IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS
14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Actions of the 2013 Annual Conference relating to Program and Legislation are in Section V and are corrected to reflect final action. Reports are found in Section VIII.

Thursday May 30, 2013
OPENING WORSHIP
11:00 AM

GATHERING AND OPENING WORSHIP
Mark Miller led the gathering worshippers in praise songs. The District Superintendents processed into the conference along with staff and participants. Jeremiah 29:1-15 was read by five individuals in multiple languages. Bishop Schol welcomed everyone to the Conference and introduced the Conference Preacher, Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore. Rev. Moore delivered her message "The Day After Tomorrow." She reminded us that God says "I know the plans I have for you" and that "the presence of God will result first, in judgment". Rev. Moore urged us to take action and do good while here on earth. As United Methodists, we need to focus on what we were called to be and do and not on what the world around us influences us to be.

OFFERING AND HOLY COMMUNION
Bishop Schol introduced the offering to be taken for Sandy Relief and for Imagine No Malaria stating "There are times when God judges us" and how we respond in times like these reflects our faith in God. He then led us in Holy Communion.

BLESSING AND GRACE
Bishop May blessed us before dismissal for lunch. Carl Anderson offered grace using sign language.

CLERGY SESSION
12:30 PM

Bishop Schol called the Clergy Session to order and opened with prayer. He then presided as each section of the Business of the Annual Conference Report pertaining to Ordained Ministers and Local Pastors was presented. Approvals and corrections were given as needed. During this time the candidates for Commissioning were introduced. Clergy were invited to ask the candidates questions. None were offered. After the candidates left the room, Bishop Schol called for a vote to approve the candidates. All the candidates were approved. The candidates for Ordination and Full Membership were then presented. Bishop Schol asked them the historic questions and again, the clergy were invited to ask the candidates questions. After the ordinands left the room, Bishop called for a vote to approve them. All the candidates were approved.

The Business of the Annual Conference report was adopted (see chapter VI "Business of the Annual Conference" in this Journal for full report). Bishop Schol thanked the clergy for their faithful work in ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry for all their hard work. The meeting was adjourned. The clergy continued with lunch and Bishop Schol moved to the Laity Session.

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LAITY SESSION
12:30 PM

Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader welcomed the Laity to the Laity Session and introduced Mark Halverson of Lay Servant Ministries.

Mark Halverson gave a presentation to the Laity on the new Lay Servant Ministry, explaining the changes and similarities between the Lay Speaking Ministry and the new Lay Servant Ministry. Mark noted that many of the changes are name changes only—what we knew as the Local Church Lay Speaker is now called the Local Church Lay Servant. Similarly, what we knew as Certified Lay Speaker is now known as Certified Lay Servant. The requirements for becoming a Certified Lay Servant and continuing education for recertification are the same as they were for the Certified Lay Speakers. There is, however, a new level to Lay Servant Ministry called Lay Speaker. This is for those active in pulpit supply and requires additional education. He outlined five advanced courses which are required to become a Lay Speaker and provide pulpit supply. In addition, Lay Speakers are required to gain approval of their District Lay Servant Ministry Team. Mark shared information in regards to the upcoming training opportunities for those interested in Lay Servant Ministry. He introduced each of the District Directors of Lay Servant Ministry who were present.

Bobbie Ridgely, Sandy Relief Team Coordinator, presented the activities occurring throughout the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference in support of Superstorm Sandy Relief efforts. She shared the current state of diminishing government funds and support available to those impacted by the storm, noting that the deadline for FEMA applications was May 1, 2013. She shared that several organizations are continuing to support those in need, such as the Red Cross, United Way, Lutheran Disaster and UMCOR. She explained the role and responsibilities of the Conference Disaster Recovery Team and its work in conjunction with UMCOR. The disaster relief program consists of three areas: Case Management, Construction, and Volunteer/Volunteer Hosting. The Conference Team is split into two Regions, North and South. She shared that the first construction work by our conference team started in late March. To date, the conference teams have worked with 38 families and are expected to work with another 50 – 60 families. She also shared that local churches can get involved and help in three ways: 1) send a construction team for one week to work with others on the construction/reconstruction of homes, 2) Host Site Coordinators hosting volunteers or 3) as Partner Churches providing meals for the volunteers.

John Bishop presented statistics from the "Historical Trends and Projections Study" by Donald R. House. He shared statistics in regards to the declining worship attendance, church membership and stewardship. He explained the term "Affinity Group" as the dynamics and characteristics of the community within a 3 mile radius of your church, and shared how churches can evaluate themselves against the Affinity Group. He also reported that older Elders do not do as well as younger Elders in growing churches and that longer appointments are more effective, with even the 10th or 11th year of an appointment as frequently the most productive year of that appointment. He suggested that our local churches need to evaluate the programs and activities they offer in regards to the Affinity Group and what would attract the Affinity Group to the church.

Rosa Williams thanked all of the presenters of the Laity Session and introduced Bishop Schol to address the laity.

Bishop Schol entered from the Clergy Session and welcomed the laity to conference. He thanked Rosa Williams for her dedication and service to the conference. He thanked the laity involved in Sandy Relief, both those that have been hands-on and those that have contributed financially. Bishop Schol encouraged laity to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. He recognized the gifts

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and talents of our laity, and asked for the names of people in our congregations who possess amazing gifts and experiences. He wants to work with these laity to help our annual conference transform the world. He concluded by asking the laity to remember the following three things:

1. We are in this together
2. We have gifted people with whom he wants to work
3. All for the glory of God

Rosa Williams presented "What a Vital Congregation Looks Like". She shared some of the basic research regarding our call to live out God's purpose in our local churches. She shared that Vital Congregations are 1) living out God's purpose, 2) are growing and have grown over the last 5 years, 3) have multiple ministries, including small groups, 4) are involved in mission and outreach, and 5) are generous in giving locally, nationally and globally. She noted the challenges our churches are facing and the need to be driven by mission and reaching out beyond ourselves.

