

1024-9 Bishop's Ruling of Law in the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference

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July 23, 2024

Rev. Angela Brown
Secretary, Judicial Council of the
United Methodist Church
UME Judicial Council
1215 Shady Lane
Durham, NC 27712

Re: Ruling of Law
Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church

Dear Rev. Brown:

I am enclosing the Report by Bishop on Decision of Law regarding two requests for Rulings of Law submitted to Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church. The actual ruling is under extension until August 5, 2024.

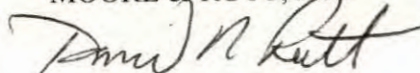
The enclosed Report has attached to it the following:

- a. Questions of Law;
- b. Minutes from the Clergy Session wherein the questions were raised. (relevant portions); and
- c. Other relevant materials.

In accordance with the directive on the attached Report, thirteen (13) hard copies are being sent to your assistant, LaNella Smith. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

MOORE & RUTT, P.A.


David N. Rutt

DNR/dmd

Enclosure

cc: Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling
Thomas E. Starnes, Esquire
John Kauerauf, Esq.



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Report by Bishop on Decision of Law

This form is to be used for (please check one):

- Reporting of decisions of law made by bishops in response to questions of law submitted to them in writing during the regular business of a conference session (§ 56.3 Const. and § 2609.6 *The Book of Discipline 2016*).
- Reporting of episcopal decisions on questions of law when such decisions are appealed by one-fifth of the members of the conference (§ 56.2 Const. and § 2609.7 *The Book of Discipline 2016*).

Name of Bishop: LaTrelle Miller Easterling
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 State/Province: MD ZIP/Postal Code 20759 Country: USA
 Phone: (410) 290-7300 Fax: _____ E-mail: bishopeasterling@pdc.bwc.org
 Annual Conference: Peninsula-Delaware Date of session: 6/6/2024 (month/day/year)
 Question(s) of Law: See Attachment 1

Note: Extension granted to submit ruling to August 5, 2024

Authorities Cited (indicate paragraph or decision number where applicable):

Constitution: N.A. Book of Discipline: See Attachment 2
 Judicial Council Decision(s): See Attachment 2

Signature: LaTrelle Miller Easterling Date: 7/23/2024
 Bishop of The United Methodist Church (month/day/year)

The following must be attached:

- o Decision of Law, including facts, rationale and ruling (Due date 8/5/24)
 - o Text of the written request for decision (Attached)
 - o Minutes of annual conference proceedings (Attached)
 - o List of names and addresses of interested parties (Attached)
 - o Other relevant materials (e.g. conference rules, resolutions, policies, reports) (Attached)
- Thirteen (13) hard copies must be submitted via USPS or other delivery service to:
UMC Judicial Council, c/o LaNella Smith, Assistant to the J.C. Secretary,
1215 Shady Lane, Durham, NC 27712
- Electronic copies in both Word and PDF (with security features disabled) must be submitted to: secretary@umcjudicialcouncil.org.

ATTACHMENT 1

Request for a Ruling of Law. Pertaining to Par 360 regarding withdrawal, if there has been no written request for a withdrawal by the clergy member, can the Board of Ordained Ministry assume a voluntary withdrawal by other means?

Submitted By Rev. Vaughan Hayden, Full Elder, Serving Trinity UMC in Salisbury, MD

Request for a Ruling of Law. If a retired clergy member in good standing chooses to operate in the capacity as a UM Clergy in Word, Sacrament, Order and Service at a church or location that is not United Methodist, is that a chargeable offense and subject to paragraph 2702.2, including fair process as defined by Paragraph 20?

Submitted By Rev. Vaughan Hayden, Full Elder, Serving Trinity UMC in Salisbury, MD

ATTACHMENT 2

BOOK OF DISCIPLINE PARAGRAPHS CITED:

Chapter Two; 303.3; 304(j); 327.6; 333, 336 (6-13); 345; 357.5; 357.6; 360; 362; 2702.1; 2702.2; 2711

JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISIONS CITED:

33 (May 7, 1946)

696 (October 29, 1993)

1055 (October 26, 2006)

1329 (October 28, 2016)

1482 (April 25, 2023)

EXHIBITS/OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS

1. Statement of Conference Relations Committee of Board of Ordained Ministries dated June 8, 2023.
2. Report of the Board of Ordained Ministries submitted to the June, 2024 Annual Conference of Peninsula Delaware Conference.
3. Board of Ordained Ministries letters dated April 22, 2024 to Revs. Evans, Walton, Barth, Sherwood and Underwood.
4. Board of Ordained Ministries letters to Rev. Barth and Rev. Walton dated November 25, 2023.
5. Minutes of Clergy Session of Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference dated June 6, 2024 (portions relevant to request for Rulings of Law).
6. Council of Bishops Recommended Best Practices Manual Memorandum Regarding Methodist Clergy (Active and Retired) Serving Disaffiliated Churches (modified December 12, 2022).

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

- a) Re. Vaughn Hayden
- b) Rev. Richard Evans
- c) Rev. Joseph Barth
- d) Rev. Phyllis Walton
- e) Rev. Paul Sherwood
- f) Rev. Helen Lockwood
- g) Council of Bishops c/o John Kauerauf

Conference Relations Committee
Statement to the Clergy Executive Session
June 8, 2023

We know that many of our clergy colleagues are in the process of discerning whether to stay with The United Methodist Church or leave to pastor churches that have disaffiliated. In order to assist your discernment, we offer the following information.

If your church is in the process of disaffiliation, you will need to make your decision before all of the requirements have been fulfilled. Understand that serving in an unauthorized church setting outside of The United Methodist Church terminates your membership in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The Board of Ordained Ministry will work with the Cabinet to ensure that clergy are contacted by the Conference Relations Committee at the appropriate time to be shepherded through this process. If a pastor of a disaffiliating church decides to remain a member of The United Methodist Church and serve under appointment, then they will be asked to complete a pastoral advisory form and updated profile, including limited itineracy if applicable.

If she/he intends to withdraw from The United Methodist Church, and/or serve as pastor of a church outside of the UMC, the steps for withdrawal are outlined here from the 2016 Book of Discipline:

ORDAINED CLERGY/FULL MEMBERS

¶ 360. Withdrawal—1. Withdrawal to Unite With Another Denomination—When ordained members in good standing withdraw to unite with another denomination or to terminate their membership in the denomination, their certification of conference membership, and their written request to withdraw shall be deposited with the conference secretary.

2. Withdrawal From the Ordained Ministerial Office—Ordained members of an annual conference in good standing who desire to leave their ministerial office and withdraw from the conference may be allowed to do so by the annual conference at its session. The ordained minister's certifications of ordination and conference membership, and their written request to withdraw, shall be given to the district superintendent for deposit with the secretary of the conference, and his or her membership may be transferred to a church which he or she designates, after consultation with the pastor, as the local church in which he or she will hold membership.

Persons seeking to serve in another denomination would choose ¶360.1. Those persons that seek to leave the ministry altogether, would choose ¶360.2

In the case of withdrawal to unite with another denomination, the pastor retains their Certificate of Ordination, but it will be inscribed to note that they have withdrawn from the denomination.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS ¶327.6 states: 6. Discontinuance from Provisional Membership—Provisional members may request discontinuance of this relationship or may be discontinued by the clergy session upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry. When provisional members in good standing withdraw to unite with another denomination or to terminate their membership in The United Methodist Church, their action shall be considered a request for discontinuance of their relationship and their credentials shall be surrendered to a district superintendent.

