Staff to come to the podium and he offered his thanks to them as well.

CHARTERING CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP UMC

Rev. Wayne Plumstead expressed his excitement in working with the Cornerstone Fellowship UMC to become chartered. He explained that the Cornerstone Church had its start as an English language community in the Korean Community of NJ UMC in Englewood, NJ. It is now located in Hasbrouck Heights, sharing the building with the First UMC. He shared his joy in the newest church of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. He then presented a video clip highlighting the Cornerstone Church.

Rev. Plumstead asked the body to accept the Cornerstone Fellowship Church into the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. The church was accepted.

Rev. Plumstead called forward Rev. Jin Oh and his lay delegates from Cornerstone UMC and Rev. Sung Hoon Ahn, Rev. Sungnam Choi, Rev. Iraida Ruiz De Porras and Elsie Sternbach of the First UMC. Bishop Devadhar expressed his thanks for all their witness, commitment, zeal and perseverance to bring this new church to fruition. Bishop offered a prayer for the Cornerstone Church.

HARRY DENMAN EVANGELISM YOUTH AWARD

Rev. Dr. Lawrence H. Potts and Rev. Douglas L. Spencer presented the Denman Youth award to Ben Meyer from the Jackson UMC. Rev. Potts spoke about how Ben has been active in the Jacksonville UMC in bringing other youth to Christ. Bishop congratulated Ben.

YOUTH GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE

Evelyn S. Caterson, Esq. introduced Samuel Sim, first lay reserve delegate at General Conference. Mr. Sim read the same brief he gave at General Conference. In this report he gave ideas for helping to bring more youth into the church and he shared his hope and vision for the future of the church.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Mr. Sim for his leadership and witness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Devadhar made an announcement explaining where different committees would meet at lunchtime to elect leaders.

MISSIONARIES

Bishop Devadhar invited the Tanzania Annual Conference Missionaries to the podium with Rev. Myrna Bethke escorting them. Rev. Bethke introduced Mutuali Antombowanushini and his wife Kobaca Andala Alfancene. Rev. Mutuali shared with the body that they had been sent to Tanzania twenty years ago at a time when there weren't any United Methodist Churches in the area; now they have sixty-two churches. He thanked Bishop Devadhar for allowing them to speak to the conference, thanked the conference for the financial support received in the past, and asked that we continue to support them. He shared that Kobaca works with women and children and he works on evangelization to create new churches. Ms. Alfancene sang a song in Swahili titled, "God Bless You".

Bishop Devadhar thanked the missionaries for coming to conference and for their service and witness. Bishop offered a prayer for their mission work.

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US-2 MISSION

William Wilson, Jr. a US-2 missionary, gave a presentation about the US-2 Missionary program, a program that has been around for sixty years. He explained that the US-2 program is a missionary opportunity through the United Methodist Church for young adults within the United States. He is stationed in Fargo, North Dakota working with the homeless and campus ministry. He encouraged the members to support young adult missions. More about this mission program can be found at 'umcmission.org'.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott made the necessary announcements.

WINGS OF THE MORNING OFFERING

John Cardillo announced that the members of the Annual Conference pledged $104,498 for the Wings of the Morning mission, of which $40,507 was collected through an offering at the Annual Conference.

CONFERENCE OFFERING TOTALS

John Cardillo read the 2012 Greater New Jersey Conference offering totals:

District Superintendent's Sustentation Fund	$ 6,303
Northeastern Jurisdictional Youth Ministries Mission of Peace	$ 4,962
UMCOR Disaster Response for Orphaned Children	$ 5,528
Central Conference Pension Initiative	$ 4,441

BLESSING

William Wilson, Jr. gave the blessing for the noon meal.

THIRD DAY – SECOND SESSION
Saturday, June 2, 2012, 1:30pm

GATHERING

Mark Miller and the conference musicians opened the session. Bishop Devadhar thanked them for their faithful ministry. Rev. Dr. Tanya Linn Bennett opened the session with prayer. She then offered the banners for purchase. She explained that there was no official price but would accept donations which would go to camperships.

ORDER OF DEACONS

Rev. Brenda Wheeler Ehlers and other deacons explained what it means to be a deacon by sharing a skit titled, "Parable of the Rower and the Lighthouse". Through this skit the body learned that the lighthouse shines and the rowers row. It was important to the rowers to be part of the team. They wanted to help bring people to the lighthouse that couldn't get there on their own or bring the light of the lighthouse to them.

Rev. Wheeler Ehlers went on to explain that deacons help people in the darkest times of their lives pointing them to the light. She informed the body that deacons in our conference work with people in outreach programs, with addictions, as hospital chaplains or with victims of domestic violence.

Rev. Wheeler Ehlers acknowledged and thanked Rev. Christina Zito, a deacon who is retiring this year. She also stated that the deacons offer themselves to God and to the conference as servants.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Wheeler Ehlers, Rev. Zito and all the deacons for their ministry and witness.