Rosa Williams presented information on the upcoming Lay Leadership Academy to be held September 13 & 14, 2013 in Ocean Grove. She also shared that our conference is hosting the Lay Leaders Northeast Annual meeting October 4-6, 2013 in Mt. Laurel, NJ and that the 2014 Celebration of Lay Ministry will be held March 22, 2014. Applications for nominations of laity involved in exceptional ministries will be available in October 2013. Rosa concluded with a video of unusual, unique ministries.

PLENARY SESSION
Thursday, May 30, 2013
2:45 PM

GATHERING
Mark Miller and the conference praise team led the body with music and praise.

ORGANIZING CONFERENCE
Bishop John Schol introduced Andrew Ryoo, a member of the Communications Staff at Conference, who shared various updated means of social media that was available for viewing, or getting information regarding, Annual Conference sessions.

SETTING THE BAR
Rev. David Wiley, Conference Secretary, made a motion to set the bar of. The motion passed.

RULES OF ORDER
Rev. Dan Gepford, Chair of the Conference Rules Committee, presented a resolution to change only the portions of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Rules necessary to reflect references to the new 2012 Book of Discipline (instead of the former 2008 Book of Discipline). The rules were approved.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS
Focusing upon Jeremiah 29:11 as a theme scripture--*"I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, a future not of destruction but a future with hope,"* Bishop John Schol began his first Episcopal address to this Annual Conference by sharing his own personal childhood faith story. He was joined by Rev. Bobbie Rambach, Rev. Sung Ahn, Rev. Doug Ruffle and Rev. Varlyna Wright who participated in sharing faith stories of various churches in our conference as a part of his Episcopal address. Bishop Schol celebrated that in the midst of Super Storm Sandy, many United Methodists responded with

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faith and determination, leading with hope. Through our churches hope is being reborn through prayer, pastoral counseling and radical hospitality.

Bishop Schol reminded us that we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and that we do so by connecting with God-size visions and God-size missions. He commented that "numbers without names, fruit without fellowship, results without relationship are not of God." He asserted that we need numbers and names, fruit and fellowship, and results and relationships to vitalize our congregations and ministries.

Bishop Schol mentioned some of the statistical signs of decline, noting that these are more than statistics but reflections of the spiritual issues we must address together. He highlighted 5 key areas to address: (1) relevancy; (2) diversity and inclusion; (3) spiritual leadership that is visionary, creative, risk-taking and diverse; (4) developing vital congregations; and (5) mission - reaching out to non-religious and nominally religious people with God-size mission.

Bishop Schol challenged us to focus on fostering vital congregations based on God-size visions through 1) inviting and inspiring worship, 2) disciple-making small groups, 3) risk-taking mission, and 4) generous giving. He celebrated that once again we at GNJAC paid 100% of shared ministry giving to the General Church.

Bishop Schol reported that we will begin to work with our strategic plan, and that every Annual Conference session for the next 5 years will review the progress made. He reported the following goals: 1) to renew the Wesleyan movement by increasing the ratio of vital congregations from 14% to 41%; 2) starting 90 new faith communities/congregations (2 per year in each district) with 400 new disciples joining these congregations; 3) and repairing 300-500 homes of the poor, elderly and disabled.

For this conference-wide effort, Bishop Schol highlighted "A Future with Hope" Mission Campaign that seeks to raise 12 million dollars. A "Hope Campaign" that builds on the Igniting Ministry program will also be launched.

Bishop Schol then introduced the following pastors and families who were adversely affected by Super Storm Sandy:

Rev. Jevon Caldwell-Gross, Atlantic City: Hamilton Memorial UMC;
Rev. William Williams, Atlantic City: Asbury UMC;
Rev. Scott Bostwick, Bayhead: St Paul's UMC;
Rev. Gene and Ellen Chamberlin, Belmar: First UMC and Bradley Beach: First UMC;
Rev. Diane Gilbert, Kynett and Beach Haven Terrace; and
Rev. Don Stevens, Pt Pleasant: Central UMC.

Bishop Schol also recognized congregations whose buildings were so devastated that they could not worship in their churches, including:

Ocean City: Macedonia UMC
Bayonne: Wesley
Beach Haven: Kynett
Beach Haven Terrace: First UMC
Belmar: First UMC
Sea Bright : First UMC

Bishop Schol introduced the conference disaster relief team, who were among the first responders right after Super Storm Sandy hit, noting that some left while facing challenges in their own homes,

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communities and congregations to serve others. They included: Rev. Wayne Jones (Conference Disaster Relief Team Leader); Rev. James Davis; Pastor Kevin Davis; Rev. Derrick Doherty; Pastor James Elliott; Rev. Betty Megill; Rev. Chris Miller; Rev. David Repenning; Rev. Charles Soper, Jr.; Kim Ambrose; Carol Brozosky; CJ Caulfield; Laura Purdy; Gyuchang Sim; Pauline Wallace; Pastor David Delaney; Pastor Thomas Stark; Ms. Nicole Troast,; Mr. Frank Keiser; Ms. Lennea Swenson; Rev. Hector Burgos; Pastor Ginnie Keiser; Mr. Jon Johnson; Carol Brozosky; Pastor Reggie Bynum; Derrick Davis; Pastor Kevin Davis; Rev. Douglas Baitinger; Bernedette Exley; Joey Davis; Michael D'Italia: Camden Neighborhood Center; Rev. Mark Earl; Pauline Wallace; and Pastor Scott Maat.

Bishop Schol highlighted several who went well beyond what was expected, inlcuding: Pastor Thomas Stark, Ms. Nicole Troast; Mr. Frank Keiser; Ms. Lennea Swenson; Pastor Louis Strugala, Jr.; Pastor David Delaney; and Rev. Juliann Henry.