LOCAL PASTORS While no paragraph specifically covers withdrawal to unite with another denomination, ¶320.1 states:

¶ 320. Exiting, Reinstatement, and Retirement of Local Pastors Who Are Not Provisional Members—1. Discontinuance of Local Pastor—Whenever a local pastor retires or is no longer approved for appointment by the annual conference as required in ¶ 318, whenever any local pastor severs relationship with The United Methodist Church, whenever the appointment of a local pastor is discontinued by the bishop, or whenever the district committee on ordained ministry does not recommend continuation of license, license and credentials shall be relinquished to the district superintendent for deposit with the secretary of the conference. After consultation with the pastor, the former local pastor shall designate the local church in which membership shall be held. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall file with the resident bishop a permanent record of the circumstances relating to the discontinuance of local pastor status as required in ¶ 635.3d.

RETIREES Credentialed United Methodist Clergy (FE, FD, AM), active or retired, may not serve non-United Methodist churches unless the context is approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet as an appointment to an extension ministry setting governed by ¶343 & ¶344 of the Book of Discipline.

Serving in a non-related United Methodist church without approval is deemed as Withdrawal from the United Methodist annual conference membership and requires that credentials (conference membership certificate and certificate of ordination) be relinquished to the annual conference secretary.

Retirement does not change these requirements. A retired UMC Elder is still an Elder and under the authority of the Office of Bishop, Board of Ordained Ministry and Clergy session of the Conference. The Retired Elder still has all the powers and responsibilities of an Elder. The Retired Elder can be appointed to serve a church. If not under appointment, the Retired Elder must affiliate with a local United Methodist church charge conference and therein annually report all ministry activity.

We pray for all those who are discerning their next steps in this process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board and your District Superintendent if you have any questions. In addition, you may want to consult Wéspath or the Conference Benefits Coordinator to understand how your decision may impact your benefits.

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Minutes of the Annual Conference
 Held in
 From (date)....., through
 Bishop Presiding
 Date When Organized Number of This Session

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§§603.7, 619)

Secretary

Mailing Address:
 Telephone:
 Email:

Statistician

Mailing Address:
 Telephone:
 Email:

Treasurer

Mailing Address:
 Telephone:
 Email:

Communicator

Mailing Address:
 Telephone:
 Email:

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§603.1)

3. Bonding and auditing:

What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (§§618, 2511)

Name	Position	Amount Bonded

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§§617, 2511) ____ (See report, page ____ of Journal.)

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected

a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Council on Finance and Administration (§611)				
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (§635)				
Conference Board of Pensions (§639)				

Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (¶640, ¶2512)				
Conference Committee on Episcopacy (¶637)				
Conference Administrative Review Committee (¶636)				
United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) (¶647)				
General Commission on United Methodist Men (¶648)				
Conference Commission on Archives and History (¶641)				

b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (¶610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Board of Church and Society					
Conference Board of Discipleship Ministries					
Conference Board of Global Ministry					
Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry					
Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns					
Commission on Religion and Race					
Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women					
Commissions on Communications					

c) Indicate the conference agencies/organizations and chairperson(s) or equivalent which have responsibilities for the following functions:

General Agency / Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
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Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)					
Committee on Disability Concerns (¶653)					
Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶625)					
Conference Board of Laity (¶631)					
Committee on Native American Ministry (¶654)					
Conference Commission on Small Membership Church (¶645)					
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649)					
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)					
Director of Connectional Ministries (¶608)					
Conference Chancellor					
Conference Journal Editor					

d) Have people been elected for the following district boards and committees Answer yes or no.

- (1) District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2518.2)
- (2) Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)
- (3) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)

e) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance with the prescribed formats (¶606.8)

6. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 625.3)

7. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (¶614.1a)

8. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (¶¶614.1d, 1507)

- b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year
- (1) For the World Service Fund \$
 - (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund \$
 - (3) For the Black College Fund \$
 - (4) For the Africa University Fund \$
 - (5) For the Episcopal Fund \$
 - (6) For the General Administration Fund \$
 - (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund \$

9. Conference and district lay leaders (§§603.9, 660):

- a) Conference lay leader: Name:
Mailing Address:
- b) Associate conference lay leaders:
- c) District and associate district lay leaders:

10. List local churches which have been:

- a) Organized or continued as **New Church Starts** (§259,1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14. c, d, e, or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
190348	Tree of Life	Delaware	PO Box 906 Bear, DE 19701	302-985-7603	07/01/2020

- b) Organized or continued as **Mission Congregations** (§259,1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, e, or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
191241	Higher Hope	Lower Shore	1012 N Delano St. Salisbury, MD 21801	410-749-9808	07/01/2003

- c) Organized or continued **Satellite Congregations** (§247.22 continue to list here until listed in questions 14.a, d, e, or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Date Launched
195341	Town Point	Trinity United Methodist Church, Chesapeake City	Upper Shore	61 Port Herman Rd. Chesapeake City, MD 21915	

- d) Organized as **Chartered** (§259.5-10)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered

- e) Merged (§§2546, 2547)

- (1) United Methodist with United Methodist

District	GCFA Number	Name of First Church	GCFA Number	Name of Second Church	GCFA Number	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged

(2) Other mergers (indicate denomination)

District	GCFA Number	Name of First Church	GCFA Number	Name of Second Church	GCFA Number	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged

f) Discontinued or abandoned (§§229, 341.2, 2549) Include reason for each church listed.

(1)New Church Start (§259.2,3)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure

(2)Mission Congregation (§259.1a)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure

(3)Satellite Congregation (§247.22)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
194541	Christ the Cornerstone – Elsmere	Delaware	6 N Clifton Ave. Wilmington, DE 19805	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

(4)Chartered Local Church (§259.5)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
194426	Asbury UMC, Port Deposit MD	Upper Shore	1207 Cedar Corner Rd., Perryville, MD 21903	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193080	Asbury UMC, Princess Anne MD	Lower Shore	26556 Mount Vernon Rd, Princess Anne, MD 21853	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194005	Asbury UMC, Sharptown MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 117, Sharptown, MD 21861	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193683	Bethany UMC, Pocomoke City MD	Lower Shore	P. O. Box 145, Pocomoke City, MD 21851	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190383	Bethel UMC, Dagsboro DE	Delaware	PO Box 147, Dagsboro, DE 19939	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation

194506	Bethel UMC, North East MD	Upper Shore	370 Old Bayview Rd, North East, MD 21901	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192462	Bethesda Preston MD	Upper Shore	154 Main St, Preston, MD 21655	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191662	Betterton UMC, Betterton MD	Upper Shore	12089 Blacks Station Rd, Kennedyville, MD 21645	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193568	Bowen UMC, Newark MD	Lower Shore	8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
191707	Bucktown UMC, Cambridge MD	Lower Shore	6143 Castle Haven Road, Cambridge, MD 21613	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191800	Centreville UMC, Centreville MD	Upper Shore	608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville, MD 21617	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194621	Cherry Hill UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	33 Elk Mills Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190326	Cheswold UMC, Cheswold DE	Delaware	PO Box 191, Cheswold, DE 19936	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
195215	Christ the Cornerstone, Bear DE	Delaware	3135 Summit Bridge Rd, Bear, DE 19701	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192143	Christ UMC, Federalsburg MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 234, Federalsburg, MD 21632	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193956	Christ UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	211 Phillip Morris Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194701	Church of Atonement, Claymont DE	Delaware	3519 Philadelphia Pk, Claymont, DE 19703	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193136	Cokesbury UMC, Fruitland MD	Lower Shore	7242 E Ranier Dr, Parsonsburg, MD 21849	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193375	Cokesbury Sharptown	Lower Shore	5918 Cokesbury Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

