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College Station, TX 77845

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Worship Services

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Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Opening Worship Service - February, 2, 2023 (6:00 pm)

Praise and Worship: Christ Church Contemporary Worship Team

Welcome and Prayer: Bishop Scott Jones

Scripture, Mark 4:35-41: Rev. Arturo Cadar

Sermon, Let's Go to the Other Side: Rev. Kenneth Levingston

Prayer Response: Rev. Matt Neely

Recognition of Transitioning Pastors: Bishop Scott Jones

Benediction: Rev. Wendy Heinemann

Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Morning Devotional - February, 3, 2023 (8:30 am)

Rev. Heather Sims

Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Worship - February, 3, 2023 (5:00 pm)

Music: Christ Church Music Ministry

Scripture: Philippians 2:9-11 and Mark 2:1-12

Sermon: Rev. Jerry House, Jr.

Invitation, Confession and Pardon: Rev. Jim Welch

The Great Thanksgiving: Bishop Mark Webb

Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Service of Ordination - February, 4, 2023 (10:00 am)

Music: Ordination Choir and Instrumentalists

(Good Shepherd Church, Cypress; Kingwood Methodist Church, Kingwood;

Cypress Methodist Church, Cypress; Faith Methodist Church, Richmond)

Call to Worship: Rev. Dr. Janice Gilbert

Prayer: Rev. Ben McGehee

Apostles' Creed: Rev. Carol Bruse

Scripture, Ephesians 4:1-16: Rev. Jason Burnham

Sermon: Bishop Scott Jones

Presentation of Candidates and Consents of the People

General Examination

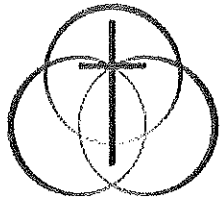
Exhortation and Examination of Deacons

Exhortation and Examination of Elders

Ordination: Bishop Scott Jones and Bishop Mark Webb

Benediction: Bishop Scott Jones

Postlude: Dr. Rachel Chao and Olena Blahulyak



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Workshops

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Workshop Session 1 – Friday, February 3, 2023 (9:15 am)

Workshop Session 2 – Friday, February 3, 2023 (10:45 am)

Catechism: It's Not Just for Catholics Anymore

Location: Gym

Presenter: Dr. Chappell Temple

Love Extravagantly: Effective Social Witness for the Local Church

Location: Student Center

Presenter: Dr. Robert Childress

Wesleyan Discipleship: Class and Band Meetings in the Local Church

Location: Choir Room

Presenter: Dr. Marc Donaldson

Worship Passionately: Engaging the People in Worship that Engages and Transforms

Location: The Hall

Presenter: Dr. Jessica LaGrone

Witness Boldly: Evangelism Strategies for the Local Church

Location: Sanctuary

Presenter: Bishop Mark Webb

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Clergy Session Eastern Texas Conference, Global Methodist Church Thursday, February 2, 2023 (7:30 pm)

The Clergy Session was opened with words of welcome by Rev. Jim Welch.

Rev. Welch shared that he asked Dr. Burt Palmer if he would lead BOM, which he accepted.

It was suggested that this may be largest ordination class. Bishop Jones replied "I can't think of a larger class in history of our denomination."

Attendees were encouraged to reach out a hand as Dr. Burt Palmer prayed, "We are so grateful for the call to and hearts who serve. We ask that we might remember our covenant bond that makes us brothers and sisters in your name."

Bishop Jones called the session to order at 7:47 P.M.

He noted that all to be ordained were just welcomed into full voting order and are able to vote in this session. Bishop Jones recognized Dr. Burt Palmer, Chair of BOM.

Dr. Burt Palmer acknowledged that the ordination process has been a hard journey, carrying both pain and joy. Dr. Palmer expressed appreciation to Jim Bass, Stacey Sweet, Kent Wiley – for allowing him to do this work even after sharing with them that his decision would affect them, and all agreed. Appreciation offered to Jeff Olive, not in attendance at the session, for helping find appropriate boundaries and faithful witness; to Jeff Powers who provided space to be in conference and stepped in the gap. Praise to God. Thanks was offered to Bishop Jones, Jason Burnham, and Vivian Kinnear (our first GMC clergy) for their assistance at the start as the Texas Conference Advisory Team; Laird Communications. Thanks to everybody.

It was shared that brothers and sisters from Louisiana were present and they were invited to stand. Also, recognized were our guests from Arkansas.

A request was made for all to turn to the Eastern Texas Conference GMC app, Convening Conference, Pre-Conference Journal and to close and reopen it if they had not reloaded it in the past hour. Reference was made to page 19 and that every name would not be read aloud. (**a copy of the BOM report is included at the conclusion of the Clergy Session Minutes*).

Reference was made to:

Persons coming from ¶417.1 (Incoming Clergy From the UMC) - senior elders and deacons and senior deacons. Specifically, ¶414 (Transferring Clergy Credentials from a Non-UMC Denomination) - David Daviss, AME Elder; Brad McKenzie, Nazarene Elder.

Person listed as Lay Supply Pastors and Lay Ministers in our Conference.

Transitional Local Pastors ¶417.2 (Transitional Local Pastors [TLP] Serving in our Conference).

Change: Jason Copes (Page 4 of BOM report, ¶417.2, #6) is deleted. Additionally, in the BOM report, ¶417.1, Page 1, #26 and Page 2, # 68 have been removed by covering the names. All other names remain as listed. Currently, it is impossible to have candidate for ministry when required to be a member of a GMC church for 2 years. We have some latitude in ¶417 – "so if anyone can find an exception - Rev. Jim Welch can find it," noted Dr. Palmer.

Those twenty-six to be ordained Deacons were encouraged to stand to be recognized as Rev. Jon Thornsby offered a prayer.

Lay Supply and Certified Lay Ministers were encouraged to stand as Rev. John Newsome prayed.

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Ordained Elders – Those sixty-one (61) to be ordained deacon and 5 seconds later to be ordained elder (double-dip ordination) were invited to stand as Rev. Heather Sims prayed.

Three elders ordained in 'the old-fashioned way' were invited to stand as Jonathan Bynum prayed. When it was noted that only 2 of 3 were present, a comment was made that that is still two-thirds (2/3).

Dr. Palmer closed the BOM report recognizing it is a process and requesting flexibility and latitude as they continue to receive candidates as we live into this ministry.

Bishop Jones, "I present this group of folks to the body. If you will approve these for ordination or the status as presented, Say Yes, Opposed (none). It is done."

The Motion to receive the BOM report, including candidates for ministry, carried by affirmation vote.

Bishop Jones shared that there are two (2) active local bishops. Mark Webb, who retired December 31, 2022, in New York and himself, who also retired at the end of the year (2022). He noted that they will act like itinerant district superintendents, with Bishop Jones covering the Philippines and areas of the 'UMC' Southeast and South-Central jurisdictions. Bishop Webb will cover Eurasian and areas of the 'UMC' North and West. Both Bishops will share in covering Africa. Bishop Webb was noted as being on his way to the ETX Conference as he is to lay hands on and ordain the deacons in the service Saturday, February 4, 2023.

Bishop Jones noted of Bishop Webb, "We've been friends and worked together. Because of an ice storm in Dallas, he flew to Houston but was delayed." He continued, "I do now live in Dallas, and we are located one to two miles from two of our seven grandchildren. I'm teaching at Truett Seminary as their theologian in residence and will hold courses on Wesleyan History and Polity. The Transitional Leadership Team thinks my teaching in polity is a good fit."

Those being ordained who are in need of a clergy robe were encouraged to visit with Jonathan Bynum at the close of this session.

Rev. Jerry House received appreciation for the hospitality offered during this Convening Conference. Bittersweet attitude of this Conference was noted as there are those still serving, set apart by ordination, who continue to serve within UMC. "We want to continue to bless them also and pray that the kingdom will go forward to celebrate in love."

Rev. Doug Baker offered a closing prayer.

The ETX Conference, Clergy Session was adjourned at 8:08 PM, by Bishop Jones.




*referenced reports/document follow

BOM REPORT
FEBRUARY 2, 2023

WHO ARE TRANSFERRING CLERGY CREDENTIALS FROM A NON-UMC DENOMINATION ¶414		
1 Elder (From Other Denom)	Daviss, David	AME
2 Elder (From Other Denom)	McKenzie, Brad	Nazarene
WHO ARE INCOMING CLERGY FROM THE UMC? ¶417.1		
1 Deacon	Campbell, Victoria	
2 Deacon	Heinemann, Wendy	
3 Deacon	Walker, Amy	
4 Deacon	Williams, Leigh-Anne	
1 Senior Deacon	Draper, Judith	
2 Senior Deacon	Floyd, Charlotte	
3 Senior Deacon	Kent, Ellen	
4 Senior Deacon	Kinnear, Vivian	
5 Senior Deacon	Porter, Brenda	
1 Elder	Andrews, Allison	
2 Elder	Bagley, Kristopher	
3 Elder	Baker, Douglas	
4 Elder	Banks, David	
5 Elder	Bass, James	
6 Elder	Bedavian, Michael	
7 Elder	Brasher, David	
8 Elder	Bruse, Carolyn	
9 Elder	Bunch, Thomas	
10 Elder	Burnham, Jason	
11 Elder	Burton, Tommy	
12 Elder	Bynum, Jonathan	
13 Elder	Carrion, Randolph	
14 Elder	Cartwright, David	
15 Elder	Chamberlin, Phillip	
16 Elder	Childress, Robert	
17 Elder	Clayton, Roger	
18 Elder	Coats, Frank	
19 Elder	Conway, Christi	
20 Elder	Conway, Dan	
21 Elder	Davis, Linda	
22 Elder	Donaldson, Marc	
23 Elder	Dorn II, David	
24 Elder	Duncan, Wesley	
25 Elder	Evans, Patrick	
27 Elder	Firdous, Afzaal	
28 Elder	Flagg, James	
29 Elder	Gage, Douglas	
30 Elder	Gilbert, Janice	
31 Elder	Goldsmith, Stephen	

32	Elder	Goran, David	
33	Elder	Hageman, Randall	
34	Elder	Harkness, Bryan	
35	Elder	Harman, Wade	
36	Elder	Haygood Jr., William	
37	Elder	Heyduck, Richard	
38	Elder	Hingle III, Norwood	
39	Elder	House, Jerry F.	
40	Elder	Huhn, Howard	
41	Elder	Hyde, Ross	
42	Elder	Ivey, Richard	
43	Elder	Jackson, Jimmie	
44	Elder	Jordan, Walter	
45	Elder	Kissel, Kevin	
46	Elder	LaGrone, Jessica	
47	Elder	Levingston, Kenneth	
48	Elder	Lightsey, Geoffrey	
49	Elder	Lindwall, David	
50	Elder	Lucas, William	
51	Elder	Luckert, John	
52	Elder	Luna, Arisbel	
53	Elder	Lupo, Alexander	
54	Elder	Matthews, George	
55	Elder	May, Paul	
56	Elder	Mayhugh, William	
57	Elder	McCollum, Anthony	
58	Elder	McGehee, Ben	
59	Elder	McGlocklin, David	
60	Elder	McKenzie, Brad	
61	Elder	McMahon IV, Joel	
62	Elder	McMann, John	
63	Elder	McNeill, Christopher	
64	Elder	Miller Jr., William	
65	Elder	Monroe, Malcom	
66	Elder	Moore, Bryan	
67	Elder	Munn, Kenneth	
69	Elder	Neely, Matthew	
70	Elder	Otto, Kevin	

71	Elder	Palmer, James	
72	Elder	Peschke, Michael	
73	Elder	Pickett, Mark	
74	Elder	Porterfield, Mark	
75	Elder	Posey II, William	
76	Elder	Powers, Jeffrey	
77	Elder	Reasons, John	
78	Elder	Rickel, Carmen	
79	Elder	Sanchez Jr., Silverio	
80	Elder	Sims, Heather	
81	Elder	Sims, Jonathan	
82	Elder	Sitton, Rick	
83	Elder	Smith, Gregory	
84	Elder	Smith, Jason	
85	Elder	Smith, Matthew	
86	Elder	Sr., Benjamin Lohmer	
87	Elder	Standing, Polly	
88	Elder	Stephenson, John	
89	Elder	Supak, Cameron	
90	Elder	Thomas, Matthew	
91	Elder	Thornsbury, Jon	
92	Elder	Tilley, Keith	
93	Elder	Turner, Timothy	
94	Elder	Tyson II, Michael	
95	Elder	Wandling, William	
96	Elder	Weber, Andrew	
97	Elder	Williams, Alberto	
98	Elder	Williams, Guy	
99	Elder	Wintermute, Doug	
1	Senior Elder	Danheim, Danny	
2	Senior Elder	Hastings, Jeffry	
3	Senior Elder	Hoover, Joe	
4	Senior Elder	Lightle, Charles	
5	Senior Elder	Masterson, Garry	
6	Senior Elder	McMahon III, Joel	
7	Senior Elder	Newsome, John	
8	Senior Elder	Rider, Paul	
9	Senior Elder	Sholars, Douglas	
10	Senior Elder	Temple, Chappell	

11	Senior Elder	Welch, Jim	
12	Senior Elder	Wilkins, Cary	
13	Senior Elder	Willis Sr., William	
14	Senior Elder	Usiak, Daniel	
	WHO ARE THE LAY SUPPLY PASTORS (LSP) SERVING IN OUR CONFERENCE?		
1	Lay Supply	Burrell, Shana	
2	Lay Supply	Fontenot, Paul	
3	Lay Supply	Heatherly, Shawn	
4	Lay Supply	Postell, Carolyn	
5	Lay Supply	Ruddock, Payton	
6	Lay Supply	Weeks Jr., Charles	
	WHO ARE THE INACTIVE LAY SUPPLY PASTORS (LSPi) IN OUR CONFERENCE?		
	WHO ARE THE CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS (CLM) SERVING IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶417		
1	CLM	Hunter, Glenn	
2	CLM	Krone, Jill	
3	CLM	Ray, Charles	
4	CLM	Shields, Doris	
5	CLM	Smith, Charles	
6	CLM	Sullivan, Sue	
	WHO ARE THE TRANSITIONAL LOCAL PASTOR (TLP) SERVING IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶417.2		
1	TLP	Agnor, William	
2	TLP	Anderson, Zachary	
3	TLP	Blackmon, Derek	
4	TLP	Burke, Elizabeth	
5	TLP	Burns, Kenneth	
6	TLP	Copes, Jason	
7	TLP	Cortinez, José	
8	TLP	Crim, Mark	
9	TLP	Day, Patricia	
10	TLP	Dieguez, Yudeisy Estrada	
11	TLP	Edwards, Nakia	
12	TLP	Evans, Gene	
13	TLP	Fisher, Edward	
14	TLP	Hough, Victoria	
15	TLP	Laird, Aaron	
16	TLP	Lasoya, Cameron	

17	TLP	Looney, Tyler	
18	TLP	Lozano, Leo	
19	TLP	Martin, Jonathan	
20	TLP	Mayhugh, Lisa	
21	TLP	McMahon, Janice	
22	TLP	Rasch, Mary	
23	TLP	Richard, James	
24	TLP	Riggs, Ramona	
25	TLP	Robertson, Carl	
26	TLP	Rodgers, Milton	
27	TLP	Scott, Katherine	
28	TLP	Smith, Brian	
29	TLP	Torrez, Jacob	