He reported that churches or groups that went above and beyond during the relief and recovery time included:

Ocean City: St. Peter's UMC – Rev. Brian Roberts;
Northfield: Good Shepherd UMC – Pastor Thomas Stark;
Pleasantville: Oasis UMC – Rev. Hector Burgos;
Seaville UMC – Rev. Diane Pacione;
Atlantic City: Venice Park UMC; Pastor Clifford Still
Somers Point UMC – Rev. Eric Helms;
Mays Landing: First UMC – Rev. Linda Ross;
Tuckerton: First UMC – Rev. Grant Buttermore;
Princeton United Methodist Church – Rev. Jana Purkis-Brash;
Centenary UMC - Pastor Anna Gillette;
BR Williams Bus Company;
Aldine UMC - Rev. Donald Polk;
Newport UMC- Pastor Wilbert Frazer
Maplewood : Morrow Memorial UMC - Rev. Chris Heckert;
Bloomfield: Park UMC – Rev. Joel Hubbard;
East Orange: Park Ave.- St. John's - Pastor Reggie Bynum;
Chatham UMC - Rev. Pastor Rich Knox;
Caldwell UMC - Rev. Jeff Markay;
Hoboken: Community Federated Church - Rev. Marvin Krieger;
Weehawken: Park UMC - Pastor Lester Guilfoyle;
Perth Amboy: Simpson UMC - Rev. Joel Ajo-Fernandez;
The UMC in Union City - Rev.Manuel Sardinas; and
Pastor Kevin Davis, Glen Roemmich and Gary Stevenson.

Bishop Schol also introduced the Conference Sandy Relief team, led by Bobbie Ridgley. He closed with these words: "Challenging times call for big visions, bold actions and courageous disciples. This is no time to shrink behind our challenges. The journey is long and I invite you to share in the journey. In the midst of our challenges, together, let us press on to the high calling that is before us. Let us not look back, but join together to run the race, to be the church of Jesus Christ -- vital, restored, forgiven, connecting the Gospel with those at the center and the margins, those in our pews and the nonreligious in our communities. Press on, for the journey is long. Hope on, for the journey is long. Sing on, for the journey is long. March on, for the journey is long. Pray on, for the journey is long."

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WELCOME OF SCHOL FAMILY
Rev. Dr. Frank Fowler, the Episcopacy Committee Chair, introduced the Schol Family to the Annual Conference. He introduced Mrs. Beverly Schol as a strong woman of God with passion, commitment and discipleship, who is eager to make a difference in people's lives through her work with Sandy Relief. Mrs. Eleanor Schol, Bishop Schol's mother, was also welcomed. Their daughters, Rebecca and Kristen, and their son, Mark, were also acknowledged.

LEGISLATION
Bishop John Schol began this session of Conference by paying tribute to the leadership of Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, his predecessor, who led this Annual Conference during the past eight years.

TRUSTEES ENABLING RESOLUTION
Pastor Lou Strugula, Chair of the Conference Board of Trustees, made a motion to approve the Trustees Enabling Resolution. The motion passed.

NEW CONFERENCE CENTER RESOLUTION
Pastor Lou Strugula made a motion to approve the New Conference Center Resolution. After a few questions of clarification, the resolution was approved.

A FUTURE WITH HOPE MISSION FUND RESOLUTION
John Bishop made a motion to approve the A Future with Hope Resolution to create a "Building a Future with Hope" Mission Fund, and introduced four co-chairpersons of this effort: Rev. Frank Fowler, Rev. Sung Ahn, Jay Brown, and Rev. Gina Hendrickson. The motion passed.

NOMINATIONS REPORT
Heiki Graef, Chair of the Conference Nominations Committee, presented the Conference Nominations report for approval. A question was raised as to whether the Future with Hope Board was in order. That particular Board was tabled for consideration at a later time. The rest of the Nomination Report, with the exclusion as noted, was approved.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson presented the following four constitutional changes supported by the General. Paper ballots were distributed to those eligible to vote. After balloting, tellers retired to count the votes.

LAY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – BOARD OF LAITY
Rosa Williams made a motion to accept the Lay Leadership Academy Resolution. The motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER
Rolando Emanuel Santiago, Jr., a youth member from San Pablo Centenario UMC in Newark, led the closing prayer in Spanish. Members retired for the day to meals on their own.

SECOND DAY
Friday, May 31 2013, 8:30 AM

GATHERING
Mark Miller and the Conference Praise Band opened the session by leading the body in singing "Who is my Mother, Who is my Brother" and "I'll Fly Away".

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BIBLE STUDY
Bishop Scholl introduced Dr. Rev. Karoline Lewis, a professor of Homiletics at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. Rev. Lewis began her study by reflecting on the theme of our Conference, "A Future with Hope." She told the body that hope starts with believing that Jesus has hope in us to carry out his mission in the world and to be an active agent in God's mission. Rev. Lewis focused on the passage of the Samaritan Woman at the Well in John 4, examining four characteristics of hope that Jesus had in the woman and has in us: 1) potential, 2) persistence, 3) possibility and 4) power. Rev. Lewis ended by applying these characteristics to churches and reminding the body of how much God has hope in the church.

LEADERSHIP REPORT
Patricia Agustin Smith opened the session with prayer. Bishop Schol encouraged the body to go beyond our present diversity and to reach beyond our leadership capacity to increase the passion, vision, perseverance and creativity of our churches. To exemplify sacrificial giving, Bishop Schol announced that he and his wife, Beverly, have committed $53,000.00 over the next three years to the 'Future with Hope Mission Fund' campaign. He also gave thanks to the twenty-six church leaders that have already pledged $356,000.00 towards this campaign.

STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN
Vanessa Williams presented the Strategic Ministry Plan by introducing the members of the team. She explained how data for this report was gathered from the Bishop's Day on the Districts and from Listening Tours in all the districts, with over seven hundred people giving input into this plan. A consultant was commissioned to put together the Strategic Ministry Plan Summary. An editorial correction was made on page forty-five of the pre-conference booklet by moving from line seven 'If a congregation has not set goals, engage in a process and set goals by fall 2013 charge conference' to the end of that section as a new item #10.

John Bishop made a motion to amend item one on page forty-five to include a second sentence to state "Any changes must be in accord with paragraphs 613 and 614 of the Book of Discipline and if anything more is required; the Annual Conference will have to vote on the proposed change". The amendment passed.

Rev. Dr. Vicki Miller Brendler made a motion to amend the section titled 'Gospel Questions' on page thirty-six in the pre-conference book by inserting "In keeping with scripture and The Book of Discipline" prior to the last question. The amendment passed.