194415	Connection Community, Middletown DE	Delaware	4744 Summit Bridge Rd, Middletown, DE 19709	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190337	Down's Chapel UMC, Cheswold DE	Delaware	PO Box 191, Cheswold, DE 19936	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195272	Ebenezer UMC, Rising Sun MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 639, Rising Sun, MD 21911	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
961304	Faith UMC, Lewes DE	Delaware	20254 Plantation Rd, Lewes, DE 19958	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193513	First Haitian UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 1274, Salisbury, MD 21802	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192688	First UMC, Secretary MD	Upper Shore	142 Main St, Secretary, MD 21664	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190508	Frankford UMC, Frankford DE	Delaware	PO Box 37, Frankford, DE 19945	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
963110	Friendship UMC, Allen MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 162, Marion, MD 21838	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192187	Friendship UMC, Cambridge MD	Lower Shore	6143 Castle Haven Road, Cambridge, MD 21613	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193912	Friendship UMC, Berlin MD	Lower Shore	22 W. Friendship Rd., Friendship, MD 20758	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191183	Gethsemane UMC, Seaford DE	Delaware	2701 Woodland Ferry Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191742	Grace UMC, Cambridge MD	Upper Shore	P.O. Box 815, Cambridge, MD 21613	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
190667	Harbeson UMC, Harbeson DE	Delaware	PO Box 45, Harbeson, DE 19951	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
961532	Immanuel Union UMC, Cheswold DE	Delaware	PO Box 309, Cheswold, DE 19936	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195226	Janes UMC, Rising Sun MD	Upper Shore	213 N. Walnut St., PO Box 242, Rising Sun, MD 21911	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation

192382	Kent Island UMC, Chester MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 308, Chester, MD 21619	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194563	Leed's UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	1579 Blue Ball Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190884	Lincoln UMC, Lincoln DE	Delaware	8650 3rd St, Lincoln, DE 19960	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191126	Mariner's Bethel UMC, Ocean View DE	Delaware	81 Central Ave, Ocean View, DE 19970	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193672	Melson Delmar	Lower Shore	32694 Melson Road, Delmar, MD 21875	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191992	Milton UMC, Woolford Md	Upper Shore	25847 Royal Oak Road, Easton, MD 21601	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194528	Moore's Chapel UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	392 Blake Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
963176	Mt Calvary UMC, Friutland MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 162, Marion, MD 21838	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193502	Mt. Hermon UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 1094, Salisbury, MD 21801	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
194107	Mt Hermon UMC, Delmar MD	Lower Shore	34929 Columbia Road, Delmar, DE	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193785	Mt Olive UMC. Snow Hill MD	Lower Shore	7442 Mt Olive Church Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195157	Mt Pleasant UMC, Colora MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 74, Colora, MD 21917	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193455	Mt Pleasant UMC Mardela Springs MD	Lower Shore	9830 Sharptown Rd, Mardela Springs, MD 21837	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194027	Mt Vernon UMC, Sharptown MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 117, Sharptown, MD 21861	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195124	North East UMC, North East MD	Upper Shore	308 S Main St, PO Box 522, North East, MD 21901	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

193320	Old Friendship UMC, Fruitland MD	Lower Shore	7242 E Ranier Dr, Parsonsburg, MD 21849	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
195146	Perryville UMC, Perryville MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 312, Perryville, MD 21903	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194756	Principio UMC, Perryville MD	Upper Shore	1511 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville MD 21903	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190634	Providence UMC, Georgetown DE	Delaware	24969 Shortley Rd. Georgetown, DE 19947	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193991	Remson UMC, Stockton MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 793, Pocomoke City, MD 21813	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
194016	Riverton, Mardela Springs MD	Lower Shore	5918 Cokesbury Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193193	Rock Creek UMC, Deal Island MD	Lower Shore	11356 Hodson White Road, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192542	Rock Hall UMC, Rock HLL MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 461, Rock Hall, MD 21661	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
191321	Salem UMC, Selbyville DE	Delaware	PO Box 410, Selbyville, DE 19975	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192666	Salem UMC, Cambridge MD	Lower Shore	6143 Castle Haven Road, Cambridge, MD 21613	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193706	Salem UMC, Pocomoke City MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 145, Pocomoke City, MD 21851	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194448	Shelemiah UMC, North East MD	Upper Shore	370 Old Bayview Rd, North East, MD 21901	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190851	Slaughter Neck UMC, Lincoln DE	Delaware	8650 3rd St, Lincoln, DE 19960	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193477	Snethen, Mardela Springs	Lower Shore	9830 Sharptown Rd, Mardela Springs, MD 21837	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

194574	St John's UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	33 Elk Mills Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190678	St. John's UMC, Georgetown DE	Delaware	22179 Gravel Hill Rd. Georgetown, DE 19947	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192154	St Johns UMC, Church Creek MD	Lower Shore	15090 Drapers Mill Rd, Goldsboro, MD 21636	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193240	St John's UMC, Deal Island MD	Lower Shore	11356 Hodson White Road, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192028	St Luke's UMC, Denton MD	Upper Shore	100 S 5TH Ave, Denton, MD 21629	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190838	St Paul's UMC, Laurel DE	Delaware	32827 Old Stage Rd, Laurel, DE 19956	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192347	St Pauls UMC, Ingleside MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 202, Sudlersville, MD 21668	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192347	Still Pond UMC, Still Pond MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 202, Sudlersville, MD 21668	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194164	St Paul's UMC, Deal Island MD	Lower Shore	11356 Hodson White Road, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193604	St Peter's UMC, Oriole MD	Lower Shore	11150 Messick Rd, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193262	St Stephen's UMC, Delmar MD	Lower Shore	101 E State St, Delmar, DE 19940	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192768	Tilghman UMC, Tilghman MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 192, Tilghman, MD 21671	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
963507	Trinity UMC, Princess Anne MD	Lower Shore	908 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194734	Union UMC, Childs MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 176, Childs, MD 21916	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

961576	Union UMC, Delmar MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 541, Delmar, DE 19940	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
190268	Union UMC, Bridgeville DE	Delaware	2 N Laws St, Bridgeville, DE 19933	6/30/2023	Disaffiliation
192198	Wesley Chapel UMC, Rock Hall MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 461, Rock Hall, MD 21661	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
191412	Wesley UMC, Seaford DE	Delaware	22025 Atlanta Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194120	Wesley UMC, Stockton MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 793, Pocomoke City, MD 21863	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194654	Wesley UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	41 Justice Way, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190281	Whatcoat UMC, Camden DE	Delaware	16 N Main St, Camden, DE 19934	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
194084	Whatcoat UMC, Snow Hill MD	Lower Shore	101 N Washington St, Snow Hill, MD 21863	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194118	Wheatley's UMC, Seaford DE	Lower Shore	30141 Buckhill Lane, Dagsboro, DE 19939	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193125	Wilson UMC, Bishopville MD	Lower Shore	P O Box 291, Bishopville, MD 21813	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192677	Wingate UMC, Wingate MD	Lower Shore	15090 Drapers Mill Rd, Goldsborough, MD 21636	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
961782	Zion UMC, Sharptown MD	Lower Shore	4329 Maiden Forest Rd, Vienna, MD 21869	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192633	Zion UMC, St Thomas MD	Lower Shore	15090 Drapers Mill Rd, Goldsborough, MD 21636	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193114	Zion UMC, Bishopville MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 291, Bishopville, MD 21813	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193637	Zion UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	607 Parker Rd, Salisbury, MD 21804	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

g) Relocated and to what address

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Location	Date Relocated

h) Changed name of church (Example: "First" to "Trinity")

GCFA Number	Former Name	New Name	Address	District

i) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§41, 260)

GCFA Number	Name	Membership	Sending Conference

j) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established (§206)

GCFA Number	Parish Name	Charge Name	Church Name	District

k) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches

11. Are there Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference (§207, 208)

a) Federated church

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

b) Union Church

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

c) Merged Church

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

d) Yoked Parish

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

12. What changes have been made in district and charge lines Please list the GCFA Number beside church name.

PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (v 2/3) or (v 3/4) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Indicate credential of persons in Part II: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM when requested.

13. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (§§604.4, 605.7)

14. Who constitute:

a) The Administrative Review Committee (§636) (v)

TBD

b) The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§635.1d)

TBD

c) The Committee on Investigation (§2703)

TBD

15. Who are the certified candidates (§§ 310, 313, 314) (NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.)

a) Who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry

Name	District	Date Certified	Last Recertification
Adrienne Dillard	Delaware	04/19/2023	04/17/2024
Eric Fontanez-Baez	Delaware	12/20/2023	
Joseph Hayden	Lower Shore	04/17/2024	
Donald Hopkins	Delaware	03/20/2024	
Jacob Jackson	Lower Shore	04/17/2024	
Cindy Jacobs	Upper Shore	10/12/2023	
Jeffrey James	Delaware	04/17/2024	
Solomon Joseph	Delaware	06/19/2024	
Lloyd Massey	Delaware	06/19/2024	
Sonya Jeff	Upper Shore	10/12/2023	
Karen Stigars Jones	Delaware	10/01/2021	06/19/2024
Kwame A. Nuamah	Delaware	03/20/2024	
Ayanna Tilghman	Lower Shore	03/16/2016	01/19/2023
Jiwon Yoon	Delaware	11/02/2022	11/15/2023

b) Who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference (Include name of accepting conference.)

Name	Receiving Conference	Date Originally Certified	Date Accepted by District in Other Conference
Alyssa Nantt	Mountain Sky	09/20/2018	07/01/2023

c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry

Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Luis Almandoz	Delaware		05/15/2024
Kenneth Anderson	Delaware		06/19/2024
Timothy Beardsley	Upper Shore		08/01/2023
Theresa Bernard	Upper Shore		04/17/2024
David Burke	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Joan Brooks	Upper Shore		06/30/2023
William Carroll	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
L. Herbert Cain, Jr.	Upper Shore		05/13/2024
Paul "Doc" Case	Delaware		07/31/2023
Eric Daniels	Upper Shore		05/16/2024
Harriet Ennis	Lower Shore		09/15/2023
Martin Grant	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Samuel Harrell	Delaware		06/19/2024
Marsha Hankerson	Lower Shore		10/31/2023

Derek Henry	Delaware		05/15/2024
David Hill	Delaware		09/30/2023
Kermit Hines	Delaware		11/01/2023
Sean Hurm	Upper Shore		07/10/2023
Faubert Jean-Baptiste	Lower Shore		10/31/2023
Solomon Jefferson	Delaware		05/15/2024
David Kelley	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
D. Paul Lewis	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Shelley McCollister	Lower Shore		11/15/2023
Cameron McDonough	Lower Shore		05/15/2024
Robert McFarland	Delaware		11/15/2023
Sherwood McGrath	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
H. Elizabeth Milam	Delaware		07/01/2023
Leticia Nance-Sproson	Upper Shore		04/17/2024
John D. Oltman	Lower Shore		10/31/2023
Amy L. Peters	Delaware		09/15/2023
Larry Reed	Lower Shore		09/15/2023
Regina Reeves	Delaware		08/27/2023
Rebecca Rollins	Delaware		11/01/2023
Cheryl Snyder	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Robert Timms	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Pamela Ward	Lower Shore		07/31/2023
Roslyn Watts	Lower Shore		06/30/2023
Kevin Wells	Delaware		09/30/2023
Sheneatta Whittington	Lower Shore		09/15/2023
James Young	Lower Shore		06/30/2023

(Note: Once a candidate is appointed as FL or PL, they are no longer listed as a certified candidate (except the first year they are appointed when they would need to be listed in 15 and in 16 or 17). Students appointed as Local Pastors (§318.3) are the only people who are allowed to be listed as a candidate in one conference while being listed as an LP in a different conference. Par.318.3 stipulates that students appointed as local pastors can serve in either a full or part-time capacity.)

16. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed (§315) - Indicate for each person the year the license was approved: (3/4v)

Name	District	Year Licensed Approved	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Patricia Hanley	Lower Shore	2015		
Cordelia Harmon	Lower Shore	2015		
Karen Lessey	Delaware	2019		
Randolph Smith	Delaware	2014		
Latisha Williams	Upper Shore	2023	seminary	05/28/2024

17. Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded. Indicate what progress each has made within the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those that who have completed the five-year course of study or the M.Div. (§319.4) PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v)

- a) Full-time local pastors (§318.1)

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
*William B. Cropper	Lower Shore	1993	20 (2008)	05/15/2024
*Timothy Freidel	Delaware	2019	M.Div.	03/20/2024
*Sterling T. Harris	Upper Shore	2022	M. Div.	03/21/2024

Robin Hurley	Delaware	2017	15	02/21/2024
Jeffrey James	Lower Shore	2024		04/17/2024
Travis Lee Patton	Delaware	2019	seminary	04/17/2024
George Simmons	Upper Shore	2013	13	03/21/2024
Tyrran Smith	Delaware	2018	seminary	05/15/2024
Wayne Thompson	Lower Shore	2015	1	05/15/2024
Gregory Vickers	Delaware	2019	13	03/20/2024
*Woodrow J. Wilson	Lower Shore	1998	20 (2003)	01/17/2024

b) Part-time local pastors (§318.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments)