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ORDER OF ELDERS

Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim, Chair of the Order of Elders, explained to the body that the Order seeks to support all elders within the conference. She spoke about two surveys taken in the past year to understand the needs of elders and expressed regrets that they had not been able to take care of all the needs but stated that they have been able to help in some ways. The most visible is providing the I.D. badges to over five hundred clergy.

Rev. Charles Wagner presented the Continuing Education Survey taken by clergy at the Bishop's Pre-Lenten Gathering. He spoke about what they learned through this survey, such as the surprise that almost 40% of clergy did not know that the conference has financial assistance available for every clergy for continuing education in the amount of $300. He encouraged clergy to check the report for continuing education opportunities around the conference. Rev. Wagner also encouraged everyone to read the 'Our Stories' section of the report. He ended by thanking all the clergy who took the time to complete the surveys.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Kim, Rev. Victor R. Peterson, III, Rev. Wagner and the whole team for their work for the Order of Elders.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott made a necessary announcement.

FELLOWSHIP OF LOCAL PASTORS

Pastor Debra E. Neill came forward, speaking on behalf of Pastor Dorothy L. Johns who is the chair but had to leave. Pastor Neill read what Pastor Johns had pre-written. In her report she spoke of how our local pastors come from very diverse backgrounds with many of them working full time jobs while serving churches. She celebrated the creative ways that have been arranged to have times of fellowship. She noted the greatest challenge was the distance between each other and the limited time to get together.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Pastor Raymond W. Schmeling, Pastor Neill and Pastor Johns for all their work and the ministries of all local pastors.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION

Bishop Devadhar explained that he had reviewed the "Greater New Jersey Call to Action" resolution and the resolution titled "Requesting District Superintendents to Study the Compatibility of Organizations of the Korean UMC with the UM Discipline" and deemed them to be out of order.

APPEAL OF DECISION

Gyuchang Sim requested an appeal of the Bishop's decision.

Bishop Devadhar explained to the body that an appeal was permissible. He then had Evelyn S. Caterson, Esq. read the reason for his decision. Ms. Caterson also explained that the person requesting the appeal could also explain their reason for the appeal.

Mr. Sim presented his reason for the appeal.

Bishop Devadhar asked the body for a vote for approval for his decision. The body affirmed the Bishop's decision.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Rev. Derrick L. Doherty from the Disaster Response Team spoke about how the Team, as well as churches, responded to the needs of communities after Hurricane Irene. He called Rev. Jeffrey M. Campbell to the podium to thank him and the Wayne UMC for all their help through that difficult time. Rev. Doherty went on to explain that he was stepping down as chair and introduced the new chair, Rev. Wayne M. Jones. Rev. Doherty was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his dedication and work.

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PRIMARY TASK TEAM

Rev. John DiGiamberardino presented the report from the Primary Task Team and encouraged the body to read it. Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. DiGiamberardino and the members of the Primary Task Team for their visionary leadership.

POVERTY TASK FORCE

Rosa Williams presented a report by the Poverty Task Force, speaking on the progress made to help in areas of poverty. She explained that the Task Force has recommendations for poverty education programs for Districts and ways to coordinate with current ministries to help move the poor to self-sufficiency. The Task Force has given themselves a one year time frame to do this and will report back at the next Annual Conference.

The report was approved.

21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Ruffle, Congregational Development Coordinator, spoke about the 21st Century Academy explaining that this is a two year training for clergy leadership and focuses on congregational transformation and individual transformation. He thanked the conference for their support of this program.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Ruffle for his report and his leadership.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Rev. Ruffle presented a video celebrating new places for new people within our conference in both Sharptown North and Waretown/Barnegat Anew churches. Rev. Ruffle thanked Heather Fullerton, Media Specialist, for putting together the video.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING RESOLUTION

Rev. J. Neill Tolboom presented the "A Day of Prayer and Healing" resolution, adding to the fourth paragraph, after 'September 30, 2012' -- "the Bishop will write the prayer of healing and discernment and the prayer guidelines to be used during this congregational day of prayer and healing". He moved for its adoption with the addendum.

MOTION

Creed Pogue made a motion to refer this resolution to the Conference Board of Church and Society. The motion failed. The resolution was then adopted.

CONFERENCE CAMPING MINISTRY

Rev. Jennifer Lovallo and Creed Pogue presented the report of the Greater NJ UM Camping Ministries, Inc. Rev. Lovallo shared how important the camping ministry is to children and how children can be touched by Christ through this ministry. She informed the body that they have hired Rev. Pam Harris and Rev. Gary Stevens of Run River Enterprises, Inc. to help the board function better and to improve the camps to meet the changing needs of the communities. She encouraged every local church to send their children to camp.

Bishop Devadhar thanked Rev. Lovallo, Mr. Pogue and all the members of the camping board for their work and ministry.

INDONESIAN FAMILY REFUGEE PROTECTION CAMP RESOLUTION

Cynthia Kent, chair of the Conference Board of Church and Society, presented the "Indonesian Family Refugee Protection Camp" resolution. She moved its adoption. The motion passed.