Creed Pogue made a motion to strike from line ten on page forty-four the words "and becomes self-sustaining". The amendment passed.

Cynthia Ann Kent made a motion to add the words to line twenty-three on page thirty-one "Native Americans". The amendment passed.

Reverend Dennis Blackwell raised questions of law. Rev. Blackwell needed additional information on the Judicial Council ruling he was sighting. Bishop Schol asked Rev. Blackwell to bring it back after lunch.

ORDER OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
As the time for the Service of Remembrance was at hand, Conference Secretary Rev. David Wiley made the necessary announcements and the Session prepared for worship.

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Service of Remembrance began with processional hymns "Without Seeing you" and "Dios Esta Aqui." Following the Call to Worship and prayer, Iraida Ruiz read the scriptures, Hebrews 11:1-7, in Spanish. Cassandra Kellam then sang "Give Me Jesus". Rev. Dr. Joy Moore's message was titled "Something Better." She reminded the body that we were gathered to remember those of faith who gave us faith; the people in our lives who have shown us compassion, or prayed for us. She stated that these are the ones who have showed us God and who are now seeing the true promise of God. These people challenged us to believe that we are more than we are and we can believe that, one day, Jesus will offer us that 'Something Better'.

Rev. David Wiley read the "Glory Roll" of Laity, Clergy Spouses and Clergy who died from May 1, 2012 –April 30, 2013:

Laity:

Gail A. Eisenlohr
Samuel E. Herdman
Donna Kulinski
Lorraine "Laurie" Larsen
Howard Minnichbach
Dorothy Oliver

Clergy Spouses:

Mary Margaret Borsos
Lois Watters Brasher
Ella Mae Cannon
Paulette N. Christie
Edna McKinley Houtain
Cherith Hope Johnson
Mary Grace McElroy
Anacleto "Nito" Perez-Torres
Helen Ruth Smith
Beverly Swanson
Helen Mae Westley

Clergy:

Gordon W. Baum
Julius Logan Brasher
Donald H. Brown
Charles M. Burton, Sr.
Edward J. Casey
Leo B. Collins, III
William A. Davis
Robert W. Edgar
Mario L. Fernandez
Curtis W. Garrett
Robert J. Gentile
Carl W. Halvorsen
Warren D. Light
Robert Richwood Marshall
Donald F. O'Rourke
Joseph A. Palumbo, Sr.
James W. Robinson
Sherman S. Robinson
Norman H. Thomas
James E. Thompson
James S. Tiller
Norman W. Walz
John D. Watt
Robert L. King

The serviced concluded with the hymn "For All the Saints".

BLESSING

Ataya Johnson gave the noon blessing and the session moved to lunch.

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CELEBRATION LUNCH
Friday May 31, 2013
12:00 NOON

OPENING COMMENTS
Rev. Erica Munoz thanked all those involved arranging the Celebration Luncheon and working on the committees that selected the award recipients.

AWARDS PRESENTATION
Rev. Jessica Campbell presented the Christian Unity Awards to Litsa Binder and Rev. Linda Applegate.

Rev. Donnie Mitchell presented the Denman Award to the following recipients:
Youth Award – Brooke Ann Boetticher
Laity Award – Nicole Troast
Clergy Award – Rev. Han Seung Koh

Rev. Hyekyung Pauline Kang presented the Francis Asbury Award to Rev. Myung Sun Han.

Rev. Barbara Rambach presented the Harry A. Seese Memorial Scholarship to Rev. James A Keeton Jr.

Rev. William B. Wilson presented the Robert B. Steelman Methodist History Award to Little Falls UMC accepted by Rev. Donnie Mitchell and Mr. Peter Dewes.

Rev. Barry Wehrle read the names of those being added to the "Golden Circle" honoring 50 years of ministry:

Gilbert F. Bennett	Thomas W. Higgins	C. Ronald Miller
John F. Bickerstaff	Wilbert S. Hoffman	Roger W. Plantikow
W. Wayne Conrad	Donald B. Jones	William B. Presnell
George P. Fischer, Jr.	Daniel A. Klement	W. James White

PLENARY SESSION
Friday May 31, 2013
2:00 PM

GATHERING
Mark Miller led the gathering worshippers in praise songs. The District Superintendents processed into the conference along with staff and participants.

ANNOUNCMENT OF OFFERING TOTAL
Bishop Schol announced that the offering collected on Thursday totaled $54,978.77. He thanked all for the offering and everyone's generosity.

STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN (CONT'D)
Bishop Schol reviewed the amendments passed during the morning session in regards to the Strategic Ministry Plan.

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Rev. E. Robin Mitchell moved to modify lines 22 through 24 on page 31 to move the term Native American to the beginning of the list of ethnicities in the list. The amendment passed.

The Strategic Ministry Plan was then approved by the conference delegates.

BUDGET – COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
John Bishop presented the Proposed 2014 Shared Ministry Plan and thanked all those involved in creating the plan. Ade Adasanya, Budget Chairman, noted budget highlights. There was a question as to the amount of salary increases. It was explained that there was a 3% salary increase across the board, with adjustments made as necessary. The Proposed 2014 Budget was approved.

SHARED MINISTRY FORMULA – COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
John Bishop presented the Proposed Shared Ministry Formula Legislation, which was approved.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO ELECT CHANCELLORS, LYNN CATERSON, ESQ. AND SANFORD BROWN, ESQ.
John Bishop requested that the Chancellors be elected to complete the Quadrenium in coordination with the ruling from General Conference 2012. They were elected.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION – COMMISSION
Rev. Jennifer Cho presented the Equitable Compensation Commission recommendations. Rev. Cho shared two additions to the resolution for editorial consideration. The Equitable Compensation Commission recommendations were approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE GUIDELINES – BOARD OF PENSIONS
Rev. Paul Zorn presented the Pension and Health Benefits: 2013 Health Insurance Guidelines on pages 55-60 of the pre-conference booklet. They were approved.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS FUNDING PLAN – BOARD OF PENSIONS
Rev. Paul Zorn presented the 2014 Annual Conference Comprehensive Funding Plan for approval. It was approved.