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Keith Beckett	Upper Shore	2022	¾	2	02/15/2024
Nancee Bleistine	Delaware	2021	½	3	05/15/2024
Jacob Breasure	Delaware	2023	½		05/15/2024
*Keith Cornish	Lower Shore	1998	½	20 (2010)	09/20/2024
Adrienne Dillard	Delaware	2024	½		04/14/2024
Arnold Dorsett	Delaware	2020	½		03/20/2023
Sharee Dorsett	Delaware	2020	½		03/20/2023
*Y. Violet Dupree	Delaware	2022	½	M. Div.	11/15/2023
Eric Fontanez-Baez	Delaware	2023	½		
*Terry L. Fort	Lower Shore	2012	½	20 (2018)	02/21/2024
Douglas Griffith	Delaware	2011	½		04/17/2024
*Cynthia Hall	Upper Shore	1999	¾	20 (2022)	01/18/2024
*Kenneth Hall	Upper Shore	1999	¾	20 (2020)	01/18/2024
G. Brandon Harris	Delaware	2018	½		10/18/2023
Joseph Hayden	Lower Shore	2024	½	seminary	
Gwendolyn Henry	Delaware	2015	½		09/20/2023
L. Eloise Henry-Gordy	Delaware	2020	½	10	01/17/2024
Janice Herman	Delaware	2017	¾	seminary	01/17/2024
Lisa Hines	Delaware	2021	½	6	03/20/2024
Donald Hopkins	Delaware	2024	¼		03/20/2024
Jacquela Horsey	Upper Shore	2020	½	5	05/16/2023
*Casey Houtz	Delaware	2018	¾	M. Div.	05/15/2024
*Janice Humphrey	Lower Shore	2003	¼	20 (2011)	01/17/2024
Jacob Jackson	Lower Shore	2024	½	seminary	
Jamar Jackson	Lower Shore	2013	½	seminary	02/28/2024
Cynthia M. Jacobs	Upper Shore	2024	½		
Ashley Jones-Wayman	Upper Shore	2014	½	seminary	01/18/2024
Sonya S. Jeff	Upper Shore	2024	½		10/12/2023
Betsy B. Jones	Lower Shore	2020	½	5	01/17/2024
Keisha Jones	Upper Shore	2019	½	5	12/21/2023
Patrick Kelly	Delaware	2022	½		12/20/2023
Michelle Kinard	Upper Shore	2021	½		05/15/2024
Sean Lee	Delaware	2022	½		01/17/2024
*Mark Lewis	Delaware	2015	¾	M. Div.	04/17/2024
Gregory McLaurin	Upper Shore	2016	½	9	12/21/2023
*M. Shane Moran	Lower Shore	2004	¾	20 (2013)	04/17/2024
*William Nack	Delaware	2011	½	20 (2017)	04/19/2023
Michelle Nichols	Lower Shore	2020	½	6	09/20/2023
Lee Parks	Delaware	2019	¼	3	09/20/2023

*Vernetter Pinder	Upper Shore	2013	½	20 (2024)	03/21/2024
*Provey Powell	Delaware	2008	¾	M.T.S.	06/19/2024
James Pugh	Upper Shore	2020	½		10/12/2023
Diallo Purnell	Lower Shore	2023	½		05/15/2024
*John P. Schutt	Delaware	2004	½	20 (2013)	05/15/2024
Gwendolyn Spence	Lower Shore	2021	½		10/18/2024
*Gail Stallings-Minor	Delaware	2020	¾	M. Div.	11/15/2023
Markel Thomas	Lower Shore	2018	½	8	02/21/2024
*Ruthann Turner	Delaware	2020	½	M.Div.	06/19/2024
D'Lorah Wallace-Purnell	Lower Shore	2021	½	2	02/21/2024
William White	Upper Shore	2023	½		05/16/2024
Diane Wood	Upper Shore	2020	½	9	03/21/2024

- c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3,4)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Seminary	Home Conference

- d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3)

Name	Serving Conference	Enrolled Seminary

- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§§365.4, 366, 367, 368.3) (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)

Name	Serving Conference	COS \ Seminary

- f) Who are approved for an annual extension beyond the prescribed limit of time of completed Course of Study as recommended by DCOM and BOM (§319.3) (v)?

Full Time

Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study Courses Completed

Part Time

Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study Courses Completed

- g) Retired Local Pastors Under Appointment

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of Time to be Served	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
*John Allen	Upper Shore	2016	½	20 (2024)	04/17/2024
*Charles Claybourn	Delaware	2017	¾	20	05/15/2024
Betty Cropper	Lower Shore	2020	¾		10/18/2023

Courtland Cropper	Lower Shore	2020	¾		10/18/2023
*Frances Fitchett	Delaware	2001	½	20 (2012)	
Eugene Nichols	Lower Shore	2020	½		04/17/2024
*Lucille Nichols	Lower Shore	1999	½	M. Div.	11/15/2023
LaVaughn Price	Lower Shore	2022	½		04/17/2024
*Karen Sadvari	Lower Shore	2010	½	20 (2017)	11/15/2023
Donald Schuler	Delaware	2000	¼		
*Alexina Seldon	Lower Shore	2012	½	20 (2017)	04/17/2024

- h) Certified as candidates from this annual conference that are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference.

Name	Serving Conference	First Year License Awarded
Beth S. Heller	BWC	2018

- i) Certified as candidates from another annual conference that are serving as local pastors in this annual conference while retaining their membership in their home Annual Conference.

Name	Home Conference	Year When Service in your AC began
*Patricia Bollinger (RL)	Susquehanna	2019

18. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (§320.1)

Name	Date discontinued
Kenneth Anderson	06/19/2024
Timothy Beardsley	08/01/2023
Theresa Bernard	04/17/2024
David Burke	09/12/2023
Joan Brooks	06/30/2023
William Carroll	09/12/2023
*L. Herbert Cain, Jr.	05/13/2024
Paul "Doc" Case	07/31/2023
Eric Daniels	05/16/2024
Harriet Ennis	09/15/2023
Martin Grant	09/12/2023
Samuel Harrell	06/19/2024
Marsha Hankerson	10/31/2023
Derek Henry	06/19/2024
David Hill	09/30/2023
Kermit Hines	11/01/2023
Sean Hurm	07/10/2023
Faubert Jean-Baptiste	10/31/2023
David Kelley	09/12/2023
D. Paul Lewis	09/12/2023
Shelley McCollister	11/15/2023
Cameron McDonough	04/17/2024
Robert McFarland	11/15/2023
Sherwood McGrath	09/12/2023
H. Elizabeth Milam	07/01/2023
Leticia Nance-Sproson	04/17/2024
John D. Oltman	10/31/2023
Amy L. Peters	09/15/2023
Larry Reed	09/15/2023

Regina Reeves	08/27/2023
Rebecca Rollins	11/01/2023
Cheryl Snyder	09/12/2023
Robert Timms	09/12/2023
Pamela Ward	07/31/2023
Kevin Wells	09/30/2023
Sheneatta Whittington	09/15/2023
James Young	06/30/2023

19. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (§320.4) (v)

Name	Years Completed in Course of Study

20. What ordained ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§331.8, 346.1) List alphabetically; indicate Annual Conference or denomination where membership is held. Indicate credential.

a) Annual Conferences

Name	Clergy Status	Home Conference	Year When Service in your AC began
Bumkoo Chung	OE	EPA	2024
Curtis Ehrgott	OE	BWC	2024
Robyn M. Mayer	OE	GNJ	2021
David McMillan	OE	EPA	2017
Gary Meekins	OR	EPA	2010
Bonnie Karen Mullen-Holtz	OR	EPA	2024
Linda Ray	OE	Virginia	2022
Michael Roberts	OE	EPA	2022
Meredith Wilkins-West	OE	BWC	2024

b) Other Methodist Denominations

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began

21. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§331.8, 346.2) (v) Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began
Charles Albert Bell, Jr.	OF	Progressive Baptist Association	2021
Darius Brown	OF	Baptist General Conference	2022
Craig Gaunt	OF	Church of the Brethren	2022
John Groth	OF	Presbyterian Church, USA	2017
Harvey Tyler	OF	Church of God	2019
Kevin White	OF	The Wesleyan Church	2022
Robert White	OF	ELCA	2023

22. Who are affiliate members: List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.

a) With vote (§586.4b) (v)

Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation

b) Without vote (§§334.5, 344.4) (v 2/3)

Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 36 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 23-35, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

23. Who are elected as associate members §322 (3/4v) List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23:

Name

24. Who are **elected** as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school (under §§322.4, 324, 325)

a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, c or §324.5(3/4v)