WHO ARE THE CERTIFIED CANDIDATES IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶406

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② WHO ARE BEING ORDAINED DEACONS (D) IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶409.2

1	TBO Deacon	Akin, David	
2	TBO Deacon	Beasley, Catherine	
3	TBO Deacon	Bouse, William	
4	TBO Deacon	Bynum, Joshua	
5	TBO Deacon	Cadar, Arturo	
6	TBO Deacon	Carralero, Yuri	
7	TBO Deacon	Dunn, Jacob	
8	TBO Deacon	Entricht, Lewis	
9	TBO Deacon	Flanagan, Verronda	
10	TBO Deacon	Goldsmith, Deneen	
11	TBO Deacon	Harding, Sherry	
12	TBO Deacon	Harris, Valarie	
13	TBO Deacon	Johnson, DeeAnn	
14	TBO Deacon	Lundberg, Pamela	
15	TBO Deacon	Martin, Russel	
16	TBO Deacon	Mitchell, Chad	
17	TBO Deacon	Morris, Randall	
18	TBO Deacon	Odom, Sarah	
19	TBO Deacon	Sanders, Audrey	
20	TBO Deacon	Smith, Dwain	
21	TBO Deacon	Smith, Mary	
22	TBO Deacon	Solomon, Lisa	
23	TBO Deacon	Thomas, Kimm	

24	TBO Deacon	Waddell, Brian	
25	TBO Deacon	Waters, Michael	
26	TBO Deacon	Wyllie, Clinton	
✓✓ WHO ARE BEING ORDAINED ELDERS (D&E) IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶409.2, 410.E			
✓ 1	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Abrams, Kathleen	
2	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Abshire, Kyle	
3	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Acosta, Elizabeth	
4	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Acosta, Frank	
5	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Adams Jr., Ross	
6	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Allen, Sterling	
7	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Allison, Sandra	
8	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Anaya, Jose	
9	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Barr, Ramona	
10	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Boddie, Marty	
11	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Burchfield, Kathryn	
12	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Byers, Megan	
13	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Carter, Kenny	
14	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Diaz, Damian	
15	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Dill, Andrew	
16	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Dillard, Roy	
17	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Gilbert, Craig	
18	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Giles Jr., Gerald	
19	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Gragert, Erik	
20	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Greenwood, Regina	
21	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hageman, Susan	
22	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hogan, Willaim	
23	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hubbard, Dorothy Smith	
24	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hudson, Valerie	
25	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Huffman, Jason	
26	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Jamerson, Dale	
27	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Joiner, Jacob	
28	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Jones, Rebecca	
29	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Kennedy, David	
30	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Kouba, Stewart	
31	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Landers, Mark	
32	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Laubenberg, William	
33	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Leick, Sean	
34	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Leistikow, Alain	
35	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Lightfoot, Steven	

36	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Lindsey, Terry	
37	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McKee, Russell	
38	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McMachen, Kevin	
39	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McNeely, Jack	
40	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McRae, Samuel	
41	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Mitchell, Kara	
42	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Moore, Adam	
43	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	New, Aaron	
44	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Ortiz, Emigdio	
45	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Parga, Mario	
46	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Parsons, Fred	
47	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Pickens, Jim	
48	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Plessis, Ralph Du	
49	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Potes, Genie	
50	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Rayne, Mariann	
51	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Reyes, Sara	
52	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Ross, Timothy	
53	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Sexton, Kelley	
54	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Stevens, Brandy	
55	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Swanson, Betty	
56	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Sweet, Stacey	
57	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Thomas, John	
58	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Vargas, Dario	
59	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Watson, Gideon	
60	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Westbrook, William	
61	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Williams, John	
WHO ARE BEING ORDAINED ELDERS € IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶410.E			
1	TBO Elder	Heinemann, Wendy	
2	TBO Elder	Walker, Amy	
3	TBO Elder	Williams, Leigh-Anne	

Conclusion of Clergy Session Report

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Krone
Recording Secretary
Eastern Texas Conference
Global Methodist Church

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Ministry (Business) Session
February 3, 2023 (1:30 pm)

Opening Prayer and Introduction of Bishop Scott Jones by Rev. Jim Welch.

Call to Order of the inaugural convening conference by Bishop Jones at 1:36 pm.

Bishop Jones, "Working with President Pro Tempore(s) on how this will work out but also recognizing that God is doing a new thing." Conversation with Jim Welch, Jason Burnham and other leaders of the Connecting Council of this Conference. Bishop Jones requested the opportunity for an Episcopal Address

Episcopal Address, Bishop Scott Jones:

"God is doing a new thing. Amen. And you and I are privileged to be a part of it. I'm humbled. Years ago I began praying not that God bless what I'm doing but God help me be a part of what you're blessing. John Wesley's rule: Don't go where you are needed; go where you are needed most. So on December 20, I made the decision where God needed me most was to be a part of the Global Methodist Church and I'm deeply honored to be a part of that. This convening conference is a historic event. Years from now when somebody else is teaching Methodist History at some seminary, they're going to look back on these three (3) weekends where Convening Conferences were held and more than 120 clergy were ordained. It's a time of setting new opportunities before us, walking through doors that God is opening, do somethings that will be precedence for the long term. We're figuring things out as we walk on it. It's been a hard 6 years for me. The division of the United Methodist Church has broken my heart. I'm 4th generation United Methodist Preacher and here I am in the Global Methodist Church. The process has not been easy. Friendships have been broken. Folks aren't speaking to each other who used to be colleagues and friends. Votes have divided our churches. It's been a hard season. Some of us have had things said about us that weren't true. We have wounds. We have scars. I think it's important we acknowledge the pain and suffering that we've been through. That we lament that, 'God it didn't have to be this bad.' It could have been different. I, and Bishop Webb, have worked really hard over the past 6 years, to lead the United Methodist Church on a different pathway. Keith Boyette will be introduced to you. He's been a part of important conversations that might have led to a different pathway and yet, that's not how it worked out and I lament that. At the same time, having acknowledged the wounds, scars and difficulties – it's time to move on. It's time to embrace that God is, in fact, doing a new thing. I told you last night that I feel at home here. This is my tribe. This is a group of people I'm committed to doing ministry with and I'm excited about all God doing and committing the rest of my life to ministry within the Global Methodist Church. I'm encouraged by the brothers and sisters who are on the journey with me – clergy, lay people. I acknowledge that there are some of our brothers and sisters who have disaffiliated but have not yet made the commitment to join us. But in God's own time, things will work out. People will be making decisions. The momentum is in our direction. In my one month now as a member of this church, I'm doing the things I signed up for when I became a Bishop. Part of what I do is speak truth to you and even warnings. Over last 50 years I've developed some bad habits. Many United Methodist Churches developed some bad habits. Many of you as clergy in the United Methodist Church developed some bad habits. And just because the sign outside your church has changed, it doesn't mean you're going to be different tomorrow. This transition from United Methodist to Global Methodist isn't the panacea that going to fix everything. It's an opportunity for honest evaluation, conversation and recommitment to the highest and best values we have. Too many United Methodist Churches had become clubs for the benefit of their members. Resistant to change, uninterested in demographic developments in their community. When I was Bishop in the Texas Annual Conference, three years ago, I made a count. One half the churches in the conference had zero professions of faith the year before. John Wesley's rolling in his grave in London. To be a United Methodist and reach no new people for Jesus Christ – that means there wasn't even a confirmation class. And so we started the 'We Love All

God's Children' program because too many adults weren't about to share their faith with another adult but they might share it with a child in VBS, an after school program or expand some United Methodist children's center. I told the clergy, who are to be ordained, last night that I'm a boring dude. I just keep repeating the same things over again. We are going to continue talking about loving all God's children. We're going to continue talking about evangelism. We're going to continue talking about the basics of the faith and Methodist doctrine. We're going to continue being Wesleyan people and do it in as many ways as we can. For some of us, that means leaving behind some things we used to do because they're not essential to our mission. We've got to evaluate our mission of making disciples who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly and then say 'that means we don't have time to do this other stuff over here'. We've got to figure how to accomplish our mission as quickly and as powerfully as possible. If you are joining this church because you hate LGBTQ people, you're in the wrong place. We are a welcoming congregation. We are a welcoming church which is diverse. If you are white and joined this church because you want to maintain white supremacy, you're in the wrong place. My brother Kenneth, who preached last night, is black and happens to be a better preacher than I am. My sister this morning was preaching to you because we believe that women ought to be in leadership in our church. Heather remembers when I was her pastor and she called me Scott all the time, actually Brother Scott in those days. My point is that we have got to continue being the kind of church that is refocusing on our mission, rededicating ourselves to that and that means some of us have got to change. Some of us have got to relearn skills of evangelism of how we share Christ with unchurched people. That means we've got to take the church outside the walls to engage non-believers and offer them the love of God in Jesus Christ and we've got to do that in a way where we are accountable to each other and we are prepared to do that. Folks, that means that this is not a quick and easy answer but instead an opportunity for reevaluation and refocusing on what we are going to do. We, as the GMC, have committed ourselves to being missional-focused, free of some of these bad habits, evangelistic with a clear pathway of discipleship, who are known by everybody in our communities. When they look at us they're going to say, 'see how these Christians love each other'. People, we want to be a Bible-believing, Jesus-loving, grace-filled, extravagantly-loving community of faith. Amen. That's who we are and nobody else can tell the truth about us other than that. Amen."

Rev. Jerry House recognized by Rev. Welch - Bruce Wood is in hospital with mass found on his liver and pancreas. He is to have a biopsy today. Prayer lifted for Bruce and Connie. A welcome to Christ Church was offered.

Rev. Jerry House, as Chair of Transitional Episcopal Committee, introduced Resident President Pro Tempore – Jim Welch with words of appreciation for his leadership in this season.

Jim Welch, "Thank you for the trust you place in me. It is with gratitude that I serve and it's a pleasure to be part of a like-minded people who serve God and love Jesus."

This is a ministry session; some might call it a business session. I learned from my friend, Mike Shafer, who is President Pro Tempore of the West Plains Conference and they are visiting with us. He decided that his would no longer be called business sessions, but ministry sessions, so I steal it with gratitude but recognizing that he said it first.

Establishing Voting Standards: meaning there are occasional votes we will take. Unlike some, there will be no voting bar. Color of name tags. Blue tag = clergy delegate; Green tag = lay delegate; Yellow tag = well, you vote anyway. We trust you. That's one of the joys of this, isn't it? We trust one another and we're going to move forward together with this. So, if you vote during this time, please do so.

Election of Conference Secretary

Jason Burnham, "We have a gift from our Nomination and Leadership Teams. With unanimous support of

the Connectional Council, I nominate Jill Krone as our Convening Conference Recording Secretary."

Seconds came from the floor. **Bishop Jones, "If you will vote to elect her as Conference Secretary will you say 'yes' (verbal affirmation voiced). Any opposed, 'no' (no dissent). And it's done."** Appreciation extended.

Affirmation of Conference Rules

Pre-Conference Journal pages 17/18, Guidelines for our Life Together as a Conference: As a body, we are committed to conferencing in the guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit. We must not become rule dominated and, not but, we are committed to ordering our work with just enough structure and just enough organization to fuel the Spirit-filled movement of God we are experiencing and celebrating together. You'll find those guidelines of our life together on pages seventeen and eighteen.

As a matter personal privilege, thank you expressed to Chap Temple, author of the guidelines, for help with Guidelines. Chap Temple was part of a renewal movement, long ago, that birthed this church. We thank you for your work in drafting the Transitional doctrine and Book of Discipline. We thank you for your work on TCAT and for bringing us to this point. Jason Burnham, "We celebrate that we are a part of your legacy."

Jason Burnham, "Bishop, on behalf of the Council, I present these Guidelines for our Life Together for adoption."

Insert: GUIDELINES FOR OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS A CONFERENCE (January 24, 2023)

*page 17/18 Pre-Conference Journal

Following the biblical admonition in Hebrews 12:15 and elsewhere, John Wesley early on encouraged his followers to "watch over one another in love." As the heirs of that tradition, our goal is still to peacefully work together for the common good of all in fulfilling the mission of the church. Within the annual conference, thus, these guidelines are established to spell out how we can best go about our mission while still caring for all and making a bold witness for Christ to the world.

SECTION ONE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE

1. The Eastern Texas Conference (hereafter referred to as the "Conference") is established and operates under the authority of ¶610 of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church* (2022). It likewise functions as an incorporated organization recognized by the State of Texas and as a part of the global denomination governed by the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church* (2022).
2. The structures and organization of the Conference shall be determined in alignment with those of the denomination as a whole. Any discrepancy between the structure and procedures of the Conference and the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* shall be resolved in favor of the denominational provisions outlined in that book.
3. The boundaries of the Conference shall be established by the Connectional Council of the Conference in conjunction with the Transitional Leadership Council of the Global Methodist Church. Initially, the Conference shall roughly be composed of congregations within the eastern third of Texas, plus churches in Louisiana and other parts of the region who wish to affiliate with the Conference on a transitional or permanent basis.

SECTION TWO: PROCEDURES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. The Eastern Texas Conference shall meet at such a time and place as determined by the President Pro Tempore and with the presiding Bishop. Following an convening conference, the Conference shall meet on at least an annual basis for a time of worship, education, inspiration, and conducting necessary Conference business.
2. Membership of the Conference shall consist of an equal number of active clergy and laity, representing each pastoral charge within the Conference. In addition to ordained deacons and elders under appointment, active clergy shall include transitional licensed local pastors, and senior clergy as per the provisions outlined in 3.3 below.
3. Following the provisions of ¶416, clergy who have taken senior status shall retain their right to both voice and vote within the Conference if they fulfill either of the following conditions: (a) they are within seven years of the effective date of their aligning with the Global Methodist Church or the end of their last appointment, or (b) they are under appointment by the Conference for at least one-quarter time. Senior clergy not qualifying under the preceding retain voice, but not vote, at the annual conference, and they will not be counted for balancing purposes between clergy and lay delegates.
4. Conference sessions shall generally be conducted using *Roberts Rules of Order*, though whenever possible, the Conference shall attempt to conduct its business by consensus vote. The Conference may also choose to limit debate and speeches in favor or in opposition to a motion at the discretion of the President or chair.
5. These Conference guidelines may be suspended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

SECTION THREE: FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

1. The Finance, Administration, Pension and Benefits Committee shall annually prepare and recommend a Conference budget for the next calendar year.
2. Individual congregations shall calculate their share of the Connectional Funding for both the Conference and the denomination as a whole as per ¶349.3 by January 15 of each calendar year based on the prior year's local church operating income. The congregation's share shall be no more than 1.5% for the general church, and no more than 5% for the annual conference.

Bishop Jones recognized Burt Palmer, on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry with the question, "Burt, are we ordaining anyone this year?"

Board of Ordained Ministry Report

Recognizing that it's been a journey to get where we are today, Dr. Palmer expressed appreciation to his wife as he acknowledged we don't get here alone. We got here together. John Newsome for reading all that was submitted. Vivian Kinnear who helped get things organized. Rhonda Bourgeois who helped set up the software.