CRSP AND UMPIP FOR PART-TIME CLERGY – BOARD OF PENSIONS
Rev. Paul Zorn presented the CRSP and UMPIP for Part-time Clergy resolution for approval. It was approved.

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND HEALTH BENEFITS RECOMMENDATIONS
Rev. Paul Zorn presented the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits recommendations. They were approved.

QUESTIONS OF LAW
The conference secretary read four questions of law submitted by Rev. Dennis L. Blackwell requesting a Bishop's ruling of law:

> **Written Questions of Law Submitted to Bishop John Schol, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, May 31, 2013**:
> May the Annual Conference as the Basic Body in the Church,
> 1) approve a resolution to adopt the Strategic Ministry Plan, *Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Pre-Conference Journal*, p. 29, lines 5-7, and authorize the Conference

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Council on Finance and Administration and Primary Task Team between sessions of the Annual Conference to "review and organize the conference budget in alignment with the plan and allocate/negotiate any necessary shifts within the budget to carry out the plan?" (*Pre-Conference Journal*, p. 45, lines 6-9);
2) May it authorize the Personnel Committee, the Council on Finance and Administration, and the Primary Task Team, between sessions of the Annual Conference, to "review present staffing and organization and change as necessary…to implement the plan? (*Pre-Conference Journal*, p. 45, lines 10-12);
3) May it authorize the Primary Task Team Executive Committee and Bishop, between sessions of the Annual Conference to "assign staff to the plan so that each goal and strategy has a staff person assigned?" (*Pre-Conference Journal*, p. 45, lines 13-14) (Signed) Dennis L Blackwell

Written Question of Law Submitted to Bishop John Schol, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, May 31, 2013:
Does the Primary Task Team have authority between sessions of the Annual Conference to 1) approve and implement a disaster-response plan and budget to respond to the devastation from Superstorm Sandy, 2) approve and implement the establishment of "A Future with Hope" corporation, and 3) elect a Board of Directors for "A Future with Hope?" (Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, *Pre-Conference Journal*, pp. 133, line 33-134, line 19) (signed) Dennis L Blackwell

Written Question of Law Submitted to Bishop John Schol, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, May 31, 2013:
Is the proposal on page 98, lines 28-30 of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference *Pre-Conference Journal*, that "The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, the 580 United Methodist Congregations will serve as the organization the (sic) underwrites the administrative overhead for *A Future with Hope* and provides volunteers and loans administrative staff to a *Future with Hope* a form of category budgeting that prevents the Annual Conference from its duty as the basic body in the church to present and approve specific line item allocations for its proposed annual budget?
Does this provision in the Future with Hope legislation not establish a formal link between the Annual Conference and the Future with Hope non-profit corporation that makes the Annual Conference a guarantor of any failed obligations that may accrue from its (the Future with Hope's) administrative and program activities? (signed) Dennis L Blackwell

Written Question of Law Submitted to Bishop John Schol, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, May 31, 2013:
Does the service performed simultaneously by Mr. John Bishop as President of the Board of Directors of the Future with Hope Corporation, an entity requesting permission to conduct a mission fund campaign to raise 12 million dollars from the churches in the annual conference, and as President of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, the entity responsible for reviewing and recommending the request to the Annual conference, conflict with para 612, 2.b), the *2012 Book of Discipline*, which reads in part: "No…*director* of any agency or institution participating in the funds of any conference budget shall be eligible for voting membership on the council."? (emphasis added) (signed) Dennis L Blackwell

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(A transcript of Bishop Schol's ruling on the Questions of Law, issued after the close of the 2013 Annual Conference is included at the end of these minutes. No vote was taken during this session of the Annual Conference.)

NOMINATIONS REPORT
Rev. Bobbie Rambach, Dean of the Cabinet was asked to come to the podium to represent the Nominations Committee to address the outstanding question in regards to the election of the Future of Hope board in line with paragraph 612.2b of the discipline. The Conference Chancellor, Lynn Caterson reported that, to the best of her knowledge, there are no funds from the conference budget that will go to a Future with Hope, and that the proposed election is keeping with the discipline. The Nominations Report, including the Future with Hope board, was approved.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE AND CLOSING PRAYER
Rev. Fred Day shared information about two artifacts, The Asbury Bible and The Wesley Chalice, which are held by St. George's Church and which will be used in the Ordination Service. A Closing prayer was offered by Caroline Lee and the Conference adjourned at 3 pm to prepare for Ordination.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION
Friday, May 31, 2013, 7:00 PM

The Service of Ordination began with processional hymn "The Church's One Foundation". After the opening prayer, the entire body was invited to reaffirm their Baptism. Bishop Schol introduced the visiting Bishops; Bishop Neil Irons, Bishop Alfred Johnson and Bishop Felton May.

Those commissioned as provisional members were:

Lorie Beth Caulfield,
Amarilys Gonzalez-Lopez,
Pamela Grant James,
Woo Min Lee,
Jessica S. Stenstrom, and
William McKinley Williams III

BISHOP SCHOL'S MESSAGE
Bishop Schol proclaimed a message of hope and challenge, and called upon all the clergy to be innovative, bold and risk-taking leaders. He commended the following 4 "inner handrails" for ministry:

(1) Vitality. Vital leaders develop vital congregations and vital disciples. Live in vibrancy and hold onto the handrail of vitality;
(2) Passion. Be passionate for justice and evangelism;
(3) Your own voice. Find hope and God's possibility in the midst of cynicism and despair; and
(4) Walk with others, not above them, and raise them up. After all, ministry is not about status or great accomplishments, but humble service.

He commented that these handrails are to help guide the journey of ministry.

Those ordained were:

as Deacon:
Thomas Albert Lank

as Elders:
Sharon Winner Burniston,
Jonathan David Campbell,
Christine N. Day,
Sandra Jean Jenkins,

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Robyne Marie Mayer,
Cynthia Belsky Stouffer, and
Kee Young Kang

At the end of the service Bishop Schol offered an invitation to all those feeling a call of any kind to Christian ministry to come forward for prayer and a blessing.