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CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIALS, 2013

Barbara McFarquhar from the Board of Global Ministries presented the Conference Advance Specials for 2013 and moved for its adoption. The motion passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rev. Regina L. Albert moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion passed.

MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Bishop Devadhar called Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott and thanked him for his twelve years of faithful ministry to the Annual Conference. The Bishop also thanked Rev. Harriott's family for their help and support through those years. The Bishop offered a prayer for Rev. Harriott.

JURISDICTIONAL POOL

Evelyn S. Caterson, Esq. explained that the 'Jurisdictional Pool' is a group of people that will be available to be placed on the boards of the general church agencies. She stated that all the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates and reserves are already in the Jurisdictional Pool. Rev. Harriott shared with the body the new ruling from the 2012 General Conference that annual conferences do not have to offer names for the Jurisdictional Pool but if the conference does want to offer names, they must nominate a minimum of fifteen, but not more than forty-five, people. Those who were nominated are:

Rev. Dr. Vicki Miller Brendler
Shannon Tooker
Rev. Dr. Richard Hendrickson
Rev. Dr. Glenn Ferguson
Rev. Barbara Rambach
Barbara Brown
Rev. Jonathan Campbell
Rev. Michelle Ryoo
Rev. Donnie Mitchell
Rev. Derrick Doherty
Wendy Whiteside
Rev. Brian Joyce
Carl Anderson
Rev. John Callanan
Cynthia Kent
Dr. Kathy Stanford
Rev. Ellen Little
Rev. Thomas Lank
Rev. Judy Ann White
Carolyn Pendleton
Mary Bland
Rev. Sherri Dobbs-Johnson
Janet Blohm
Rev. Rina Terry
Marilyn Kuna
Rev. Louis Strugala
Rebecca Coram
Carole Nelson
Virgie Kelly

Rev. Harriott recommended that all those who just nominated someone to send the name, addresses, telephone number and email address of the nominee to his email, 'conferencesecretary@comcast.net'.

Bishop Devadhar asked for a motion to close the nominations. One was made from the floor. The motion passed.

SESSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Regina L. Albert called the Session Team forward and asked all gathered to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Mrs. Prema Devadhar as the team came forward. Rev. Albert thanked the Session Team for all their hard work and dedication. She also called the video team to the dais and thanked them for their work at Conference. She requested feedback on how Conference went this year. Rev. Albert reminded us of the dates of the 2013 Annual Conference which are May 30 – June 1, 2013 at Valley Forge.

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Rev. Albert asked the body for their thoughts on keeping Valley Forge on the list of possible sites for future Annual Conferences.

Bishop Devadhar restated this as a motion and asked for its approval. The motion passed.

MOTION

Rev. Albert made a motion that would give the Primary Task Team authority to choose a site for the 2014 and 2015 Annual Conferences before next year's Annual Conference takes place. The motion passed.

THANKS

Bishop Devadhar thanked the Rev. Albert and the members of the Sessions Team, Rev. Dr.Tanya Linn Bennet and Mark Miller and the band for their leadership in the worship, and all those who have participated, directly or indirectly, for their hard work through the year to make this a wonderful Conference. Rev. Albert thanked Mary Bode, Rev. Glenn Ferguson and Rev. Gary Hope, all of whom will be retiring after two quadrennium, for their years of service. Rev. Albert also thanked Rev. C. Jean Mc Mullan and Rev. Edward H. Rusk, both of whom have served on Sessions for over twenty years. Bishop Devadhar thanked Evelyn S. Caterson, Esq. for being Parliamentarian and Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott for being Conference Secretary.

SENDING FORTH

Bishop Devadhar asked for a motion to adjourn. One was made from the floor. The motion passed at 4:20pm.

Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett led the body in the closing worship.

Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott expressed the deep appreciation of the Conference to Bishop Devadhar.

Bishop Devadhar concluded Annual Conference by expressing his deep, heartfelt appreciation and love to all the faithful servants of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, both clergy and laity. He concluded with the words of the Psalmist, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name give glory for the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness."

Bishop Devadhar and Rosa Williams gave the final blessing.

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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT on Friday, the 1st of June 2012, 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:

DEACONS:

Gary Henry Frieze
Susan Victor

ELDERS:

Jessica Lynn Brendler Naulty
Hector A. Burgos-Nunez
Amanda Rose Hemenetz
Erica Leigh Milone Munoz
Loraine Priestley-Smith

Also at the same place and on Friday, the 1st of June 2012, and by the same authority I commissioned the following persons as:

PROVISIONAL DEACON:

Susan A. Iliff

PROVISIONAL ELDERS:

Sanghoon Choi
Regine Jean-Baptiste
Seokman Park
Iraida Ruiz de Porras
Rolando Santiago-Fuentes
Michael Patrick Smith

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 twelfth 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 2, 2012.

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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