Dr. Burt Palmer, "To those amazing people who are Lay Ministry and Lay Supply – I stand before you to ask your forgiveness. I slipped into the old way of doing things that said, 'No, you don't belong with the clergy. No, you aren't wearing a stole.' I was wrong and I am sorry for that. You are filling pulpits, you are preaching the Gospel and you will walk with clergy." Certified Lay Ministers and Lay Supply were asked to stand and be recognized.

The ninety (90) persons who are to be ordained were invited to come forward, line up and face the congregation. Applause as numerous rows of those to be ordained filled the front of the church. Bishop Jones acknowledged that there are a lot of churches in the Eastern Texas Conference. We need each one of these persons who has prepared by education, commitment, by conversation with the Board and then to be willing to serve as pastor of a local church or on the staff of a local church. Recognizing with gratitude for each, that in other days, we would have introduced them by name. We would have ordained them Deacon one year, then elder a few years after that, but frankly we are building the bridge as we walk on it. This year some will be ordained Elder about 5 seconds after being ordained a Deacon. Since John Wesley's day, we ask historic questions and, for Bishop Jones, in front of the whole Conference. You ask sacred questions in front of other people as a way of holding one accountable. In your best moments you say 'yes' to certain questions and then in the hard times you remember that, "I promised before God and the Eastern Texas Conference these things that you will then commit to. So, my sisters and brothers, I ask you these historic questions and invite you to give the answers in front of the whole group."

Bishop Jones to those to be Ordained: "Have you faith in Christ? Are you going on to Perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you earnestly striving after it? Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and God's work? Do you know the general rules of our church? Will you keep them? Have you studied the doctrine of the Global Methodist Church? After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures? Will you preach and maintain them? Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity? Do you approve our church government and polity? Will you support and maintain them? Will you diligently instruct the children in every place? Will you visit from house to house? Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example? Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God? Now this is the question you need to be careful about. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work? Will you observe the following directions? Be diligent, never be unemployed, never be triflingly employed, never trifle away time, neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary, be punctual, do everything at the time, and do not mend our rules but keep them not for wrath but for conscience's sake?"

Group responses follow each question.

Bishop Jones, "Welcome to ministry in the Eastern Texas Conference."
Tomorrow, each will be ordained individually by name. Doxology was sung as all returned to their seats.

Report on Ordained Ministry, continued, Dr. Burt Palmer recognized and thanked those serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry, by standing.

For those who are a Candidate for Ministry – we'll will work with you where God is growing you.

As we launch into this historic moment, it is important that we begin to etch into common understanding at least three (3) distinctions in relationship to ordained ministry as clergy. 1) As we are changing the hierarchy, we increase the importance of the local church and clergy in nurturing the call to ministry and the process into Ordained Ministry. What's different in the GMC is that we do not have districts, so no district Committee of Ordained Ministry. There is currently no General Board of Higher Education. The distance between the call placed on the heart of one in the local church and moving into Conference level is as short a distance as it has ever been. In the local church, whether you are a laity or clergy, when that person says there is something stirring in my heart and soul and I don't know what to do about it, give them language that God is moving in their hearts and move them to a place that they might discern. 2) We are a collaborative connection. We have long since, in introducing the Global

Methodist Church, talked of the ministry of the willing and not the constrained. What we mean by that is the incredible gift of the tradition in particular that we come from that those gifts of organization did not give us the ability to be adaptable to where God was moving. So, we know there is a lot that needs to be done but we want to remind ourselves that ¶509 articulates clearly that we remain an appointive and open itinerancy system but there is far greater collaboration between churches and pastors. What that means is that more conversations that happen so you have to be more patient with each other. To meet the need in the changing hierarchy, we are going to be presenting something that Jonathan Bynam has been working on for a number of years, an actual guide for you and your local church so that when you hear a candidate for ministry, you can engage them at the same level that's reflective of the catechesis to hear what God's doing in their heart. We're also going to be developing some guidelines for how do we have those collaborative connections and do a better job of helping people to understand as clergy and SPRC in an on-going basis, how to have those conversations and handle the transitions and be guided through them. 3) We are in a covenant journey together.

The new ordering of ministry that we celebrate tomorrow morning with ninety (90) ordinations will also bring with it an inherent renewed sense of responsibility within the clergy covenant in at least two (2) specific ways. First, the responsibility for continuing your formal education - we stand and celebrate that we invest in the student and not the seminary or the school but we will ask and expect that you continue to grow in your understanding to complete your educational processes and we will be establishing groups within the Board of Ministry to maintain that connection with you. Secondly, it carries with it a renewed sense of responsibility to embrace the Wesleyan way of caring for each other. When you don't hear about a sister or brother, or haven't heard from them, I'm reminded of the words of my mother who said she would call when she hadn't heard from her children because they got quiet when they were isolated and in trouble. We must initiate care for each other. In short, we will become as a Conference and a Denomination what each one of us, laity or clergy, is willing to commit to as an individual follower of Christ.

Lastly, we recognize that there are areas of the Transitional Book of Doctrine and Disciplines that need to be clarified as we implement all aspects of it. Our Conference structure already has a team for that and our Board of Ministry will be working with Mid-Tex and West Plains to be able to clarify that.

Have patience with us sisters and brothers. The greatest line that's created in the TBDD is, "And flexibility for the Board of Ministry to be adapted to particular situations." I thank you for that Keith Boyette and Chap Temple.

That is our report and we celebrate what God is doing in the hearts of so many.

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WHO ARE TRANSFERRING CLERGY CREDENTIALS FROM A NON-UMC DENOMINATION ¶414		
1 Elder (From Other Denom)	Daviss, David	AME
2 Elder (From Other Denom)	McKenzie, Brad	Nazarene
WHO ARE INCOMING CLERGY FROM THE UMC? ¶417.1		
1 Deacon	Campbell, Victoria	
2 Deacon	Heinemann, Wendy	
3 Deacon	Walker, Amy	
4 Deacon	Williams, Leigh-Anne	
1 Senior Deacon	Draper, Judith	
2 Senior Deacon	Floyd, Charlotte	
3 Senior Deacon	Kent, Ellen	
4 Senior Deacon	Kinnear, Vivian	
5 Senior Deacon	Porter, Brenda	
1 Elder	Andrews, Allison	
2 Elder	Bagley, Kristopher	
3 Elder	Baker, Douglas	
4 Elder	Banks, David	
5 Elder	Bass, James	
6 Elder	Bedavian, Michael	
7 Elder	Brasher, David	
8 Elder	Bruse, Carolyn	
9 Elder	Bunch, Thomas	
10 Elder	Burnham, Jason	
11 Elder	Burton, Tommy	
12 Elder	Bynum, Jonathan	
13 Elder	Carrion, Randolph	
14 Elder	Cartwright, David	
15 Elder	Chamberlin, Phillip	
16 Elder	Childress, Robert	
17 Elder	Clayton, Roger	
18 Elder	Coats, Frank	
19 Elder	Conway, Christi	
20 Elder	Conway, Dan	
21 Elder	Davis, Linda	
22 Elder	Donaldson, Marc	
23 Elder	Dorn II, David	
24 Elder	Duncan, Wesley	
25 Elder	Evans, Patrick	
27 Elder	Firdous, Afzaal	
28 Elder	Flagg, James	
29 Elder	Gage, Douglas	
30 Elder	Gilbert, Janice	
31 Elder	Goldsmith, Stephen	

32	Elder	Goran, David	
33	Elder	Hageman, Randall	
34	Elder	Harkness, Bryan	
35	Elder	Harman, Wade	
36	Elder	Haygood Jr., William	
37	Elder	Heyduck, Richard	
38	Elder	Hingle III, Norwood	
39	Elder	House, Jerry F.	
40	Elder	Huhn, Howard	
41	Elder	Hyde, Ross	
42	Elder	Ivey, Richard	
43	Elder	Jackson, Jimmie	
44	Elder	Jordan, Walter	
45	Elder	Kissel, Kevin	
46	Elder	LaGrone, Jessica	
47	Elder	Levingston, Kenneth	
48	Elder	Lightsey, Geoffrey	
49	Elder	Lindwall, David	
50	Elder	Lucas, William	
51	Elder	Luckert, John	
52	Elder	Luna, Arisbel	
53	Elder	Lupo, Alexander	
54	Elder	Matthews, George	
55	Elder	May, Paul	
56	Elder	Mayhugh, William	
57	Elder	McCollum, Anthony	
58	Elder	McGehee, Ben	
59	Elder	McGlocklin, David	
60	Elder	McKenzie, Brad	
61	Elder	McMahon IV, Joel	
62	Elder	McMann, John	
63	Elder	McNeill, Christopher	
64	Elder	Miller Jr., William	
65	Elder	Monroe, Malcom	
66	Elder	Moore, Bryan	
67	Elder	Munn, Kenneth	
69	Elder	Neely, Matthew	
70	Elder	Otto, Kevin	

71	Elder	Palmer, James	
72	Elder	Peschke, Michael	
73	Elder	Pickett, Mark	
74	Elder	Porterfield, Mark	
75	Elder	Posey II, William	
76	Elder	Powers, Jeffrey	
77	Elder	Reasons, John	
78	Elder	Rickel, Carmen	
79	Elder	Sanchez Jr., Silverio	
80	Elder	Sims, Heather	
81	Elder	Sims, Jonathan	
82	Elder	Sitton, Rick	
83	Elder	Smith, Gregory	
84	Elder	Smith, Jason	
85	Elder	Smith, Matthew	
86	Elder	Sr., Benjamin Lohmer	
87	Elder	Standing, Polly	
88	Elder	Stephenson, John	
89	Elder	Supak, Cameron	
90	Elder	Thomas, Matthew	
91	Elder	Thornsbury, Jon	
92	Elder	Tilley, Keith	
93	Elder	Turner, Timothy	
94	Elder	Tyson II, Michael	
95	Elder	Wandling, William	
96	Elder	Weber, Andrew	
97	Elder	Williams, Alberto	
98	Elder	Williams, Guy	
99	Elder	Wintermute, Doug	
1	Senior Elder	Danheim, Danny	
2	Senior Elder	Hastings, Jeffry	
3	Senior Elder	Hoover, Joe	
4	Senior Elder	Lightle, Charles	
5	Senior Elder	Masterson, Garry	
6	Senior Elder	McMahon III, Joel	
7	Senior Elder	Newsome, John	
8	Senior Elder	Rider, Paul	
9	Senior Elder	Sholars, Douglas	
10	Senior Elder	Temple, Chappell	

11	Senior Elder	Welch, Jim	
12	Senior Elder	Wilkins, Cary	
13	Senior Elder	Willis Sr., William	
14	Senior Elder	Usiak, Daniel	
WHO ARE THE LAY SUPPLY PASTORS (LSP) SERVING IN OUR CONFERENCE?			
1	Lay Supply	Burrell, Shana	
2	Lay Supply	Fontenot, Paul	
3	Lay Supply	Heatherly, Shawn	
4	Lay Supply	Postell, Carolyn	
5	Lay Supply	Ruddock, Payton	
6	Lay Supply	Weeks Jr., Charles	
WHO ARE THE INACTIVE LAY SUPPLY PASTORS (LSPi) IN OUR CONFERENCE?			
WHO ARE THE CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS (CLM) SERVING IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶417			
1	CLM	Hunter, Glenn	
2	CLM	Krone, Jill	
3	CLM	Ray, Charles	
4	CLM	Shields, Doris	
5	CLM	Smith, Charles	
6	CLM	Sullivan, Sue	
WHO ARE THE TRANSITIONAL LOCAL PASTOR (TLP) SERVING IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶417.2			
1	TLP	Agnor, William	
2	TLP	Anderson, Zachary	
3	TLP	Blackmon, Derek	
4	TLP	Burke, Elizabeth	
5	TLP	Burns, Kenneth	
6	TLP	Copes, Jason	
7	TLP	Cortinez, José	
8	TLP	Crim, Mark	
9	TLP	Day, Patricia	
10	TLP	Dieguez, Yudeisy Estrada	
11	TLP	Edwards, Nakia	
12	TLP	Evans, Gene	
13	TLP	Fisher, Edward	
14	TLP	Hough, Victoria	
15	TLP	Laird, Aaron	
16	TLP	Lasoya, Cameron	

17	TLP	Looney, Tyler	
18	TLP	Lozano, Leo	
19	TLP	Martin, Jonathan	
20	TLP	Mayhugh, Lisa	
21	TLP	McMahon, Janice	
22	TLP	Rasch, Mary	
23	TLP	Richard, James	
24	TLP	Riggs, Ramona	
25	TLP	Robertson, Carl	
26	TLP	Rodgers, Milton	
27	TLP	Scott, Katherine	
28	TLP	Smith, Brian	
29	TLP	Torrez, Jacob	
WHO ARE THE CERTIFIED CANDIDATES IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶406			
WHO ARE BEING ORDAINED DEACONS (D) IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶409.2			
1	TBO Deacon	Akin, David	
2	TBO Deacon	Beasley, Catherine	
3	TBO Deacon	Bouse, William	
4	TBO Deacon	Bynum, Joshua	
5	TBO Deacon	Cadar, Arturo	
6	TBO Deacon	Carralero, Yuri	
7	TBO Deacon	Dunn, Jacob	
8	TBO Deacon	Entricht, Lewis	
9	TBO Deacon	Flanagan, Verronda	
10	TBO Deacon	Goldsmith, Deneen	
11	TBO Deacon	Harding, Sherry	
12	TBO Deacon	Harris, Valarie	
13	TBO Deacon	Johnson, DeeAnn	
14	TBO Deacon	Lundberg, Pamela	
15	TBO Deacon	Martin, Russel	
16	TBO Deacon	Mitchell, Chad	
17	TBO Deacon	Morris, Randall	
18	TBO Deacon	Odom, Sarah	
19	TBO Deacon	Sanders, Audrey	
20	TBO Deacon	Smith, Dwain	
21	TBO Deacon	Smith, Mary	
22	TBO Deacon	Solomon, Lisa	
23	TBO Deacon	Thomas, Kimm	

24	TBO Deacon	Waddell, Brian	
25	TBO Deacon	Waters, Michael	
26	TBO Deacon	Wyllie, Clinton	
	WHO ARE BEING ORDAINED ELDERS (D&E) IN OUR CONFERENCE? ¶409.2, 410.E		
1	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Abrams, Kathleen	
2	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Abshire, Kyle	
3	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Acosta, Elizabeth	
4	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Acosta, Frank	
5	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Adams Jr., Ross	
6	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Allen, Sterling	
7	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Allison, Sandra	
8	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Anaya, Jose	
9	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Barr, Ramona	
10	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Boddie, Marty	
11	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Burchfield, Kathryn	
12	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Byers, Megan	
13	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Carter, Kenny	
14	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Diaz, Damian	
15	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Dill, Andrew	
16	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Dillard, Roy	
17	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Gilbert, Craig	
18	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Giles Jr., Gerald	
19	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Gragert, Erik	
20	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Greenwood, Regina	
21	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hageman, Susan	
22	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hogan, Willaim	
23	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hubbard, Dorothy Smith	
24	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Hudson, Valerie	
25	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Huffman, Jason	
26	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Jamerson, Dale	
27	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Joiner, Jacob	
28	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Jones, Rebecca	
29	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Kennedy, David	
30	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Kouba, Stewart	
31	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Landers, Mark	
32	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Laubenberg, William	
33	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Leick, Sean	
34	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Leistikow, Alain	
35	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Lightfoot, Steven	

36	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Lindsey, Terry	
37	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McKee, Russell	
38	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McMachen, Kevin	
39	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McNeely, Jack	
40	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	McRae, Samuel	
41	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Mitchell, Kara	
42	TBO Deacon, TBO Elder	Moore, Adam	
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2	TBO Elder	Walker, Amy	
3	TBO Elder	Williams, Leigh-Anne	

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Bishop Jones recognized a need to approve the Conference Rules presented earlier by Jason Burnham.