SATURDAY SESSION
June 1, 2013, 8:30am

MUSIC
Mark Miller and the Conference praise band opened the session with praise in music.

BIBLE STUDY
Rev Dr. Karoline Lewis once again focused on the theme of the conference, 'A Future with Hope', this time by looking at Peter in John 21. She pointed out the hope Jesus had for Peter when Peter heeded the call to fish on the other side of the boat. She told us that we are now called to be Christ's hope in the world.

BISHOP SCHOL
Bishop Schol spoke about getting used to differences of all kinds – of clothes, looks, language, age…etc., and reminded the body that scripture was being read in various languages throughout Annual Conference to help embrace our diversity.

SERVICE OF PASSING THE MANTLE
Mark Miller led the body in the opening song "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" and "I Love to Tell the Story." Bobbie Rambach then presented the Retirees:

Retiring Clergy:
Elizabeth Ann Berry
James J. Craig
Joan B. DeSanctis
Joanne Drane
George Dunn
Thomas E. Fisher
Linda Hale
William Richard Hess
Hee Ryun Kim
John J. Koch
Sharon Kay Hesse Ladd
Sang Koo Lee
Charles D. Mitchell
Eric Robin Mitchell
Kathleen Morris
William Noll
Karen J. Popjes
Fred Price
Wayne Chas Richards
Edward Rusk
Donald Wayne Tabler
Robert Willis Tomer
Richard Twidle
Johnnie R. White
Ernest Claude Williams
William F. Ziegler

Bishop Schol congratulated all the retiring clergy and informed the body that there was a total of 833 years of service between them.

New Members were then introduced:
Thomas Albert Lank
Sharon Winner Burniston
Jonathan David Campbell
Christine N. Day
Sandra Jean Jenkins
Robin Marie Mayer
Cynthia Belsky Stouffer
Kee Young Kang

The retirees anointed the New Members to bless their new ministry.

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Commissioned Members were then introduced:

Laurie Beth Caulfield
Pamela Grant James
Woo Min Lee
Amarilys Gonzales-Lopez
Jessica S. Stenstrom
William McKinley Williams III

The New Members anointed the Commissioned Member to bless their new ministry.

New Local Pastors were then introduced:

Sudhama Ananda
Peter Broomall
Frank Brown
Dawn Corlew
Kevin Davis
David R. Delaney
Richard Escher
James Elliott
Lori Feiler
Emad Gerges
Douglas Goldsborough
Scott Griffith
Dorothy Johns
Jongin Lee
Larry Stephen Long, Sr.
Robert Mayer
Brian Rhea
Nancy Robinson
George Softly
Louis Strugala Jr
Lora J. Villinger
Richard Workman

The Commissioned Members anointed the New Local Pastors to bless their new ministry.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS

Each of the District Superintendents came forward individually to read the new appointments in their respective district. Bobbie Rambach read the names of those new in Extension Ministries.

CHARGE FOR MINISTRY

Fred and Lanie Price gave the charge for ministry, and the service concluded with the singing of "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Wiley made the necessary announcements.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE EPWORTH UMC

Jisun Kwak presented the resolution to discontinue Epworth (Elizabeth) UMC. Manuel Sardinas made an amendment to add "Be it further resolved that the buildings where Epworth UMC once met will be used to give birth to a new United Methodist ministry in Elizabeth to initiate a new ministry with Hispanics as well as other ethnic backgrounds in the area of Elizabeth and beyond."

A Point of Order was called, asking if Mr. Sardinas' amendment was actually a Substitute Motion. Bishop Schol ruled that it was.

Kyle Cuperwich made an amendment to the original motion to add to line twenty-six on page sixty-nine the following: "Upon receipt, the remainder shall be directed to the Harvest Mission Fund with a stipulation that they be used for urban ministry in the city of Elizabeth, NJ"
Some discussion followed.

Creed Pogue made a motion to divide the Epworth Resolution into two parts, the first part being lines 15-21, the second part being lines 21-29. The motion passed.

Lyssette Perez made an amendment to the amendment to add "directed to Hispanic/Latino ministries" to line 26 on page 69.

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Brian Joyce made a motion refer the amendment, the amendment to the amendment and the Substitute Motion to the Congregational Development Team.

Bob Costello made a motion to move "all that is before us to the Congregational Development Team and the CFA, who will report to the PTT Executive Committee, who will make recommendations to the PTT, who may make a recommendation to the Conference Board of Trustees." It was referred.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE CONOVERTON UMC
Paul Maliel presented the resolution for the Discontinuance of Conovertown UMC.
The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE Paterson Ave UMC and Madison Park Epworth UMC
Wayne Plumstead presented the resolution for the discontinuance of both Paterson Ave and Madison Park Epworth UMC's. He immediately made a motion to refer the above resolution back to the congregation. It was referred.

CONSENT CALANDAR
All the reports that were on the Consent Calendar were adopted.

PUBLICIZING IGNITING MINISTRIES RESOLUTION
Carol Rigler moved that the body approve the Publicizing Igniting Ministries Resolution. It was approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RESOLUTION
Heasun Kim made the motion to pass the Health Insurance Premium Resolution. John Bishop made a motion to refer the Health Insurance Premium Resolution to the Board of Pensions and CF&A. It was referred.

ADVANCED SPECIALS
The Advanced Specials Resolution was adopted.

DISPOSITION OF CLOSED CHURCHES WITH CEMETERIES
Creed Pogue made a motion for the adoption of the Disposition of Closed Churches with Cemeteries Resolution.

Keith Thomas made an amendment to edit line 22 on page 77 to delete the word 'directed' and replace it with 'explore' so it would read "…Trustees is authorized and empowered to explore…". The amendment failed.

Milton LeCompte made a motion to amend the resolution to add: "And further be it resolved, that documents transferring properties to non-profit organizations should contain a reverted clause to preserve the original purpose of the property if the non-profit dissolves." The amendment failed.

A vote on the original motion was taken. The motion failed.