Name	Seminary
Carol Rose Nelson Moore	Lancaster Theological Seminary

b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, b or §324.6 (3/4v); § 322.4 (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

25. Who are **continued** as provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§326, § 327 v)

a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder (§326)

Name	Clergy Status	Year	Seminary
Shawn Shaw Barnett	PE	2023	Palmer Theological Seminary
Cornelius Donte Berry	PE	2022	Wesley Theological Seminary
Zachary Leonard Brown	PE	2023	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Wendy Ann Butterworth	PE	2018	Wesley Theological Seminary
William R. Davis	PE	2019	Wesley Theological Seminary
Keisha Rosena Dukes	PE	2023	Wesley Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Marrero	PE	2018	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Tonya Anne McClain	PE	2019	Wesley Theological Seminary
Samuel James Mitchell	PE	2020	Wesley Theological Seminary
Lawrence Pelham	PE	2018	Wesley Theological Seminary
Kevin Lee Smith	PD	2022	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Chelsea Lynn Spyres	PE	2022	Wesley Theological Seminary
Vernette Doris Dow White	PE	2020	Palmer Theological Seminary

b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders (v)

Name	Original Year of Membership

c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons (v) (Indicate year)

Name	Original Year of Membership

d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations (§347.1) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Original Year of Membership	Previous Conference or Denomination

26. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3): List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23:

a) As provisional members (§347.3c) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Former Denomination

b) As local pastors (§347.3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Former Denomination

27. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§347)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Denomination

28. Who are elected as members in full connection (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23. **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 27, 29-30 or 32.**)

a) Deacons

Name

b) Elders

Name
David Thomas Ingalls

29. Who are ordained as deacons and what seminary awarded their degree. If their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies: List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23

a) After provisional membership (§330) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

b) Transfer from elder (§309) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

30. Who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree

a) After provisional membership (§335) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary
David Thomas Ingalls	Palmer Theological Seminary

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b) Transfer from deacon (§309) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

31. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§364) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Previously Discontinued

32. Who are readmitted (§§365-367 [v], §368 [v 2/3]):

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Status

33. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§357.7): (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Retired

34. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§347.1, 416.5, 635.2n) List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.: (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
Alfred J. Moore	FE	WNC	07/01/2024

35. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§347.2) List alphabetically. Indicate credential.

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Methodist Denomination	Date of Transfer

36. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference. See note preceding Question 23. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.

a) Deacons

Name	Member Conference

b) Elders

Name	Member Conference

37. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5) List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 23.

Name	Clergy Status	New Conference	Date of Transfer

38. Who are discontinued as provisional members (§327) (v).

a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327)

Name	Clergy Status

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b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Name	Clergy Status

c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Name	Clergy Status

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§ 327.7)

Name	Clergy Status

39. Who are on location

a) Who has been granted honorable location (§358.1)

(1) This year (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Charge Conference Membership	Date Effective

(2) Previously

Name	Year Originally Granted	Status	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
James T. Fox, Jr.	07/01/2015	FE	LS:Asbury	
Michelle Loving-Moore	07/01/2010	FE	D:Houston	2022
Michael Leigh Price	07/01/1992	FE		

b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors (§358.2) Indicate date and appointment.

Name	Appointment	Year Originally Granted Location

c) Who has been placed on administrative location (§359)

(1) This year (v)

Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership

(2) Ad Interim Administrative Location (v)

Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership

(3) Previously

Name	Year Originally Placed	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report

40. Who have been granted the status of honorable location-retired (§358.3):

a) This year (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership

b) Previously

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Fredrick Dickson Wood	FE	2000	D:Seaford: Mt. Olivet
John L. Huber	FE	2004	D:Newark

41. Who have had their status as honorable located

a) Orders terminated (§358.2) (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

b) Died during the year

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

42. Who have had their conference membership terminated

a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§360.1, .4)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Joseph W. Barth	12/19/2023	RE	
David Glenn Bennett	10/31/2023	RE	
Rebecca L. Collison	08/31/2023	FE	
Samuel Willard Crossan, III	04/16/2024	RE	
David P. Dorisingh	10/09/2023	RE	
Frederick Wayne Duncan	10/31/2023	RE	
Richard E. Evans, Jr.	04/16/2024	RE	
Mark W. Farnell	10/31/2023	FE	
Roger L. Fredrick	10/31/2023	FE	
Daniel Thomas Gedman	10/31/2023	FE	
Blair A. Hall	12/19/2023	FE	
Karen R. Handy	10/31/2023	FE	
David Bruce Humphrey	07/31/2023	FE	
Alan Turner Jones, Sr.	10/31/2023	RE	
Karen K. Jones	10/31/2023	RE	
Robert W. Kirby, III	07/01/2023	FE	
Kyung Mo Koo	10/31/2023	FE	
Sun Ae Lee Koo	09/30/2023	FE	
Helen Briddell Lockwood	12/19/2023	RE	
Christopher E. Pettit	11/14/2023	FM	
Gary W. Priddy	10/31/2023	FE	
Paul Harold Sherwood	11/14/2023	RE	
Robbie Britton Townsend	10/31/2023	RE	
Phyllis Lee Walton	11/14/2023	RE	
Carolyn S. Williams	06/10/2024	RE	

b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§360.2, .4)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

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c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§§360.3, .4; 2719.2)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

d) By termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§§ 358.2, 359.3) (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

e) By trial (§2713)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

43. Who have been suspended under the provisions of §362.1d, §2704.2c or §2711.3 - Give effective dates. Indicate credential.

Name	Date Effective	Clergy Status

44. Deceased (List alphabetically)

a) What associate members have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

b) What provisional members have died during the year -Indicate credential.

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

c) What elders have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Henry Evan Zollinhofer	03/03/1930	07/22/2023
Everett Cahall Isaacs	08/31/1934	10/06/2023
Douglas Milton Ridley	02/13/1943	10/19/2023
Elizabeth Florence Hopkins	02/25/1930	12/03/2023
JoAnne R. Maxwell-Jenkins	05/22/1955	12/10/2023
Robert Woodruff Starrett	01/10/1937	04/03/2024

d) What deacons have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

e) What local pastors have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Charles Edward Rossiter	09/16/1941	02/13/2024

45. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (§§331.8, 346.1)

Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment
Keisha Dukes	PE	BWC	Washington:Christ
Mary Haggard	FE	BWC	Norrisville Charge
Donna Hinkle	FE	WVC	Huntington: Community of Grace
Rudolph H. White	FE	BWC	Friendship
Vernette Dow White	PE	BWC	Sollers

46. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§353) Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.

a) Voluntary

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§353.2a 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Lorraine E. Brown	FE	11/01/2021	TBD

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (§353.2a 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

(3) Family, 5 years or less (§353.2b 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

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(4) Family, more than 5 years (§353.2b 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

(5) Transitional (§353.2c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

b) Involuntary

(1) Involuntary Leave (§ 354) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (JCD 1355) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

47. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§351) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

48. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (§356) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

49. What members in full connection have been retired (§357): List alphabetically - If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, v; under §357.3, v 2/3)