"If you approve the Conference rules as published in the Pre-Conference Journal, would you say – yes (verbal approval voiced). Opposed – No (no dissent). It is done."

Jessica LaGrone, at the invitation of Bishop Jones, brought greetings from Asbury Theological Seminary and the Transitional Leadership Council. Particularly on Monday mornings, this group (TLC) of denominational leaders meets on Zoom and it is the best part of her week. People from all over world, laity, clergy and bishops. I want to introduce you to one of our Bishops – introduction of Bishop Mark Webb. Recently served for ten (10) years in the upper New York Annual Conference where he comes with high recommendations and love. He has been a pastor and has a heart for evangelism. He loves to encourage those working together to develop strategies that develop fruit for the Kingdom of God, has a passion for Christ-following leadership development and faith communities. He is a graduate of Asbury Seminary is the father of two (2) adult children and their spouses and a husband. Bishop Webb - Welcome to Texas.

Bishop Webb – Appreciation for welcome extended. Thank you for your ministry, for your faithfulness to the Gospel and your commitment to being the body of Christ. I celebrate all that God is doing. Heart breaks a little for those unable to experience what you are. Continue to pray for those in this country and all over the world that desire to gather as we are. I'm grateful for folks who have done so much work prior to this day, who have allowed me to stand on their shoulders and now be a part of this exciting movement. I pray that I'll allow people to stand on my shoulders, that they can be a part of this movement whenever God brings them to the other side. We'll be the kind of people who allow others to stand on our shoulders when we keep ourselves in the correct posture to be the church God's called us to be. A posture of surrender on our knees, trusting that our God will continue to lead us, continue to bless us, and we'll experience the fullness of this movement being fueled of Holy Spirit. Thank you for being the church of Jesus Christ, for being the Global Methodist Church and for allowing me to share this time with you.

Jim Welch – we stand on shoulders of giants. Still true. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have gone before. As we celebrate the formation of the Eastern Texas Conference, we recognize those who have helped us reach this point. Organizations: Good News; The Confessing Movement in the Texas Conference; Wesleyan Covenant Association; and those who have participated in those groups. We thank you for all you've done for the sake of the Kingdom, for Christ, and for getting us to this point. Deep appreciation for TCAT – Transitional Council Advisory Team – led by Dr. Burt Palmer, started July 12, to put all this together. **We are no longer a Transitional Conference but we are an Annual Conference.** We will talk later about how structured when Jason brings the nominations report shortly. And talk about how to move forward from the TCAT.

Introduction and words of appreciation to some with us today. Leah Hidde-Gregory is supposed to be here later after speaking in Costa Rica and encouraging them to become a part of our Global Connection. Mike Shafer was introduced earlier. Rich Jones (Presiding Elder, West Plains Conference), Mike (President Pro Tempore, West Plains Conference) and Les Hall (Presiding Elder, West Plains Conference). Guests from Arkansas and Louisiana here with us, as well as inquiring folks from other regions in Texas. Stand and be greeted. Prayer offered for those who are not yet Global Methodist but are on their way.

Bishop Jones – introduction of other honored guests: institutions related to the United Methodist Church who have been clear in their desire to also work with the Global Methodist Church. We welcome that relationship. Peter Hang, client representative with Wespath; David McCaskell, Executive Vice President of the Texas Methodist Foundation, which has made clear they will continue to service loans and reach out to churches financially; and Josh Pulver, President/CEO of Lakeview Camp, who are

continuing to seek to welcome people from GMC churches to be a part of the camping experiences there.

Jason Burnham invited members of TCAT to stand so the body might see and acknowledge seven (7) months of devoted service.

Nominations Report, pages 25-29 of the Preconference Journal, referenced.

Request for Nominations Committee members to stand and be recognized. These are who you go to if you wish to serve in this Conference.

Within the report are six (6) committee and/or boards required in Transitional Leadership Council. 1) Board of Ministry; 2) Committee on Investigation; 3) Administrative Review Committee; 4) Nominations Leadership Development Committee; 5) Transitional Episcopacy Committee; and 6) Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Committee – these are required in the Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline. Within report is also Commissions, Councils and Teams recommended by TCAT that focus on developing fruitful ministry initiatives in our Conference. The structure was then approved by the Transitional Leadership Council. Many teams continue to develop their scope of work and others will add more members in the months ahead, including Connectional council, NexGen Ministries, New Church Starts, Hispanic and African American Evangelical Initiatives, International Ministries, Class Meetings, Commission on Doctrine, Clergy Small Groups, and Strategic Planning Team. These teams will come back to the body and report on their initiatives so that we will know where we are going together and what priorities have been set for the future of our Conference. This is the structure that has been approved by the Connectional Council, submitted to the Transitional Leadership Council and approved there.

Jason Burnham, "Bishop, on behalf of the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee and on behalf of the Connectional Council, I present these nominations to the Conference for approval."

Bishop Jones, "If you would approve these Nominations printed in the Preconference Journal, would you say 'yes' (vocal affirmation). Any opposed? (no dissent). It is done."

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Board of Ministry for the provisional annual conference (Nominated by Bishop/President *Pro Tempore*; AC creates and sets numbers, not more than 1/3 laity)

Charge: Oversees recruiting and credentialing of the clergy and clergy changes of conference relations to further the mission of the GM Church.

Rev. Dr. Burt Palmer, Chair	Rev. Jonathan Bynum, Vice Chair	TBD, Secretary
Executive Officer, Rev. Jason Burnham	Candidacy Lead: Rev. Mariann Rayne	Registrar: Rev. John Newsome
CLM oversight: Rev. Ross Hyde	Rev. Dr. Janice Gilbert	Rev. Tim Turner
Rev. Ben McGehee (LA)	Ms. Sue Sullivan	Mr. Bob Kinnear
Tammy Woodard	Rev. Joel McMahon IV	Rev. Sean Leick
Rev. Bill Willis (LA)	Rev. Leigh Ann Williams	Ms. Frankie Watson

Committee on Investigation (w/alternates due to conflict of interests (President *Pro Tempore* creates, 7 members (quorum), 4 clergy seats, 3 laity seats, not members of BOM)

Charge: Responsible for considering judicial complaints against clergy as set out in Part Eight Judicial Administration of the TBD&D or the BD&D.

Rev. Dr. Doug Baker, Chair	Rev. David Luckert	Rev. Dr. Allison Andrews	Rev. Linda Davis
Mr. David Iglesias – Secretary	Mr. Jerry Atherton	Mr. Brandon Bess	
Alt. Rev. Jeff Gage, Chair	Alt. Rev. Jim Jackson	Alt. Rev. Wade Harman	Alt. Rev. Garry Masterson
Alt. Mr. Kasey Woody – Secretary	Alt. Mr. Philip Shackleford	Alt. Mr. Scott Johnson	

Administrative Review Committee (Bishop/President *Pro Tempore* creates, AC/Cabinet elects, 3 clergy members (quorum), 2 alternates not members of BOM or Cabinet)

Charge: Responsible for ensuring that the disciplinary procedures for resolving a substantial administrative complaint are properly followed as required by the Judicial Practices and Procedures and fair process.

Rev. Jim Bass, Chair	Rev. Christi Conway, Secretary	Rev. Joe Hoover (LA)
Alt. Rev. Susan Hageman	Alt. Rev. William Lucas	

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee (*Bishop/President Pro Tempore creates, AC elects, sets number, equal clergy, and laity seats*)

Charge: *Responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on annual conference committees and boards.*

Rev. Jim Welch, President Pro Tem, Chair	Ex Officio: Executive Officer, Rev. Jason Burnham	Ms. Judy Hannon, Vice Chair	Rev. Kathy Abrams, Secretary
Rev. Carmen Rickel	Rev. Tommy Earl Burton	Rev. John Reasons	Rev. Elizabeth Acosta
Mr. Scott Johnson	Rev. Robert Childress	Ms. Debra Miller	Mr. Larry Chatman
Ms. Donna Moody	Mr. Jason Bass		

Transitional Episcopacy Committee (Nominations and Leadership Development Committee creates, AC sets number, an equal number of clergy and laity)

Charge: *Supports the bishop/president pro tempore in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the GM Church, especially in the area where the bishop/president pro tempore has residential responsibility.*

Rev. Jerry House, Chair	TBD, Vice Chair	TBD, Secretary
President Pro Tem, Rev. Jim Welch (voice but no vote)	Rev. Garry Masterson	Mr. Todd Watson
Rev. Jeff Powers	Mr. Dan Munoz	Rev. Randy Hageman
Mr. John Fry	Rev. Verronda Flanagan	Ms. Sara Brenner
Rev. Christi Conway	Ms. Frances Beseda	

Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Committee (*Nominations and Leadership Development Committee nominates, AC elects, sets number, equal seats for clergy and laity.* **Charge:** *Responsible for developing, maintaining, and administering a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, budgets, procedures, pension and benefits plans, and management services for the annual conference.*

Rev. Mike Tyson, Chair	TBD, Vice Chair	TBD, Secretary
BVO: President Pro Tempore, Rev. Jim Welch, voice no vote.	BVO: Operating Officer Rev. Vivian Kinnear, voice no vote.	BVO: Presiding Elder, Rev. Patrick Evans, voice no vote.
BVO: Treasurer, Rev. Brenda Porter, CPA, voice, no vote.	Rev. Gerry Giles	Ms. Margi Duncan
Mr. Norman Neel	Mr. Wayne Walker	Ms. Alice Richardson
Mr. Jim Keller, atty	Ms. Jessica Sorrels	

NextGen Ministries: (Other created Article 5 Section 8)

Charge: TBD

Rev. Tim Turner, Chair	Rev. Bryan Harkness	Rev. Adam Moore LA
Rev. Russell Martin	Rev. Tommy Earl Burton	Rev. Kyle Abshire
Ms. Megan Findley	Rev. Amy Walker	Rev. Jacob Joiner
Ms. Anna Metcalf	Ms. Lairen Glenn	Rev. Guy Williams
Rev. Doug Wintermute		

New Church Starts (Other created Article 5 Section 8)

Charge: TBD

Mr. John Campbell, Chair	Rev. David Goran	Rev. Matt Neely
Ex Officio Rev. Jason Burnham		

Hispanic and African American Evangelistic Initiatives (Other created Article 5 Section 8) Charge: A group of clergy and lay members who will meet quarterly to discuss mission field strategies, ministry funding, shared resources, and local church support to meet the needs of Hispanic and African Americans communities in the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Our committee will be a resource to the Hispanic and African American ministries, congregations, clergy, and staff of the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Rev. Artie Cadar, Chair	Rev. Kenneth Levingston, Vice Chair	Ms. Anna Vargas
Rev. Emigdio Rosales	Rev. Frank Acosta	Rev. Linda Davis
Rev. Stephen Goldsmith	Rev. Dr. Janice Gilbert	Dr. Audrey Sanders
Ms. Margi Duncan		

International Ministries (Other created Article 5 Section 8)

Charge: TBD

Rev. Jon Thornsberry, Chair	Rev. Tony McCollum	Rev. Clint Wiley
Ms. Marla Gregg	Mr. Jason Samford	

Class Meetings (Other created Article 5 Section 8)

Charge: TBD

Rev. Dr. John Wayne McMann, Chair	Rev. John Thomas	Rev. Dan Conway
Mr. Jeff Hobbs		

Conference Commission on Doctrine (Other created Article 5 Section 8)

Charge: TBD

Rev. Dr. Chappell Temple, Chair	Rev. Richard Heyduck	Rev. Dr. Sterling Allen
Rev. Cabe Matthews	Rev. Dr. Doug Baker	Rev. Woody Hingle (LA)

Clergy Small Groups (Other created Article 5 Section 8) **Charge:** TBD

Rev. Heather Sims, Chair	Rev. Sam McRae	Rev. Dr. Marc Donaldson
Rev. Jon Thornsby	Rev. Jeremy Bass	Rev. Dr. Keith Tilley
Rev. Jason Huffman	Rev. Wendy Heinemann	Rev. Kevin Kissel

Strategic Planning Team (Other created Article 5 Section 8)

Charge: TBD

Rev. Drew Essen, Chair	<i>BVO: President Pro Tempore, Rev. Jim Welch</i>	<i>BVO: Executive Officer, Rev. Jason Burnham</i>
Rev. Carol Bruse	Rev. Wendy Heinemann	Mr. Greg Crisp
Mr. Mike Sims		

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Ms. Anna Vargas, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Rhonda Bourgeois, IT Director (volunteer)

Rev. Howard Huhn, Communications Director (volunteer)

Rev. Brenda Porter, CPA, Treasurer (volunteer)

Ms. Jill Krone, Annual Conference Recording Secretary (volunteer)

Rev. John Newsome, Registrar (volunteer)

Jim Welch offered a special thanks to those who have worked so closely with Jason and Jim over the past weeks: Vivian Kinnear (Operations), Anna Vargas (Administrative), Rhonda Bourgeois (Technological) and Howard Huhn (Communication). In praying about how to structure the Conference in praying and visitation with people across the Conference, I would like to introduce those selected to be elders or presiding elders in the conference. On screen, eight (8) areas described across our conference. Not geographically named but unique names associated with the regions. Brazos area Presiding Elder is Dr. Chap Temple; Sam Houston is Rev. Kenneth Levingston; Coastal Plains is Dr. Chap Temple; Lakes District (Tyler area) is Rev. Nick Sholars; Pelican and Piney Woods are Rev. Ben McGehee (Ben is the presiding elder for all of Louisiana); Sabine is Rev. Carol Bruse; and Red River is Rev. Nick Sholars. Circuit Presiding Elders are also listed. The function of Circuit Elders is the responsibility to tie pastors together, to be encouragers of ministry and to build those relationships for church to church, avoiding the problems of pastor isolation. We must have systems in place to hold one another accountable to the Good News of the Gospel and this is the function of the Circuit Elder. Associate Elders responsibility is to care for the Associate Pastors in our Conference and are themselves associate pastors serving in churches. Area Elders will care for all of these groups within their specific area of the Conference. Those who hold us accountable and receive our trust, it's important for these to be smaller groups. Circuit Elders are not responsible for appointing pastors but will be responsible for nurturing pastors. Area Elders work with the President Pro Tempore, Conference Superintendent (or whatever Episcopal arrangement) for appointive purposes. Those serving a church, lay leaders in the church will work with Circuit Elders on appointment issues and the Circuit Elder will relate to Area Elders to work together as a Cabinet. Presented to inform on the structure of the Annual Conference. Will entertain questions. None.