CHANGE TO BILLING FOR SHARED MINISTRIES RESOLUTION
Creed Pogue made a motion to adopt the Changes to Shared Ministries Billing Resolution. The motion failed.

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THANKS
Bishop Schol called forward all the people who help coordinate conference and thanked them for their work in making Annual Conference a success.

EXTENSION MINISTRIES
All who are in Extension Ministries were recognized.

AGENCIES
The Directors of all our agencies were recognized.

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE: WINGS OF THE MORNING
Gaston, the pilot of the new airplane being flown in the Congo, thanked the Greater NJ Conference for our help in purchasing the new plane. He shared with the body how, when he was nine years old, he received his first pair of shoes which were from United Methodists in the United States. He remembers wondering how anyone could give up such a fine pair of shoes. It was then a seed was planted in his heart to do mission work with his life.

QUESTION REGARDING UMCOR FUNDING
In response to a question regarding the funding of UMCOR, Bishop Schol reported to the body that all donations to UMCOR go directly to the intended mission. The three UMCOR staff members are paid from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken in October.

ASIAN FEMALE CLERGY RESOLUTION
Gyuchang Sim and Creed Pogue presented the Call for Prayerful Discernment Regarding the Ministries of Asian Female Clergy Resolution for approval. Discussion followed. The motion failed.

CARING FOR THE EARTH RESOLUTION
Catherine Stanford made a motion for the approval of the Caring for the Earth Resolution. The motion passed.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTE REPORT
Rev. David Wiley reported the tallies of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments:
Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 passed with a vote of 687–6.
Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 passed with a vote of 667-32.
Proposed Constitutional Amendment #3 passed with a vote of 669–30.
Proposed Constitutional Amendment #4 passed with a vote of 669-30.

Bishop Schol explained that all Annual Conferences would be voting upon these amendments and that 2/3 of all voting members must for “Yes” for them to be adopted.

THANKS
Bishop Schol thanked Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader, for her hard work and support.

LOCAL CHURCH STRUCTURE RESOLUTION
Gyuchang Sim presented the Local Church Structure Resolution for approval. This resolution questioned the structure used by some local Korean UMCs. Hae Young Kim made a motion to add to lines 25-27 on page 83: “Bishop Schol consult with Korean leaders and the Korean Caucus to learn why this system exists and is needed in Korean UMCs and report back his learning at next Annual Conference. This amendment was approved.

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MOUNT TABOR CAMP MEETING HISTORIC SITE RESOLUTION
Mark Shenise made a motion to approve the Make Mount Tabor Camp Meeting a GNJ Conference Historic Site Resolution for acceptance. The motion was passed.

CLOSING
Bishop Schol thanked the body for an excellent first Annual Conference. He closed the Conference with a blessing and this charge: "Go and be the gospel."

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT on Friday, the 31st of May 2013 at the Wildwoods Convention Center, Wildwood, New Jersey, 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:

DEACON:

Thomas Albert Lank

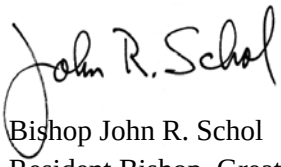
ELDERS:

Sharon Winner Burniston
Jonathan Campbell
Christine N. Day
Sandra J. Jenkins
Robyne Marie Mayer
Cynthia Belsky Stouffer
Kee Young Yang

Also at the same place and on Friday, the 31st of May 2013, and by the same authority I commissioned the following persons as:

PROVISIONAL ELDERS:

Lorie Beth Caulfield
Amarilys Gonzalez-Lopez
Pamela Grant James
Woo Min Lee
Jessica S. Stenstrom
William McKinley Williams III



Bishop John R. Schol
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 fourteenth session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church held at The Wildwoods Convention Center, Wildwood, New Jersey, May 30 – June 1, 2013.

Bishop John R. Schol
Resident Bishop, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. David E. Wiley, III
Secretary, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

Bishop's Rulings of Law in Response to Questions asked by Dennis L. Blackwell

Question 1
May the Annual Conference as the Basic Body in the Church

1. Approve a resolution to adopt the Strategic Ministry Plan, *Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Pre-Conference Journal*, p. 29, lines 5-7, and authorize the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and Primary Task Team between sessions of the Annual Conference to "review and organize the conference budget in alignment with the plan and allocate/negotiate any necessary shifts within the budget to carry out the plan?" (Pre-Conference Journal, p. 45, lines 10-12);
1. May it authorize the Personnel Committee, the Council on Finance and Administration, and the Primary Task Team, between sessions of the Annual Conference, to "review present staffing and organization and change as necessary…to implement the plan? (Pre-Conference Journal, p. 45, lines 10-12);
2. May it authorize the Primary Task Team Executive Committee and Bishop, between sessions of the Annual Conference to "assign staff to the plan so that each goal and strategy has a staff person assigned?" (Pre-Conference Journal, p. 45, lines 13-14

Answer 1

1. The Annual Conference, as the Basic Body in the Church, Par. 33, has the authority to adopt a Strategic Ministry Plan. It may not however, delegate to another body, duties which the Discipline confers on the Annual Conference. Decision 831 and all relative decisions thereafter affirmed its ruling that "An Annual Conference cannot re-structure in such a way as to constitute an unauthorized delegation of its authority to a committee". The Strategic Ministry Plan Team made this recommendation by following The Greater New Jersey Conference rule adopted in 2006 delegating authority to the Primary Task

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Team to act on behalf of the annual conference between sessions. This Conference rule is not in compliance with the Discipline. Further, the 2009 and 2010 legislation creating and granting a Primary Task Executive Committee with the authority to act in between sessions of Primary Task Team and make decisions on behalf of the annual conference is also not in compliance with the Discipline.

When the Annual Conference adopted the Strategic Ministry Plan, there were amendments made to the initial plan as written in the Pre-Conference Journal. One such amendment was to require that actions done by Council on Finance and Administration and the Primary Task Team be done only if in accord with the Discipline. If actions are needed which cannot be carried out by the Council on Finance and Administration and the Primary Task Team, then these concerns must be referred to the next Annual Conference session.