Deacons

a) This year

Name	Date Effective
Sung Ho Bac	10/31/2023

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective

Elders

c) This year

Name	Date Effective
Sheryl Lynn Allston	01/01/2024

Hubert Francis Jicha, III	07/01/2024
Grant Lamont Johnson	07/01/2024
Edward J. Kuhling	07/01/2024
John Christopher Pennington	07/01/2024
Paul H. Sherwood	10/01/2023
Jong-Nam Song	07/01/2024
Jerome Edward Tilghman, Sr.	07/01/2024

d) Previously

Name	Date Effective
Stephen Ackerman	2011
E. Victor Acquaaah-Harrison	2013
Ronald Paul Arms	1982
Gloria Dell Swanson Attix	2002
Barbara Heath Auer	2018
Mark J. Avens	2016
M. Jane Ayers	2010
Elaine Ayres	2011
Frederick Bernard Bahr	2018
Earle Noble Baker	2020
Jonathan E. Baker	2013
Marjorie Belmont	2023
Ronald Warren Bergman	2003
James Bongard	2021
Karen M. Bongard	2023
Genevieve J. Brown	2014
C. David Buchanan	2011
Karen Frances Bunnell	2020
Joseph Burris	2016
James Maurice Caldwell	2002
Marsha C. Carpenter	2015
William Thomas Carter	1999
Glenn P. Catley, Jr.	2013
Mark Charlton	2014
Drew M. Christian	2023
R. Danese Collins	2010
Bruce E. Cooke	2010
Anna L. Cottom	2010
Charles Edward Covington, Sr.	1992
Charles Richard Cox	1996
Dianne Henry Davis	2023
Theodore E. Day	2015
Darlene Dixon	2022
Karen Muntain Dize	2019
Sally Badgley Dolch	2019
Thomas Donnachie	2016
William S. Downing	2013
Timothy Allen Duffield, Sr.	2018
John Michael Dunnack	2008
Thomas G. Edwards	2022
Theodore Edwin Elser	1993
Alice J. Ervin	2014

Boyd Bowman Etter	2019
James Faltot	2011
Carroll Linda Fields	2011
William M. Fitzhugh, Jr.	2010
Lloyd Rowland Foard	2000
Anna Maddox Foster	2019
Patricia Susan Frick	2019
Isabel T. S. Gardner	2012
Rudolph DaSilva Garnes	1995
Donald L. Godwin	2011
Raymond F. Graham	2013
Henry Sterling Green	2002
H. Ward Greer	2019
K. Wayne Grier	2013
Thomas Francis Gross	2008
Harold "Sam" Hale	2012
Donald E. Hamilton	2009
Barbara Harris Harmon	2019
Janet Marie Harmon	2002
Benita Wallace Harris	2019
Robert Lee Harris	2003
James Hawkins	2010
David G. Heistand	2007
Gregory Wayne Hill	2008
William C. Hopkins	2014
Robert Dennis Howell	1995
Julian Arthur Hurley	2012
Michael Francis Hurley	2021
Sherrol L. James	2022
Lawrence Dean Jameson	2021
Cheryl Taylor Jensen	2013
Carol Lynn Johnson	2004
Bonnie Jones-Goldstein	2007
Bernard Keels	2013
Jennifer Hassett Kerby	2020
Cynthia Griffith Koski	2000
JoAnn B. Koskol	2023
Jefferson S. Labala	2015
Eleanor Laws	2010
Phillip C. Lawton	2013
George Nolan Leathrum	1996
Vanessa Stephens Lee	2020
Russell L. Lehman	2013
Douglas Mark Lindsay	2008
Earl Leroy Magill	1984
Elizabeth S. Malozzi	2019
William Ambrose Markley	1992
Laura Ann Martin	2020
Paul Thomas McKelvey	2011
Diane E. Melson	2015
Candice Miles	2018
Bruce Clayton Miller	2019
George B. Moody	2014

Gary L. Moore	2014
Karen Covey Moore	2011
Mae Etta Moore	1996
Charles Milton Moyer	1999
Lorenzo Harley Murdaugh, I	2003
Charlotte A. Nichols	2013
Harold Eston Owens	2004
John Ronald Owens	2003
Paul Owens	2018
David Palmer	2016
George R. Patterson	2018
John Irvin Penn	2008
Derrick E. Porter	2023
Norman L. Poultney	2013
Robert Manning Price	2005
Dale Ross Pruett	1992
Anne R. Pruett-Barnett	2018
Mark Pruett-Barnett	2012
Patti Collett Ravilious	2016
William Daniel Rich	1997
James W. Riley	2019
Jeremias Rojas	2011
William A. Ross, Sr.	2023
Robert Landon Rowe	2004
James Tudor Seymour	2007
Olin J. Shockley, Jr.	1996
Bernard D. Shuhayda	2013
Ruthann Hibbs Simpson	2021
James E. Sipes	2018
Leslie Slak	2011
Alexander Leon Slonin	2008
Harold Preston Spedden	1992
Jeanel D. Starling	2015
William T. Sterling	2013
Constance E. Sterner	2005
Sally L. Stewart	2022
Charles Edward Strickler	1977
Frank Owen Sutton, Jr.	2006
Carol Svecz	2012
Norman Tate	2012
Alfred Taylor	2012
Gary Tulak	2006
Asher E. Tunik	2021
Karin Gay Tunnell	2021
James C. Van Der Wall	2013
John Van Tine	2012
Dale Lynn Vroman	2008
William T. Wallace, Sr.	2022
Marlene Louise Walters	1995
Daniel Richard Walton, Sr.	2021
James Paul Walz	2006
Robert Lewis Warner	1997
Cecile Claudia Waters	2019

Randolph L. Wein	2023
Christina Lee Whaley	2018
Leonard Henry Wheatley, Jr	1999
Jonathan Whitney	2021
E. Martin Wiley	2011
Edward Reed Wilkins	1995
Ellsworth P. Woodruff	2005

50. What associate members have been retired (§357): (List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under §357.1, *no vote required*; under §357.2, *v*; under §357.3, *v* 2/3)

a) This year

Name	Date Effective

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective
Gertrude Bertina Brown	2003
Robert Marvin Brown	2003
Martha Callaway	2011
Olivia Costango	2014
Charles Richard Edmund	2020
Shirley Evans	2011
Mary Ann Farnell	2003
Thomas C. Fitchett	2014
T. David Hackett, Sr.	2013
Joanne R. Hartman	2018
John Hornberger	2016
W. Leroy Jones	2004
Patricia Loughlin	2018
Linda Mariner	2009
Yvonne Paxton	2022
Carol G. Price	2013
Donald A. Schell	2015

51. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (§320.5):

a) This year

Name	Date Effective
John Allen	07/01/2024
Karen Sadvari	07/01/2024
Charles Claybourn	07/01/2024

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective
Carol Carlson	2017
Belinda Joyce Cofield	2019
Betty Cropper	2021
Courtland Cropper	2020
Howard J. Embert	2010
Frances Fitchett	2022
Andrew Michael Frick	2019
Albert C. Gaither, Jr.	2015
Lewis Wayne Getchell	2001
J. Lawrence Haniffee	2013

Douglas Harbaugh	2017
John Hinkle	2020
Paul F. Holland, Jr.	2018
Richard Hudson	2018
Bethsheila T. Hunley	2023
Alice Hutchins	2012
Sumner Jones	2020
Charles Jacobson	2018
William Kniceley	2001
John R. Koch	2002
Patricia Loughlin	2016
Betty Jo Magee	2017
James Michael	2016
Karen Workman Mumford	2019
Lucille Hammond Nichols	2019
Eugene I. Nichols	2022
E. Thomas Northam	2019
Linda T. Pevey	2021
James Pugh	2018
Charlene Reitz	2016
Walter Reeves	2017
Marie E. Robinson	2013
John Rogers	2018
Donald L. Schuler	2009
Alexinia Seldon	2020
Ronald Schatz	2022
Joseph M. Smith	2021
John L. Stark	2018
William Steward	2018
Clifton F. Toomey	2018
Andrew J. Turner, III	2021
James Whitaker	2020
Barbara Wilson	2008
Joan Wolff	2018

52. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference:

a) By appointment category and conference relationship

NOTES:

(1) Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.