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Rev. Ben McGehee
Rev. Carmen Rickel
Rev. Carol Bruse
Rev. Dario Vargas
Rev. David Brasher
Rev. Dr. Chap Temple
Rev. Dr. Janice Gilbert
Rev. Dr. Marc Donaldson
Rev. Guy Williams
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Rev. Howard Huhn
Rev. Jason Dorn
Rev. Jason Smith
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Rev. John Reasons
Rev. John Stephenson
Rev. Kenn Munn
Rev. Kenneth Levingston
Rev. Kevin Otto
Rev. Leigh-Anne Williams
Rev. Mark Bunch
Rev. Megan Byers
Rev. Michael Peschke
Rev. Nick Sholars
Rev. Patrick Evans
Rev. Polly Standing
Rev. Rick Sitton
Rev. Tim Turner
Rev. Tommy Earl Burton

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Bishop Jones – an important way to being a connectional church that continues itinerancy and still put more decision-making on local church and Presiding Elder. We think this will address some of the tensions and concerns we've had in the Wesleyan movement.

Jim Welch regarding appointment making: We've worked on a more collaborative system, allowing churches to have a greater voice in their pastor. Also allow conversation between church and pastors – both interviewing each other. Churches have been engaging prospective pastors in honest conversation about who they are as church and where God is leading them. It is a collaborative discussion, prayerful and open to the Holy Spirit in how we place pastors in our Annual Conference. I hope you experience it as a collaborative, supportive and ultimately kind and loving relationship. Jim Welch spoke to his six (6) plus years as a superintendent in the Texas Annual Conference where he usually introduced churches to pastor. We bring pastors in for discussions which puts more work on the Presiding Elders but adds an element of prayerful work on the churches.

Rev. Mike Tyson, Senior Pastor at Atascocita Methodist Church, Chair of Finance, Administration, **Pension and Benefits Committee Report**

Report starts on Page 22 of the Pre-Conference Journal.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this roll. I would also like to say thank you to the intrepid individuals that agreed to be a part of this committee. You will see their names listed in our report.

Rev. Tyson, "Let me give you some background and share with you some stories of generosity. We were incorporated as a Texas 501(c)3 Corporation on August 26, 2022. Several weeks later we received our EIN number and we opened our bank account in early October with a \$5,000 check from our local Wesleyan Covenant Association group. I told our president pro-tem that we were open for business, but that we had a whopping 4,893 dollars in the bank after we paid for our checks and we were open for business. Two weeks later Jim Welch came back with a check from the Woodlands Methodist Church for \$100,000. This donation was made in a spirit of generosity and ecclesiastical support of our new, Global Methodist Church denomination and this Conference. This cash advance was paid to us without obligation and without any commitment to join the Global Methodist Church on the part of the The Woodlands Methodist. This church is currently in a season of transitional independence while they discern their pathway for future affiliation, this decision will be made with a congregational vote later this spring. The agreement between the Woodlands Methodist Church and our Conference, is that if their congregation joins the Global Methodist Church, this will be a pre-payment of their Connectional giving. Should they elect not to join the Global Methodist Church, we will repay that \$100,000 on December 1, 2023. It is interest free. We would repay it without interest. Two (2) things: send in your connectional giving and you know how to pray.

The second issue we had to deal with was office space. It so happened that the Central North District offices of the Texas Annual Conference were located at Christ Church Woodlands were on a month-to-month lease there. When Christ Church voted to disaffiliate, shortly after that, the Central North district vacated those offices and Christ Church Woodlands offered that to us. I should also point out the Central North District sold us the fixtures that were in that space for a

very reasonable price, and that was also paid for by Christ Church Woodlands. So, our offices are not too nice but are well appointed and it's great for meetings. I invite you to come see it at Christ Church Woodlands. This year, we have a five-year lease with Christ Church Woodlands. We're paying them a whopping 1.00-dollar per year for rent which we are very grateful for. This year, Christ Church is paying all our utilities and all our costs for being in that space. In future years we will pay for all our own utilities, our own copier expense, and those sorts of things. I'm grateful for this arrangement from Christ Church Woodlands. Thank you very much. I would like to say to both The Woodlands Methodist Church and Christ Church Woodlands, 'thank you very much for your generosity' and ask that you give them a round of applause.

As has been mentioned in our report, all pensions and benefits are being handled at the denominational level. This means that as a Conference we don't have to staff an entire department to deal with health insurance and pensions. I will tell you I'm very grateful for that. I'd like to give a special thanks to Rick Van Giesen. He's the benefits officer of the Global Methodist Church. He's had some experience with this in his previous Annual Conference where he would enroll about 25 people in a year. In a three-month period, he's enrolled about 700 people. I just want to say thanks to Rick Van Giesen. If you're watching on the stream, I just want to say 'you're awesome, thank you'. I know this hasn't been the smoothest roll out, but I have to tell you it was far better than I had prepared myself for. And where you are having some problems, I promise we will get it smoothed out soon.

One thing I want to share particularly with this Conference is that our agreement with Methodist Hospital is in place and it actually has been used, at least to my knowledge, three (3) times already this year. That is if you are in our B1000PPO plan and you are doing something at the Methodist Hospital Systems of Houston, your co-pay is waived. You don't have to pay that. Thank you to Methodist Hospital for bringing that here.

Now to the business at hand. You have before you an interim 2023 budget. We've projected out the entire year, but the truth is there is much we have yet to learn about our obligations to the denomination and many other things.

I anticipate that by our Annual Conference, in July, we will be able to bring you a much clearer picture and a much better expectation as to what our budget will look like. At that Conference, we'll bring you a revised 2023 budget, we'll bring you something for 2024 and we will have a much better understanding of all the things we don't yet know. We're excited about that.

Do you remember the church profiles that you filled out, pastors and church administrators? You answered questions in there about your operating income, in filling out that profile, you indicated what your 2023 operating income was going to be. It is, in essence, your commitment card to the Annual Conference as to how much you are going to pay, and also at the Denominational level. We have 253 churches that make up the Eastern Texas Conference, as of January 25. That number may have changed. We have received profiles from 212 of you. That's okay. Of those 212, eighteen (18) churches asked for, and were approved for, a waiver of connectional giving this year. That's for those folks who are facing some financial hardship, perhaps from the increased insurance costs or others things that may have happened. The total

anticipated connectional giving from these 212 churches totals \$762,308.00. The eighteen (18) requested waivers total \$64,158.00, which leaves us a net expected total of \$698,150.00.

So, we are conservative on our income estimate, we are assuming that we will collect 90% of that \$698,000.00 and that none of the other churches that have yet turned in a profile will pay anything toward connectional giving. We hope that is not the case. We hope that you will participate in your Denominational and your Conference connectional giving. But we are just being conservative in how much we think we are going to bring in. On the expense side, you see the anticipated expenses for Clergy staff and non-clergy staff. For 2023 the Treasurer and Communications directors are voluntarily working for free. The same is virtually true of our operating officer Vivian Kinnear, who is being paid \$18,000.00. Vivian Kinnear and Anna Vargas have done a tremendous job for all of us. We are, where we are today, largely through their administrative capabilities. I want to thank you both for all that you do.

You'll see in our budget that our administrative expenses are scheduled to be \$104,000.00 are made up of expense reimbursements, contract labor, software subscriptions, copier lease, office supplies and other things like that.

The other resolution that you see as a part of our report, relates to our retired clergy's retirement income. It allows them to treat their retirement income as housing allowance. This has been a part of every annual conference finance/pension report that goes all the way back to the apostles. Not really, but it has been done at every annual conference I have been a part of going back to 1999. It is a good practice and it benefits our retired clergy meaningfully. Again, I thank you for the privilege of serving this Conference."

Rev. Mike Tyson, "Bishop, Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Texas Conference on behalf of the Finance, Administration, Pension and Benefits Committee, I submit this report for your approval."

Bishop Jones noted a microphone was on the aisle for those with any questions as he noted that they've tried to provide you with great detail and clarity. Hope in participation in connectional giving for both the work of the Eastern Texas Conference and the Global Methodist Church was expressed. It's not easy building a new denomination and somebody got to pay the expenses for various things in order for us to be a connectional church. No Questions.

Bishop Jones called for a vote. "If you will approve the report related to Finance and Administration that Mike has just covered, will you say yes?" (affirmation voiced). Any opposed, no (no dissent). And it's done.

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Statement of Fiscal Position from Pre-Conference Journal**

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Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Committee

Your *Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Committee* is excited to be part of this historic Convening Conference of the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. We were incorporated as a Texas 501(c)3 corporation in late August of 2022, and our bank account was opened two months later in October. Standing up an Annual Conference in under six months has been exciting and challenging. Many people, virtually all of them working their other paying jobs while working for the Conference, are responsible for getting us to this point. God has been hard at work amongst us!

One of the gifts has been that pensions and health benefits are managed at the denominational level so that minimal support resources are required at the conference level to do so. Most of our pension and benefits work is helping to connect the local church with those denominational resources.

One of the challenges in putting an Annual Conference together in such a short time is that there is much that we still need to learn. For instance, the cost conferences will contribute toward the bishops now serving as General Superintendent has yet to be determined. Additionally, we need historical income or expenses on which to base our operating budget. These are but a few things that are not yet known to us.

The budget we are presenting to you today is our best estimate of how the year will unfold financially. We should know much more about our future obligations by the time we meet in July. At that time, we will provide an updated 2023 budget, a 2024 budget, and the 2023 year-to-date financial statements.

We are presenting two items for your approval - the interim 2023 budget and the resolution designating all retirement income as housing allowance. We have included one item for your information, our first year-end Statement of Financial Position.

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2023 Proposed Budget Eastern Texas Conference of the GMC	2023 Total
Income	
Connectional Funding 1% (Net of Grace Allowances) (212 of 256 GMC churches reporting)	628,335
Other Income	12,000
Total Income	640,335
Expenses	
Clergy Staff	
President Pro Tem – Salary	80,000
Housing	0
SECA Allowance (7.65%) (1099) Conf. Portion	6,120
Pension (5%)	0
Pension Match (5%)	0
Health Premium Costs	
Total President Pro Tem	86,120
Executive Officer Effective 3/1/23 (10 months) - Salary	60,600
Housing	41,600
SECA Allowance (7.65%) (1099) Conf. Portion	7,818
Pension (5%)	5,501
Pension Match (5%)	5,501
Health Premium Costs	17,480
Total Executive Officer	138,500

Treasurer/Controller/Benefits Admin. (Base+) - Volunteer for 2023	0
Housing	0

Payroll Taxes (6.2%+6.2%) (1099)	0
Health Premium Costs	0
Total Treasurer/Controller	0
Operating Officer (Base+) – Retired - Mostly Volunteer for 2023	0
Housing	18,000
SECA Allowance (7.65%) (1099) Conf. Portion	0
Health Premium Costs	0
Total Operating Officer	18,000
Non-Clergy Staff	
Administrative Assistant – salary	45,000
Payroll Taxes (7.65%)	3,443
Pension (8%)	3,600
Health Premium Costs	0
Total Administrative Assistant	52,043
Communications Director – Salary - Volunteer for 2023	0
Payroll Taxes .0765%	0
Pension (8%)	0
Health Premium Costs	0
Total Communications Director	0
Total Personnel Expense	294,663

Total Administrative Expenses	104,401
Events	
Convening Conference Annual Conference	55,000
Clergy Retreat	5,000
Total Events Expenses	60,000
Total Operating Expenses	164,401
Investment in Ministries	
Hispanic & African American Evangelical Initiatives	20,000
Camp Campus Ministry Scholarships	20,000
Total Investment in Ministries	40,000
TOTAL EXPENSES & Ministry Expenses	499,063
Net (Loss) or Surplus	141,272

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Housing Resolution

RESOLUTION RELATING TO RENTAL/HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED OR DISABLED MINISTERS

The Eastern Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") hereby adopts the following resolution relating to rental/housing allowances for retired (senior status) or disabled clergypersons of the Conference:

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The Global Methodist Church (the "Church"), of which this Conference is a part, functions through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church ("Clergypersons").

WHEREAS the practice of the Church and this Conference was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;

WHEREAS pensions or other amounts paid to retired (senior status) and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to retired (senior status) and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference as the appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT an amount equal to **100% of the pension or disability payments** received from plans authorized under *The Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline of The Global Methodist Church* (the "*TBDOD*"), which includes all such payments from Wespeth, during the years 2023 and 2024 by each retired (senior status) or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conference, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and

THAT the pension or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any pension or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *TBDOD*, including such payments from Wespeth and a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespeth plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the *TBDOD*, that results from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conference or that an active, retired (senior status) or disabled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to any local church, the annual conference of the Church, a general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, the former denomination that is now

a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such retired (senior status) or disabled Clergyperson's pension or disability as part of his or her gross compensation.

NOTE: The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson's gross income in any year for federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2) and regulations thereunder to the least of:

- (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson's employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year.
- (2) the amount expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year;
- or (3) the home's fair rental value, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such a year.

The housing/rental allowance exclusion is available only to clergy, not to surviving spouses. Still, the death of a minister during the year does not invalidate the exclusion for the entire year. The exclusion is still available for the part of the year the minister was alive.

Neither Wespath nor the Eastern Texas Annual Conference gives legal tax advice, and each minister should consult with their attorney, CPA, or other tax advisors.

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Eastern Texas Conference
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1001 Amegy Checking (7435)	0.00
1001.DD Donor Designated	
1001.DD002 Katy Church Plant	18.93
1001.DD003 Huntsville Church Plant	150,043.90
1001.DD004 Sugarland Church Plant	43,436.86
1001.DD005 Wave 2	5,397.22
Total 1001.DD Donor Designated	198,896.91
1001.GF Unrestricted	113,952.79
Total 1001 Amegy Checking (7435)	312,849.70
Total Bank Accounts	\$312,849.70
Other Current Assets	
1450 Prepaid expenses	1,484.98
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,484.98
Total Current Assets	\$314,334.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$314,334.68
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 Payroll Payable	
2130 Payroll Tax Payable	1,077.14
2150 Pension Payable	300.00
Total 2100 Payroll Payable	1,377.14
2200 Due to for Church Plants	193,499.69
2550 Prepaid Receipts	100,000.00
2600 Accrued Expenses	4,078.65
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$298,955.48
Total Current Liabilities	\$298,955.48
Total Liabilities	\$298,955.48
Equity	
3010 Net Assets	
Net Revenue	15,379.20
Total Equity	\$15,379.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$314,334.68

Accrual Basis Tuesday, January 31, 2023 09:31 AM GMT-06:00

Jim Welch recognized Brenda Porter, CPA, who works with Mike on our finances.

Chap Temple introduction of Keith Boyette, CEO/COO Connectional Church Officer of the GMC. Previously known for service in the WCA, as a lawyer serving lay positions, before becoming clergy. He was the founding lead pastor at the Wilderness Community Church in Virginia. He combined his legal and ministry expertise to ably serve as a member of the UMC's top court. In his capacity at the WCA and GMC, he has traveled all over world. His twitter handle is #wildpastorva.