2. The Annual Conference may authorize other groups in the Annual Conference to "review present staffing and organization and change as necessary…to implement the plan", as long as the approved amounts budgeted for staff by the Annual Conference are not exceeded. The Discipline gives the Council on Finance and Administration oversight of the Director of Administrative Services, who in turn, is responsible for office management, payroll and personnel services. Paragraphs 612, 613, and 619.

3. The Annual Conference, as noted above, sees to its own staffing between sessions. Annual Conference staff duties are modified as internally required to accomplish the operations and ministry of the Annual Conference and its programs. The Bishop would need to be included in staffing decisions, which would affect clergy-either volunteer or paid positions -and as the implementer of Annual Conference Programs, the Primary Task Team would need to be involved as well.

Question 2

Does the Primary Task Team have authority between sessions of the Annual Conference to

1) Approve and implement a disaster-response plan and budget to respond to the devastation from Superstorm Sandy,
2) Approve and implement the establishment of "A Future with Hope" corporation, and
3) Elect a Board of Directors for "A Future with Hope"?

(Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, *Pre-conference Journal, pp. 133 line 33 – 134, line 19)*

Answer 2

The actions noted in the above question of law were reported by the Primary Task Team which appeared in the Pre-conference Journal, page 133, along with other reports to the conference. The Annual Conference voted to receive the reports as part of its consent calendar.

The Annual Conference by its own motion and action approved the items in the question of law separate and apart from any action by the Primary Task Team. Therefore any actions the Primary Task Team took prior to the Annual Conference are irrelevant and of no import but as noted in the first question, the Primary Task Team in between sessions of the Annual Conference may not take actions that the Discipline confers to the annual conference.

Question 3

Is the proposal on page 98, lines 28-30 of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference *Pre-Conference Journal*, that "The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, the 580 United Methodist Congregations will serve as the organization the (sic)

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underwrites the administrative overhead for *A Future with Hope* and provides volunteers and loans administrative staff to a *Future of Hope* a form of category budgeting that prevents the Annual Conference from its duty as the basic body in the church to present and approve specific line item allocations for its proposed annual budget?

Does this provision in the Future with Hope legislation not establish a formal link between the Annual Conference and the Future with Hope non-profit corporation that makes the Annual Conference a guarantor of any failed obligations that may accrue from its (the Future with Hope's) administrative and program activities?

Answer 3
The provisions referred to in the question of law, are from a December 2012 case statement that was included in the report section of the preconference journal by "A Future with Hope". It is not legislation. As mentioned previously, these reports were received and were not and could not be debated or changed by the Annual Conference. At the time of the writing of the case statement, funds for the Sandy Relief ministry were for direct services in keeping with UMCOR guidelines and it was anticipated that there was a need for administrative support. Since that time, "A Future with Hope" has raised funds for its own administrative personnel and overhead and no conference budgeted funds have been used or will be used to support A "Future with Hope". The budget approved by the Annual Conference designates all the monies to be collected and spent by the Annual Conference, with specific line item allocations. There were no items budgeted for "A Future with Hope" and the relief ministry.

The 580 local church congregations have already been actively involved in raising money and donating time, effort and supplies to this ministry.

No vote or action by the Annual Conference or any of its agencies has been taken to establish the annual conference as a guarantor of the "A Future with Hope" corporation in any way and no conference funds have been used by "A Future with Hope". The only funds used by a "Future with Hope", are funds raised and designated for Sandy Relief through the Advance and from contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations.

The only links between the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and "A Future with Hope" are

1. the conference elected the Board of Trustees as requested by "A Future with Hope",
2. the elected trustees are United Methodists within the Greater New Jersey Conference, and
3. the Annual Conference has affirmed "A Future with Hope" as the organization to carry out the United Methodist conference's primary strategy following Superstorm Sandy.

The Greater New Jersey Conference and "A Future with Hope" are separate non-profit New Jersey corporations, each with their own separate EIN and separate Board of Trustees.

In summary, there are no Annual Conference funds underwriting "A Future with Hope", the Annual Conference has made no commitment to fund "A Future with Hope", the Annual Conference forwards to "A Future with Hope" funds designated for Sandy relief ministry and the conference has made no commitment to be the guarantor nor has "A Future with Hope" requested the conference to be a guarantor.

Question 4
Does the service performed simultaneously by Mr. John Bishop as President of the Board of Directors of the Future with Hope Corporation, an entity requesting permission to conduct a

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mission fund campaign to raise 12 million dollars from the churches in the annual conference, and as President of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, the entity responsible for reviewing and recommending the request to the Annual Conference, conflict with ¶612.2.b), the *2012 Book of Discipline*, which reads in part: "No…director of any agency or institution participating in the funds of any conference budget shall be eligible for voting membership on the council."?

Answer 4

Note - It was the Council on Finance and Administration and not "A Future with Hope" as stated in the question that submitted legislation to conduct a mission fund campaign to raise 12 million. The approved legislation will raise funds for Imagine No Malaria, Sandy relief, and mission projects through Greater New Jersey Conference congregations.

There are two disciplinary paragraphs at issue in this Question of Law: Pars 612.2.b and 612.2.c(2). John Bishop is a member of the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration because he is a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration, paragraph 612.2c(2). Mr. Bishop's participation is informed by Paragraphs 612.2.b and 612.2.c(2).

As Chair of the Conference CF&A, Mr. Bishop may not be a member of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration if he is an "employee, trustee or director of any agency or institution participating in the funds of any conference budget…"

The relevant issue is: what are the meanings of the phrases "receiving funding" and "participating in the funds of any conference budget?"

It must be assumed that even though different words are used, to be consistent, the interpretation must be the same. There is no line item in the budget which the Annual Conference approved which designates funds to "A Future with Hope" I believe this means that there is no conflict for Mr. Bishop to serve on the Board of Trustees of "A Future with Hope" and be a voting member of the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

If, however, the phrases noted above have a broader, more inclusive meaning, to include the conference providing office space, then these paragraphs would mean that Mr. Bishop could not serve as a Trustee of "A Future with Hope" or he must give up his seat on the Council on Finance and Administration.

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