Keith Boyette shared that someone criticized us for saying we are a movement, that this may be a premature and arrogant statement. Our desire is to be a movement but we'll let others decide if we have achieved it. Like the building bridges or airplane analogies but recently heard one saying we are building the runway as we are about to land. What we are engaged in is unprecedented. Other denominations have merged but doesn't happen often. This is a time of a great adventure with God. If you want to be in control, this is not the adventure for you. We must offer each other great grace and our best gifts together. We must labor together to watch God do miraculous things. We've turned, what has been recent Methodism, on its head. We have said The Global Methodist Church (GMC) does not exist for itself but exists to support local churches, to make them effective. We don't have a top down ministry but our role is to empower you to be the church, to make a way for you, laity and clergy, to be Christ's representatives where you are. To make sure that there is space for the Holy Spirit to move, to be radically dependent on God, contrary to every known business principle. But we are a people of faith who trust one another. We are going to be transparent and accountable to one another. We have many wounds and scars. Much has occurred that might cause us to become perhaps defensive and cynical, not open to what God wants to do in us. Story of Nehemiah has significant impact because it reminds us that we have too great a work to come down and battle the arrows flung at us. We are going to keep our focus on the God who has set us apart, the God who has saved us and is transforming us. The God who chooses the likes of you and me to reach people for Christ. I pray the best for those going a different direction. My focus is for us to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. I'm filled with great hope. Those on the frontlines, not offices, who will advance the Kingdom of God. People desperately need the gospel. No place is barren of that opportunity. I see the Spirit of God moving in and through you to make that witness. I see the Spirit of God moving all over the world, receiving emails from Slovakia, Africa, Philippines. We are truly a global church, and yes, I think Texas is one of those foreign countries. Thank those who are part of Transitional Leadership Council from Texas, including Arturo Cadar, Bishop Jones, Jessica LaGrone, and Marty Nicholas. You are providing excellent leadership to the overall movement. You all are trailblazers and I salute you.

Rev. Heather Sims, Camping and Campus Ministry Report: Along with the Connectional Council and Rev. Tim Turner, we're working on ministry opportunities for our Conference like summer camps, youth mission, clergy retreats, and campus ministry. Recommendations include: Revive Youth Camp at Camp Buckner in Burnett, July 16-20, for 6-12th grades. A Christ-centered, evangelical Methodist camp with a Biblically faithful curriculum. Link on Facebook. Cost: \$375 per child. Revive Children's Camp will be at Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose on June 4-8 for 3rd – 6th grades. Cost: \$400. Summer youth missions with UM army, are in discussions. UArmy is considering a name change in the future but are willing to work with us on creating GM churches to make a camp for them. Additionally, Faith Richmond (Linda O'Donnell) is putting together a camp in Cypress at Good Shepherd, July 16-22 and Hardy Memorial (Jordan Payne) has a camp in Jacksonville, June 5-10. Clergy Retreat, March 20-22, at Lakeview (WCA and GMC clergy) focus: relationships and Sabbath rest. Registration is on the website. Team asked to stand for recognition.

NexGen Report: **Tim Turner** is the youngest elder in the Conference, and is excited to be serving God in a church that values the contribution and voice of the young and the next generation in the church.

There is excitement that we've already made significant steps towards passionately giving witness of the Gospel to the young people in our midst. This Conference desires to reach next generation for Christ and there is excitement to see what God will do through us as a connection of Global Methodist Churches, willing to follow the voice of God. NexGen Ministries Team is about to advocate for the full involvement of young people in our church; a broad ministry initiative that supports Gospel work in our Conference for children, youth, emerging adults, college students, young clergy - all ministries aimed at next generation. In reality, we are talking about the present generation as well as the next generation of gospel leaders, mothers and fathers, CEOs, preaches, plumbers...all called as people of God to make disciples of Christ. NexGen ministries in our Conference aims to support that task for the young among us. Historic ministry to young people which our churches have long supported, many of those ministries are still in the UMC. How do we renew our partnerships with these ministries while still upholding the beliefs and values and practices that have brought us to this convening point of the GMC? It's times for new forms of unity. The early stages of the NexGen Team have begun developing endorsement application processes for ministries such as our Wesley Foundations, with aim at assessing the teaching and practices of leaders in these ministries to ensure core doctrines are upheld by ministries we have come to love. This approach makes us flexible as a Conference, as we partner with college ministries near and far. This process aligns with GMC doctrines and values but not without challenges. Still early stages to figure out partnering with UMC brothers and sisters, if and how new forms of unity can come about. NexGen and Eastern Texas Conference leaders are collaborating to discern next steps. It is an expansive work, a vital Gospel work. What kind of ministries to the young can we create as a Conference? Connection for our youth and children's ministry leaders? What kind of vision can we cast to young preachers and church leaders as they answer the call of God? We will continue seeking partnerships with those we come to know, but also dream new dreams, follow God into new possibilities as we become this connection of churches called the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church by God's grace, wisdom and guiding Light, as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly.

Jason Burnham, New Church Starts Report

Multiplication through church planting is a necessity for spreading the Good News of Jesus to a hurting world. The Eastern Texas Conference is celebrating a grass-roots, bottom-up, lay-led movement in church planting. We have received seven (7) new churches with pastor serving under appointment in ETXC. Invited lay and pastors to come forward as I share a brief word on each of them for a time of blessing.

Christ the King, Montgomery: George (Cabe) Matthew and David Lindwall (First GMC church and first plant in the ETXC) began in fall in a school.

Brazosport, Lake Jackson: Andrew (Andy) Dill (sister congregation with Freeport to create two (2) point charge).

Redeemer Church, Manvel: David Goran. They created pathway for peaceful parting from multi-campus church, allowing for the second campus to be a new GMC.

Christ the King, Huntsville: Pastor Doug Wintermute. Within a week's time over 200 lay packed funeral home at 2:00 pm, with Dan Hannan preaching and recently purchased event center on 10 acres.

Trinity Church, Sugarland: Ralph duPlessis. Seeking worship site in First Colony.

Wesleyan Church, Crockett: Mike Bedevian. Started with no pastor and group of lay worshipped in basement of bank and even received a key to the bank.

Resurrection, Katy: Jason Smith. Three Hundred and ten (310) showed up for first worship on January 8, 2023 after informational meetings in a barn.

Laities have reached out about starting churches in Lufkin; Longview; Baton Rouge, LA; Broussard, LA and that's just the start. Reach out if this call is on your heart. Rev. Jeff Olive offered a prayer.

Rev. Kenneth Levingston, as Arturo Cadar comes forward, **Hispanic and African American Evangelistic Initiatives Report:** If you are a member of the GMC and Eastern Texas Conference are invited to join them in Room 114 for just a brief minute following this session. We bring our calling to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and our conviction in such a way that people will come to know God and be transformed and changed into the image of God. We bring our culture and worship the way we worship because God can understand and all our worship. We bring who we are fully as people of God and join with our brothers and sisters to do the good work God will do in us. We need to start new congregations in inner city and cities. We bring challenges of living into a church where it doesn't matter your skin color, what matters is your gifts and graces. Everyone is welcome to pastor any church in the Eastern Texas Conference. False rumor and not true if black or female clergy, that you won't have a place to serve because you won't be wanted. That's a lie from the pit of hell. We need new church starts and to recruit new, young preachers. As we grow, we do it in a way that the world will know this is what God's church looks like and a place where all God's people are welcomed and a part.

Rev. Arturo (Artie) Cadar, Hispanic and African American Evangelistic Initiatives: (Other created Article 5 Section 8) "We are a group of clergy and lay members who will meet quarterly to discuss mission field strategies, ministry funding, shared resources, and local church support to meet the needs of Hispanic and African Americans communities in the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Our committee will be a resource to the Hispanic and African American ministries, congregations, clergy, and staff of the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church." "To date, thirteen (13) Hispanic Pastors and the congregations that they represent have become members in full connection with the Global Methodist Church. (Asked to stand and be recognized). We believe the Global Methodist Church is our forever home. You see, our cultures know a thing or two about worshiping passionately, loving extravagantly and witnessing boldly! So, how could we possibly not feel at home! We have, not only great dreams, but we also have great expectations that the Global Methodist Church will become the forever home for all Hispanic-Americans that love Jesus, but more importantly, for all Hispanic-Americans that need Jesus. The opportunity, as well as the responsibility that we have to engage in Hispanic Ministries is huge and very complex. It's a huge opportunity because the Hispanic population now living in the United States of America is fast approaching 65 million people and Hispanics made up more than half of the total growth of the US over the last ten (10) years. It's complex because it is diverse. Yes, we speak a common language, but believe me, we don't all have the same cultures. It's complex because it's multigenerational, complex because in their effort to reach the American dream, their relationship with Jesus Christ, has a tendency to be put in the back burner. It's a multi-generational opportunity because in a recent study done by Lifeway among church-going Hispanics, 58% are 1st generation Hispanics, thus the need for Spanish-speaking churches; 24% are 2nd generation, and 18% are 3rd generation. 35% are under the age of 30, with another 38% falling in the age bracket of 30 to 49 years old. We are a young bunch. So, what does 2023 look like for Hispanic ministries in the Global Methodist Church? 2023 will be a year of listening, learning, and strategically planning for the great future that God has already planned for us. Even as we speak, we are in the midst of organizing a Hispanic Ministries Task force that will be made up of both clergy and laity from our Conference, from the Mid-Texas Conference and the West Plains Conference. Our prayer is that our Global Methodist Church congregations will come together to support the growth of Hispanic Ministries in a way that has never been experienced by any denomination. Among all of the nations that Jesus told us to go to and make disciples of, the nation of Hispanic-Americans living in the United States is closest to us. May we go and make disciples of them, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them, both, in Spanish and in English, everything that the Lord has commanded to us.

Jason Burnham, Q & A Responses

We asked for your questions and you didn't have very many. Keith Boyette was asked to come forward.

1) How will the Global Methodist Church transition from the current Book of Transitional Doctrine and Discipline and be voted and ratified as the new Book of Doctrine and Discipline?

Everything is in transition. Where we are is a starting place. Each of you when you became a Global Methodist clergy person or a Global Methodist Church, you affirmed the Transitional Doctrine and Discipline as your book of doctrines and disciplines by that vote. You've, as well as each church that joins us, ratified it. But as we are organizing Provisional Annual Conferences globally, we will have a Convening General Conference, date not set yet, in future to determine what a more permanent structure will be. I've made the commitment (Keith Boyette) that I'll be passing the baton at that point. At that Convening General Conference, the Transitional Book of Doctrine and Disciplines will be the starting point but there are all kinds of things that aren't answered in that book. Delegates will be elected Provisional Annual Conferences, they'll gather at the place on the Convening General Conference, we'll adopt a constitution and we'll adopt the first Book of Doctrine and Discipline that doesn't have the word transitional in front of it.

2) What is the plan for men's ministry and women's ministry in the Global Methodist Church?

As previously noted, this is an intentional grassroots-up movement. We have not organized a denominational men's or women's ministry at this time. We do have a group of women working together to envision some ways women might be resourced. Keith Boyette inquired if Judy Graham were present. She is leading this as she does Celebration Ministries. We're encouraging each local church, then areas and Conferences to begin to envision how ministries to men and women might be resourced. We are not going to create something at a Global Church level.

3) How do we change our name? Is there anyone to contact in the Eastern Texas Conference?

Two emails: communication@etxgmc.org and legal@etxgmc.org. Either email address will be happy to assist and walk alongside you as you work either on the legal name change or on the physical name change.

4) What about district delegates?

The Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines calls for equal lay and clergy delegates. The challenge we used to have, was, we had all these retired clergy who had voting privileges and we needed more and more laity so we appropriated them through the districts. That's how we worked to formulate in the United Methodist Church. In the Global Methodist Church, we have more churches and lay delegates than clergy with voting rights. It's a lay-led voting body. That means we don't have district or area delegates needed in this phase of our history. If that day comes, we'll work to that end. Even without a need for district delegates, we want you to come and experience revival together.

5) When do we get to have conference again?

July 20-22, 2023, back here at Christ Church in College Station. We will hear what the strategic plan is for the Conference, we will see how these ministries are developing, we will worship, we will feel revival, we will welcome others in who come to be a part of us from Louisiana, from across eastern Texas region and some even from other regions who come to join with us. **WE celebrate that we get to have Conference again, July 20-22.**

Rev. Jim Welch, President Pro Tempore Address

"G.K. Chesterton, known for his wit, poetry and defense of the faith. His most famous book is *Orthodoxy*. You may not know about Chesterton, that he was quite absent minded. He had a tendency to forget where he was. On several occasions he sent a telegram to his wife, Frances, from an incorrect location, writing "Am I in such or such a place? Where should I be?" To which she would replay, "Home." Where should we be but home? I found my home in the Global Church. I've been in ministry fifty (50) years and struggled throughout those years often by loving the church more than I loved Jesus, I confess it to you.

Only to reach the point I now feel we all need to confess our sin before the Lord of loving church or maybe even, the movement, more than we love Jesus. And I pray that we might. One of Chesterton's most famous poems is called *The Convert* and I want to share with you just the last stanza of the poem –

"The sages have a hundred maps to give
That trace their crawling cosmos like a tree,
They rattle reason out through many a sieve
That stores the sand and lets the gold go free:
And all these things are less than dust to me
Because my name is Lazarus and I live."

Friends, my name has been Lazarus. Too often sifting things through the sieve in the cultural sea in which we all swim that stores the sand and lets the gold go free. I pray we as a people, might commit ourselves to sorting through the chaff of our age and following after the truth itself, the truth that is ours in Jesus. St. Augustine wrote these words, 'People have such a love for truth that when they happen to love something else, they want it to be the truth, and because they do not wish to be proven wrong, they refuse to be shown their mistake. And so, they end up hating the truth for the sake of the object which they have come to love instead of the truth.' I afraid, friends, in our culture we love the wrong things and forsake our faith, forsake our commitment to the truth, to things that are penultimate rather than the ultimate joy that is ours in Christ Jesus. For me, there comes a time in my life when I, like the prodigal, fall before the Father. One of my favorite paintings hangs in John Stephenson's office, is Rembrandt's *The Prodigal at the Hermitage* in St. Petersburg. It shows a picture that is dark and intentionally painted that way. Kneeling before father, who is compassion, loving and strong. Today I repent before the Lord and invite you to do so as well, trusting him. Let's love the Lord more. Van Gogh Museum painting – sets a remarkable scene – small book called *joy of the life* – a positivist – an atheist. On other side is his father's bible open to Isaiah. A family bible that sits untouched much. *Joy of life* well worn and thumbed through. But you'll see the kneeling prodigal before the loving father, with arms of different size. He intentionally painted it that way. One the arm of strength and one the arm of compassion. Falling before our Lord, who is both compassionate, loving and strong. Sifting through the sands of our culture, too often I have forsaken the gold for the sand and today friends, I repent. Falling before the Father and inviting you to do so as well. Trusting, that as we follow the Lord in truth, and God help us, we ought to love the church, but friends, let's love Jesus more. Let's love our Lord and follow after Him. You all know Vincent Van Gogh's most famous painting is *Starry Night* or some of his self-portraits in the d'Orsay Museum, Paris, but you may not have seen one in the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam called *The Still Life with Bible*. In the painting, Van Gogh sets a scene which is remarkable to me. You can't see the title on the small book, but it's called *The Joy of Life*. It's a book which was prevalent in his time, written by Emile Zola, who was a noted positivist and who was an atheist. On the other side of the painting is Van Gogh's father's Bible open to Isaiah. You'll notice in the scene, I hope, that the Bible is a family Bible like many Bibles you have in your home that sit on the shelf and go untouched, never opened. But you'll also notice that Zola's novel *The Joy of Life* is well worn and thumbed through, almost worn out from turning. In it, Van Gogh's inner spiritual conflict shows through. Do you follow a culture that is dominated by the untruth or do you worship the Lord who presents us the truth in love and in grace? I pray for our church. I pray for what we begin. That we begin with humility before our Lord. A sense of humility that calls us to a new purpose of following Him, sifting through the sands of our culture, dropping the sand and keeping the gold in following our Lord, as well. One of my teachers in seminary was Albert Outler. Extraordinary man who wrote a little book, put together from the Fondren lectures given in 1974. Outler presented the Fondren lectures and it was called, *Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit*. I heard him then and it still strikes me now. He turned those lectures into a short book, *Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit* and he argued that Wesley's insistence that we are called to go on to perfection had a consistent character and clear end in view. This is the gold so hear me out. 1) Our clear end is love of God and neighbor; 2) our clear end, the gold we hold is trust in

Christ and in the sufficiency of His grace for salvation; 3) and, joy, like we experienced last night and this morning and tonight and, in the morning, as well. Joy that upwells in the heart from the prevenience of the indwelling Spirit. I've always been struck by the translation of the Sermon on the Mountain. The word that begins each one of those beatitudes – blessed. Some Bibles translate that as happy. The Greek word, Makarios, according to the scholars means much more than that. It's not just everyday joy or happiness, it's not pleasure. That's not what's meant there. It's often translated as the highest joy. Oh, the bliss! Oh, the joy! Oh, the wonder of following after our Lord, of knowing Jesus our Lord. Friends, our life together. This is holy living. To love God and our neighbor with all our hearts. To trust in God for my salvation and yours. And friends, to live in joy in the power of the Holy Spirit. May we in the Global Methodist Church, be those who know the difference between sand and gold and be called home by the power of the Lord to serve and love Him as we love and serve our neighbor. I say all this in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and may we all say, 'Amen.'"

Rev. Welch, "I need to be clear about some things about our Elders. Our Presiding Elders are those who love Jesus, who are called according to His purposes and follow after Him, and promise to serve our Lord by serving the church and the clergy of this Annual Conference and I want them to stand. Both Area and Circuit Elders, you stand up. If you will, reach your hands out and let's pray for them." Prayer offered.

Bishop Jones, Setting of the Appointments and Assignments

Appointments have been recommended to Bishop Jones from our Elders and from Rev. Welch which are passed on to Bishop Jones for setting. Bishop Jones asked Jason Burnham and Jim Welch, with worship set at 5:00 pm, to talk about rest of day. We have an hour break after the appointments are fixed. Note – after our worship is our ordination rehearsal and we will have a meet/greet with all Presiding Elders, Area Presiding Elders, Circuit Presiding Elders and Associate Elders in the commons. Lay and Clergy, it is hoped you will meet your Area, Circuit, and Associate Presiding Elder at this event following worship.

Bishop Jones, "Obviously the process of appointing clergy to their places of service is something that's very important to the churches, also to the clergy. In the old days as a residential Bishop of the United Methodist Church, none of that happened. I consulted with the District Superintendents who consulted with local churches but literally, I used to have phrase "make it so" and until the Cabinet finished their conversation and until I said those magic words, it wasn't gonna happen. I listened carefully. Obviously with six-hundred (600) churches in the Texas Annual Conference, I was not deeply involved in each appointment process. I relied on the wisdom of the District Superintendents but they had to convince me that that's what was going on. We're heading into a different day. Mark Webb and I are working with lots of different Provisional Conferences which are being formed. Once again, I'm relying on the incredibly important and hard work that Jim Welch, Jason Burnham and the Presiding Elders have done in this Conference already. It is collaborative in the way that Jim described earlier. It is one that gives a larger role to Staff-Parish Committees and local churches. We think that's the way forward, friends. We think that's important. We think that long-term appointments are good. Quite frankly, that's the way I did appointment-making for eighteen (18) years as I believed in long-term appointments. I believed in real consultation with local churches but it happens sometimes more in certain places and less in other places. We want to make it the normal practice within the Global Methodist Church. So I'm getting ready to say some magic words. The list of appointments has been published in the Pre-Conference Journal and it's my desire, right now, to fix the appointments and wish God's blessings on each clergy person where you are being appointed to serve. May the Lord bless you. May the Lord multiply your impact on people's lives and may the churches, to which you are appointed, grow and be stronger and have an even bigger impact in the future than it has in the past. **I hereby fix all of those appointments. Amen."**

Appointments as noted in the Pre-Conference Journal

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AREA PRESIDING ELDER	CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT PRESIDING ELDER	CHURCH	CITY	PASTOR	POSITION	STATUS
BRAZOS AREA							
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Aldersgate	College Station	Parga, Mario R.	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	WILLIAMS, LA	Aldersgate	College Station	Greenwood, Regina	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	REASONS	First	Bryan	Sitton, Ricky Lynn	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	VARGAS	First	Bryan	Sarria-Anaya, J. Augusto	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	VARGAS	First	Bryan	Bass, Jeremy Christian	AP	E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	First	Caldwell	McMachen, Kevin Leonard	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Pleasant Retreat	Thorndale	Johnson, Doris (DeeAnn)	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	First	Giddings	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Paige	Paige	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Cooks Point	Caldwell	Coats, Frank Richard	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Wesley	Bryan	Bouse, William	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Chriesman	Chriesman	Dillard, Roy	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Liberty	Milano	Dillard, Roy	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV WEST	SITTON	Milano	Milano	Dillard, Roy	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	First	Cameron	Porterfield, Mark Andrew	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	First	Madisonville	Jackson, Jimmie James	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	REASONS	Franklin	Franklin	Standing, Polly Doreen	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Kosse	Kosse	Day, Patricia Maurine	SP	TLP
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	First	Normangee	Sexton, Kelley G.	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Flynn	Flynn	Sexton, Kelley G.	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Dew	Dew	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Gause	Gause	McNeely, J. Kyle	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Grace	Bremond	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Sneed Memorial	Calvert	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Evans Chapel	Leona	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Leona	Leona	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Grace	Hearne	Westbrook, Gary	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV NORTH	STANDING	Wheelock	Wheelock	Westbrook, Gary	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	STANDING	Bellville	Bellville	Reasons, John Emerson	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	WILLIAMS, LA	Bellville	Bellville	Abshire, Kyle	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Chappell Hill	Chappell Hill	Danheim, Danny Lee	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Christ Church	College Station	House, Jerry F.	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Christ Church	College Station	Myrick, Carroll Thomas	AP	E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	WILLIAMS, LA	Christ Church	College Station	Agnor, William	AP	TLP
TEMPLE	BV EAST	WILLIAMS, LA	Christ Church	College Station	Smith, Brian	AP	TLP
TEMPLE	BV EAST	WILLIAMS, LA	Christ Church	College Station	Draper, Judith	AP	D

TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Stoneham	Navasota	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Farris Chapel	Richards	Bynum, Joshua	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Richards	Richards	Tibbs, Ben	SP	OP
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Waller	Waller	Beasley, Cathy	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Zion	Iola	Ray, Charles	SP	LS
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Bedias	Bedias	Pickett, Mark William	SP	E
TEMPLE	BV EAST	REASONS	Shiro	Shiro	Pickett, Mark William	SP	E

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COASTAL PLAINS AREA							
TEMPLE		DORN	Columbia	West Columbia	Conway, Dan	SP	E
TEMPLE		DORN	Faith	Richmond	Dorn II, David Alan	SP	E
TEMPLE		BYERS	Faith	Richmond	Riggs, RaMona	AP	TLP
TEMPLE		DORN	First	Alvin	Duncan, Wesley Alan	SP	E
TEMPLE		HUHN	First	Alvin	Carter, Kenneth	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		BYERS	First	Alvin	Burke, Betsy (Elizabeth)	AP	TLP
TEMPLE		DORN	Brazosport	Lake Jackson	Dill, Andrew	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		DORN	First	Freeport	Dill, Andrew	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		DORN	First	Bay City	McNeill, Christopher Davis	SP	E
TEMPLE		DORN	Needville	Needville	Clayton, Roger Graham	SP	E
TEMPLE		DORN	The Harvest	Missouri City	Lohmer Sr., Benjamin William	SP	E
TEMPLE		BYERS	The Harvest	Missouri City	Byers, Megan W.	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		HUHN	The Harvest	Missouri City	Entricht, Lewis	AP	TBO-D
TEMPLE		DORN	First	Brazoria	Brown, Don	SP	OP
TEMPLE		DORN	First	Sweeny	Heineman, Wendy	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		DORN	Markham	Bay City	Williams, John W	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Blueridge	Houston	Gilbert, Janice (Dr.)	SP	E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Boynnton	Houston	Davis, Linda Darnell	SP	E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Covenant Glenn	Rosharon	Childress, Robert Earl	SP	E
TEMPLE		BYERS	Covenant Glenn	Rosharon	Adams, Ross	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		BYERS	Covenant Glenn	Rosharon	Firdous, Afzaal	AP	E
TEMPLE		BYERS	Covenant Glenn	Rosharon	Richard, James Ronald	AP	TLP
TEMPLE		BYERS	Covenant Glenn	Rosharon	TBS	AP	
TEMPLE		BYERS	Covenant Glenn	Rosharon	Sanders, Audrey	AP	TBO-D
TEMPLE		GILBERT	El Buen Pastor	Houston	Villanueva, Benjamin	SP	LS
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Friendswood	Friendswood	Bass, James Alan	SP	E
TEMPLE		HUHN	Friendswood	Friendswood	Huhn, Howard Clarence	AP	E
TEMPLE		BYERS	Friendswood	Friendswood	McRae, Samuel	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Gateway Community	Webster	Hageman, Randall Peter	SP	E
TEMPLE		BYERS	Gateway Community	Webster	Hageman, Susan	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Holy Trinity	Houston	May, Paul H.	SP	E

TEMPLE		GILBERT	Jones Memorial	Houston	Levingston, Kenneth R	SP	E
TEMPLE		HUHN	Jones Memorial	Houston	Edwards, Nakia	AP	TLP
TEMPLE		HUHN	Jones Memorial	Houston	Flanagan, Verronda E.	AP	TBO-D
TEMPLE		HUHN	Jones Memorial	Houston	Smith-Hubbard, Dorothy	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Revive	Pasadena	Cadar, Arturo	SP	TBO-D
TEMPLE		HUHN	Revive	Pasadena	Estrada Dieguez, Yudeisy	AP	TLP
TEMPLE		HUHN	Revive	Pasadena	Lorenzo, Leo	AP	TLP
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Shepherd of the Heart	Pearland	Conway, Christi Renee	SP	E
TEMPLE		GILBERT	Redeemer	Pearland/Manvel	Goran, David Isaac	SP	E
TEMPLE		HUHN	Redeemer	Pearland/Manvel	Sanchez Jr, Silverio	AP	E

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TEMPLE		SMITH	Community	Brookshire	Lyles, Susan	SP	OP
TEMPLE		BYERS	Fulshear	Fulshear	Gragert, Erik	AP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		SMITH	Fulshear	Fulshear	Lupo, Alexander D.	SP	E
TEMPLE		SMITH	Old River Terrace	Channel View	Cooksey, Chris L.	SP	OP
TEMPLE		SMITH	Resurrection	Katy	Smith, Jason	SP	E
TEMPLE		SMITH	Trinity	Sugar Land	du Plessis, Ralph Pieter	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		SMITH	El Mesias	Houston	Cortinez, Jose A.	SP	TLP
TEMPLE		SMITH	San Felipe	San Felipe	McMahon III, Joel Dyer	SP	E
TEMPLE		SMITH	WordServe	Fulshear	Hogan, William E	SP	TBO-E
TEMPLE		SMITH	Orchard	Orchard	TBS	SP	
TEMPLE		SMITH	Wallis	Wallis	TBS	SP	

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LAKE AREA							
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Pleasant Retreat	Tyler	Wandling, William (Ed)	SP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Marvin	Tyler	Baker, Douglas Monroe	SP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Marvin	Tyler	Donaldson, Marc Bain	AP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Marvin	Tyler	Giles, Gerald L	AP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Marvin	Tyler	Joiner, Benjamin Jacob	AP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Marvin	Tyler	Stevens, Brandy	AP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Lanes Chapel	Tyler	Gage, Douglas Jeff	SP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	First	Bullard	Brasher, David J	SP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Dayspring	Tyler	Bagley, Kristopher Harrison	SP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Dayspring	Tyler	Laird, Aaron	AP	TLP

SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Dayspring	Tyler	McKee, Rusty	AP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Chandler	Chandler	Harkness, Bryan	SP	E
SHOLARS	TYLER	DONALDSON	Chandler	Chandler	Blackmon, Derek	AP	TLP
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Noonday	Noonday	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Bascom	Tyler	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	St. Paul's	Tyler	Rosales Ortiz, Emigdio	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TYLER	BRASHER	Brownsboro	Brownsboro	Krone, Jill	SP	LS
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	Whitehouse	Whitehouse	Supak, Cameron Poerner	SP	E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	Troup	Troup	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	St. Lukes	Kilgore	Andrews, Allison Andres	SP	E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	Grace Crossing	Longview	Tilly, Merlin Keith	SP	E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	DONALDSON	Grace Crossing	Longview	Evans, Gene	AP	TLP
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	First	Jacksonville	Evans, Patrick Haynes	SP	E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	DONALDSON	First	Jacksonville	Odom, Sarah Ann	AP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	Overton	Overton	Parsons, Fredrick Silas	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	Henry's Chapel	Troup	Scott, Katherine	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	St. John's	Jacksonville	Jamerson, Dale E.	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	New Summerfield	New Summerfield	Jamerson, Dale E.	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	New London	New London	Laubenberg, William Charles	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	JACKSONVILLE	EVANS	Arp	Arp	Laubenberg, William Charles	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Russell Memorial	Wills Point	Cartwright, David A	SP	E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Murchinson	Murchinson	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	ChristPoint	Lindale	Peschke, Michael Scott	SP	E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	DONALDSON	ChristPoint	Lindale	Looney, Tyler Chad	AP	TLP
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Liberty	Quitman	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	First	Mineola	Thomas, John	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Emory	Emory	Banks, David L	SP	E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Cheatham Memorial	Edgewood	McGlocklin, David	SP	E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Smith Chapel	Mineola	Pickens, James W.	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Golden	Golden	Pickens, James W.	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Swan-Wood Springs	Tyler	Hooker, Samuel	SP	OP
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	LaRue	LaRue	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	LINDALE	PESCHKE	Alba	Alba	Elston, Joann	SP	OP

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SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Malakoff	Malakoff	Fisher, Edward	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Grapeland	Grapeland	Harman, Wade Kenan	SP	E
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Frankston	Frankston	Thomas, Matthew Todd	SP	E
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	First	Palestine	Lightsey, Geoffrey Wilson	SP	E

SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Elkhart	Elkhart	Rickel, Carmen Renae	SP	E
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Westwood	Palestine	Daviss, David	SP	E
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Oakwood	Oakwood	Robertson, Carl	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Brushy Creek	Palestine	Thomas, Matt	SP	E
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Neches	Neches	Dunn, Jacob Charles	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	PALESTINE	RICKEL	Mt. Vernon	Frankston	Dunn, Jacob Charles	SP	TBO-D

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PELICAN AREA							
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Lea Joyner Memorial	Monroe	McGehee, Ben	SP	E
McGEHEE		DONALDSON	Lea Joyner Memorial	Monroe	Swanson, Betty	AP	TBO-E
McGEHEE		DONALDSON	Lea Joyner Memorial	Monroe	Wills, Sr., William	AP	E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Pearl River	Pearl River	Abrams, Kathleen	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Cooper's Chapel	Loranger	Moore, Adam R.	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Loranger Legacy	Loranger	Moore, Adam R.	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	First	New Iberia	Fontenot, Paul	SP	LS
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Vacherie	Vacherie	Lindsey, Terry	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Varnado	Angie	Rasch, Mary	SP	TLP
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	White's Chapel	Eola	Hoover, Joe	SP	E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	David Haas Memorial	Bunkie	Hoover, Joe	SP	E
McGEHEE		McGEHEE	Evergreen	Bunkie	Hoover, Joe	SP	E

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PINEY WOODS AREA							
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Diboll	Diboll	Huffman, Jason Bret	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Falvey Memorial	Wells	Waters, Michael Alan	SP	TBO-D
McGEHEE	PW WEST	TURNER	First	Livingston	McMahon IV, Joel Dyer	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	BYERS	First	Livingston	Leistikow, Alain	AP	TBO-E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Woodville	Woodville	Thornsbury, Jon King	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	A Frank Smith	Alto	Ross, Timoty	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Cold Springs	Alto	Ross, Timoty	SP	TBO-E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Trinity	Trinity	Bedavian, Michael	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Wesleyan	Crockett	Bedavian, Michael	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Bethlehem	Lufkin	Bonner, Vernell	SP	LS
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Ryan's Chapel	Lufkin	Weeks Jr., Charles	SP	LS
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Spurger	Spurger	Thornsbury, Jon King	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	First	Groveton	Hastings, Jeffry A	SP	E

McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Prairie View	Groveton	Hastings, Jeffry A	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Homer	Lufkin	Lundberg, Pamela S	SP	TBO-D
McGEHEE	PW WEST	McMAHON	Bronson	Bronson	Lundberg, Pamela S	SP	TBO-D
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	First	Center	Monroe, Malcom Blair	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	First	Jasper	TBS	SP	
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Garrison	Garrison	Losoya, Cameron	SP	TLP
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Timpson	Timpson	Losoya, Cameron	SP	TLP
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Bonita	Nacogdoches	McKenzie, Brad	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Perritte Memorial	Nacogdoches	McKenzie, Brad	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	McMAHON	Chireno	Chireno	Turner, Timothy Andrew	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	McMAHON	First	San Augustine	Turner, Timothy Andrew	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Curtis	Jasper	Postell, Carolyn	SP	LS
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	First	Newton	McMahon, Janice	SP	TLP
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Liberty Springs	Millam	Coplen, Gwen	SP	LS
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Melrose	Nacogdoches	Stine, John	SP	LS
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Paxton	Paxton	Stine, John	SP	LS
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	First	Hemphill	Williams, Alberto	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	First	Pineland	Williams, Alberto	SP	E
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Shelbyville	Shelbyville	Harding, Sherry	SP	TBO-D
McGEHEE	PW EAST	TURNER	Short	Center	Harding, Sherry	SP	TBO-D

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RIVER AREA							
SHOLARS		BURTON	First	Gilmer	Smith, Matthew Brian	SP	E
SHOLARS		BURTON	St. Andrew	Mt. Pleasant	Carralero, Yuri M	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS		BURTON	St. Andrew	Mt. Pleasant	Burton, Tommy Earl	AP	E
SHOLARS		BURTON	Bridges Chapel	Mt. Pleasant	Hyde, Ross Douglass	SP	E
SHOLARS		BURTON	Greenhill	Mt. Pleasant	Hyde, Ross Douglass	SP	E
SHOLARS		BURTON	Jenkins	Dangerfield	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS		BURTON	Lone Star	Lone Star	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS		BURTON	Hopewell	Gilmer	Smith, Charles Bradley	SP	LS
SHOLARS		BURTON	Ore City	Ore City	Kouba, Stewart	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS		BURTON	West New Hope	Mt. Pleasant	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS		BURTON	Bradfield Chapel	Dangerfield	Allison, Sandra	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS		BURTON	First	Dangerfield	Allison, Sandra	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS		BURTON	Daniel's Chapel	New Boston	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS		BURTON	Red Bayou	New Boston	TBS	SP	
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Beckville	Beckville	Gilliam, Dan Lake	SP	OP
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	First	Carthage	Otto, Kevin Rydell	SP	E
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Marshall	Marshall	Lukert, John David	SP	E
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	St. Mark's	Marshall	Rodgers, Milton	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Summit	Marshall	Dobbins, Paul Richard	SP	OP

SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Allison's Chapel	Carthage	Kennedy, David	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Rehobeth	Carthage	Kennedy, David	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Oak Hill	Henderson	Mayhugh, Lisa Annette	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Pirtle	Laird Hill	Mayhugh, Lisa Annette	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Crossroads	Marshall-Kilgore	Heatherly, Shawn	SP	LS
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Mt. Enterprise	Mt. Enterprise	Burrell, Shana	SP	LS
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Mt. Zion	Panola	Moore, Kevin	SP	LSP
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	St. Paul's	Henderson	Morris, Randall	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Tatum	Tatum	Smith, Garlin Dwain	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Deadwood	Carthage	Smith, Mary	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	CARTHAGE	OTTO	Galloway	Carthage	Smith, Mary	SP	TBO-D
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	First	Atlanta	Weber, Andrew Burnett	SP	E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Gladewater	Gladewater	Miller Jr., William A	SP	E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Hardy Memorial	Texarkana	Heyduck, Richard Eric	SP	E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Linden	Linden	Mitchell, Kara Denise	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Cornett	Naples	Mitchell, Chad Eric	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Hughes Springs	Hughes Springs	Mitchell, Chad Eric	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	First	Jefferson	Crim, Mark	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Karnak	Karnak	Landers, Mark W	SP	TBO-E
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Laws Chapel	Atlanta	Akin, David Michael	SP	TLP
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Shiloh	Linden	Hunter, Glenn	SP	LS
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Shiloh	Linden	Sullivan, Sue	SP	LS
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	WRS	Hughes Springs	Williams, Tommie	SP	OP
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	Maud	Maud	Shields, Doris	SP	LS
SHOLARS	TEXARKANA	WEBER	North Avenue	Pittsburgh	Shields, Doris	SP	LS

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SABINE AREA							
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	Faith	Orange	Walker, Amy	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	First	Nederland	Kissel, Kevin Mark	SP	E
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	First	Buna	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	First	Kountze	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	First	Vidor	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	First	Silsbee	Waddell, Brian Allen	SP	TBO-D
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	Port Neches	Port Neches	Estler, Casey	SP	LS
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BRUSE	St. Paul	Bridge City	Bunch, Thomas Mark	SP	E
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	Village Mills	Wildwood	Carrion, Randolph Preston	SP	E
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	Wesley	Beaumont	Ivey, Richard	SP	E
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	HUHN	Wesley	Beaumont	Martin, Jonathan	AP	TLP
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	Wesley	Nederland	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	TRIANGLE/THICKET	BUNCH	Woodcrest	Lumberton	Jordan, Walter Charles	SP	E
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	Cedar Bayou Grace	Baytown	Leick, Sean Sullivan	SP	TBO-E

BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	First	Mont Belvieu	Lucas, William Douglas	SP	E
BRUSE	BAY	BRUSE	St. Mark's	Baytown	Munn, Kenneth Alan	SP	E
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	Bay Vue	Crystal Beach	Hudson, Valerie	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	Port Bolivar	Port Bolivar	Hudson, Valerie	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	St. Matthew's	High Island	Hudson, Valerie	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	Highlands	Highlands	Burns, Kenneth DeWayne	SP	TLP
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	First	Anahuac	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	BAY	MUNN	Middleton Memorial	Wallisville	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	TRINITY	BRUSE	First	Dayton	Williams, Guy Matthew	SP	E
BRUSE	TRINITY	WILLIAMS	Hardin	Hardin	Watson, Gideon H	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	TRINITY	WILLIAMS	China	China	Boddie, Jesse Martin	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	TRINITY	WILLIAMS	Forest Park	Beaumont	Boddie, Jesse Martin	SP	TBO-E
BRUSE	TRINITY	WILLIAMS	Daisetta	Diasetta-Hull	TBS	SP	
BRUSE	TRINITY	WILLIAMS	South Liberty	Liberty/Dayton	Hough, Victoria DeRouen	SP	TLP

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SAM HOUSTON AREA							
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Atascocita	Atascocita	Tyson II, Howard Michael	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Atascocita	Atascocita	Williams, Leigh-Anne Ramona	AP	TBO= E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Cleveland	Cleveland	Smith, Gregory Clark	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Coldspring	Coldspring	Darby, Danny Clyde	SP	OP
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	First	Humble	Flagg, James Norman	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Journey of Faith	Humble	Goldsmith, Stephen	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Journey of Faith	Humble	Copes, Jason	AP	TLP
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Journey of Faith	Humble	Goldsmith, Deneen	AP	TBO-D
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Kingwood	Kingwood	Palmer, James Burton	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Kingwood	Kingwood	Reyes, Sara	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Kingwood	Kingwood	Sweet, Stacey	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Kingwood	Kingwood	Wyllie, Clinton	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Lake Houston	Huffman	Martin, Russell	SP	TBO-D
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Paul Horton	Stephen Creek	Rayne, Mariann	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		WILLIAMS, LA	Paul Horton	Stephen Creek	Childers, Melvin	AP	LS
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Riverside	Riverside	Nichter, Max	SP	LS
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Countryside	Splendora	Lightfoot, Steven Geoffrey	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Shepherd	Shepherd	Lightfoot, Steven Geoffrey	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	New Waverly	New Waverly	New, Aaron	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		FLAGG	Phelps	Huntsville	New, Aaron	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Cornerstone	Houston	Sims, Heather	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		VARGAS	Cornerstone	Houston	Sims, Jonathan	AP	E
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Cypress	Cypress	McCollum, Anthony Wayne	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		VARGAS	Cypress	Cypress	Luna, Arisbel	AP	E

LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Good Shepherd	Cypress	Neely, Matthew Martin	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		VARGAS	Good Shepherd	Cypress	Allen, Sterling Martin	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Rose Hill	Tomball	Gilbert, Craig	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Tomball	Tomball	Haygood Jr. William Hooper	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		VARGAS	Tomball	Tomball	Jones, Rebecca Criss	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON		VARGAS	Tomball	Tomball	Solomon, Lisa	AP	TBO-D
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Christ the King	Montgomery	Lindwall, David	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Christ the King	Montgomery	Matthews, George (Cabe)	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	Macedonia	Hockley	Ruddock, Payton	SP	LS
LEIVINGSTON		SIMS	New Hope	Waller	Ruddock, Payton	SP	LS

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LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Christ Church	The Woodlands	Powers, Jeffrey Allen	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	VARGAS	Christ Church	The Woodlands	Kent, Ellen	AP	D
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Covenant	The Woodlands	Burnham, Jason	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	WILLIAMS, LA	Covenant	The Woodlands	Anderson, Zachary	AP	TBO-D
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	VARGAS	Covenant	The Woodlands	Vargas, Dario	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	First	Conroe	McMann, John Wayne	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	VARGAS	First	Conroe	Acosta, Elizabeth	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	VARGAS	First	Conroe	Acosta, Frank	AP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	WILLIAMS, LA	First	Conroe	Moore, Bryan James	AP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	First	Willis	Bynum, Jonathan David	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Lakewood	Houston	Stephenson, John Richard	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	VARGAS	Lakewood	Houston	Torrez, Jacob Isaac	AP	TLP
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Living Way	Conroe	Posey II, William M.	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Christ the King	Huntsville	Wintermute, Doug	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	St. Paul's	Conroe	Barr, Ramona	SP	TBO-E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Pleasant Grove	Huntsville	Levingston, Kenneth R	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	St. Paul's	Huntsville	Levingston, Kenneth R	SP	E
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Mt. Zion	Coldspring	Thomas, Kimm	SP	TBO-D
LEIVINGSTON	WOODLANDS	STEPHENSON	Warren Chapel	Huntsville	Thomas, Kimm	SP	TBO-D

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ETX CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS							
	Conference		Presiding Elder	The Woodlands, TX	Bruse, Carolyn		E
	Conference		Operations Officer	The Woodlands, TX	Kinnear, Vivian		D
	Conference		Registrar	The Woodlands, TX	Newsome, John		E
	Conference		Treasurer	The Woodlands, TX	Porter, Brenda		D
	Conference		Presiding Elder	The Woodlands, TX	Sholars, Douglas (Nick)		E
	Conference		Presiding Elder	The Woodlands, TX	Temple, Chappell		E
	Conference		President Pro Tempore	The Woodlands, TX	Welch, Jim		E
	Conference		Dean of Chapel, Asbury Theological Seminary	Lexington, KY	LaGrone, Jessica		E
	Conference		Air Force. Ret. Chaplain	Whitehouse, TX	Rider, Paul		E
	Key						
	TDO-D	To be ordained Deacon					
	TBO-E	To be ordained Elder					
	E	Elder					
	D	Deacon					
	LS	Lay Supply					
	TLP	Transitional Local Pastor					
	CLM	Certified Lay Ministers					
	SP	Senior Pastor					
	AP	Associate Pastor					
	TBS	To be supplied (no pastor currently appointed/assigned by conference)					

Bishop Jones expressed gratitude to Mike Schaffer from the West Plains Conference for his designation of this as a 'ministry session'. We have been doing ministry as we talk about how God is gonna use us to accomplish our mission.

This Ministry Session was closed in prayer from President Pro Tempore, Rev. Jim Welch.

Adjourned and on break at 3:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Krone
Recording Secretary
Eastern Texas Conference
Global Methodist Church

With apologies, I submit the following names for spelling corrections from charts as they appeared in the Pre-Conference Journal used during voting:

Rev. Jason Dorn to Rev. David Dorn
Susan Lyles to Susan Lyle
Ross Douglass Hyde to Ross Douglas Hyde

Please note that Jason Copes name was removed during the Clergy Session, as it erroneously appeared in the charts under those "Who are the Transitional Local Pastor (TLP) serving in our Conference?" ¶417.2

Jill Krone, Recording Secretary