(2) For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:

¶344.1a, c): the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.

¶344.1b): the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

¶344.1d): the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

Note: Report those in extension ministry in one category only.

See the Discipline paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.

Note: Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (¶331.1c, 339) (74)							
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (¶331.1a, b) (77a, b)		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1a, c) (76a)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1b) (76b)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1d) (76c)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
Appointments to Attend School (¶331.3) (79)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Sabbatical Leave (51)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Medical Leave (52)							
On Transitional Leave (50a5)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Retired (53, 54, 55)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Total Number, Clergy Members							
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members							

b) By gender and racial/ethnic identification NOTE: See the instruction for item 57 for guidelines to assist in the racial/ethnic identification count.

<i>Clergy Demographics</i>																						
Categories	Deacons in Full Connection			Elders in Full Connection			Provisional Deacons			Provisional Elders			Associate Members & Affiliate Members with Vote			Full time Local Pastors			Part-time Local Pastors			
	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	
Asian																						
Black																						
Hispanic																						
Native American																						
Pacific Islander																						
White																						
Multi-Racial																						
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*																						

PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Note: Indicate credential of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.

53. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry

54. Who is certified in specialized ministry - List the areas of specialized ministry.

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Christina L. Whaley	RE	Spiritual Formation

55. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Sending Conference

56. Who are transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Receiving Conference

57. Who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry

PART IV ASSIGNED LAY MEMBERS

58. Who are lay members serving within your Annual Conference.

a) Certified Lay Ministers (§ 268, and 666.10) (List alphabetically, by district)

(* indicates that the CLM is assigned to a church.)

Name	District	Date of Certification	Last Recertification
Datsie Adams	Delaware	11/15/2018	
Harold Barker	Delaware	09/20/2018	
Monica Benson	Delaware	04/21/2021	
Patricia Bernal	Upper Shore	11/16/2023	
*June Billman	Upper Shore		12/21/2023
Otis Blackburn	Delaware	09/20/2018	
Austin Buchiane	Lower Shore		
Joseph Cain	Lower Shore	06/02/2014	02/16/2023
Dwight Cephas	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Jennifer Christy	Upper Shore	06/01/2022	11/16/2023
*Marie Colbourne	Upper Shore	01/18/2024	
Susan Davis	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Douglas Deshields	Lower Shore	04/04/2019	
Sandra Desmond	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Raymond Eck	Delaware	12/17/2020	
Racquel Farmer	Delaware		
*Cathrine Finkbiner	Lower Shore	01/21/2023	09/20/2024
Sandra Foreman	Lower Shore	05/30/2012	
Ernest Gaudioso	Delaware	11/15/2018	
Deborah Haberstroh	Lower Shore		

*Mary Ellen Harris	Upper Shore	11/17/2022	
Franklin Hendricks	Delaware	05/23/2012	
Richard Insley	Lower Shore	10/19/2017	
Lawrence Josefowski	Delaware	11/21/2019	
David Kane	Delaware	09/19/2020	
Richard Kellam	Lower Shore	04/04/2019	
*Dale Krupla	Upper Shore	04/20/2023	03/17/2024
*James Lecates	Lower Shore	12/12/2013	02/28/2024
Joyce Lecates	Lower Shore	12/12/2013	
Robert Marx	Delaware	06/13/2013	
David Meyers	Delaware	06/19/2024	
Karen Miller	Delaware	11/21/2019	12/20/2023
Theresa L. Miller	Delaware		
*Shari Morrow	Delaware	01/17/2019	03/20/2024
*Donald Mulholland	Delaware	07/07/2016	12/08/2022
*Barbara Neighhoff	Lower Shore	06/01/2023	02/21/2024
Daniel Nelson	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Victor Norris	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Eileen Parton	Delaware	02/18/2021	
*Reginald Pinkett	Upper Shore	06/01/2022	04/17/2024
*Tonya Pritchett	Upper Shore	05/16/2024	
James Lee Reid	Lower Shore	05/25/2011	
Charles Shelton	Delaware	04/21/2012	
Mary Sheppard	Delaware	05/28/2020	
Joanne Slacum	Upper Shore	04/20/2023	
Jane E. Smith	Delaware	11/15/2018	
Carol Stevens	Delaware	11/21/2019	
William Steward	Delaware	06/13/2013	
Sandra Sutton	Delaware	09/21/2022	
*William Taylor	Delaware	06/01/2021	05/15/2024
Isaac Thomas	Upper Shore	08/23/2020	11/16/2023
*Pamela Tull-Baynum	Upper Shore	02/15/2024	02/15/2024
Terri Lynn Wanzer	Delaware	05/28/2020	
Dawana White	Lower Shore	09/02/2015	
Christopher Wigfall	Delaware	07/16/2019	
Donna Wilson	Delaware		
Laretta Wilson	Delaware	03/18/2021	11/02/2022

b) DS Assigned Lay supply (SY - SUPPLIED/HIRED/ASSIGNED)

Name	District	First Year Appointed	Fraction of Time to be Served	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Nan Duerling	Upper Shore	2018	¼		
David Fontanez	Delaware	2023	½		
Gregory Hickman	Upper Shore	2024	½		
Deangelo "Tony" Johnson	Lower Shore	2018	½		
Steven Leonard	Upper Shore	2023	½		
William Stewart	Upper Shore	2023	½		
Stewart Wilson	Upper Shore	2023	¼		

(* Will attend licensing school in 2024.)

PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS

(Paragraph numbers in questions 64-71 refer to the 1992 *Book of Discipline*)

59. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (§312)

Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date

60. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (§312)

Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date

61. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (§313.3) (Under §313.3a, no vote; under §313.3b, v 2/3)

Name	Date Effective

62. What diaconal ministers have died during the year

a) Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

b) Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

63. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under §313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave): (v)

Name	Type of Leave	Date Originally Granted

64. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (§313.1e):

Name	Date Originally Granted

65. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (§313.1e) (v)

Name	Date Originally Granted

66. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (§313.2): (Under §313.2b, v 2/3)

a) This year

Name	Date Effective

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective

PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

67. Who are approved for less than full-time service

a) What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (§§338.2, 342.2, 1506) (v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4):

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Amor del Rosario	Minquadale:Gracia Divina	1/4
Patrick "Bo" Gordy-Stith (FE)	Rehoboth:Epworth	1/2
David T. Ingalls (FE)	Wilmington:Grace	3/4
Rene Knight-Peguero (FE)	Georgetown:Iglesia Metodista	1/2
Lindsay Wessell (FE)	Wyoming	3/4
Zachary Wheeler (FE)	Salisbury:Bethesda	3/4

b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§331.7)

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Megan Shitama Weston	Camp Pecometh	3/4

68. Who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of §338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period

Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date

69. What elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local and supply pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year (Attach a list.)

70. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session (Attach list. Include and identify Appointments Beyond the Local Church (Deacons) and Appointments to Extension Ministries (Elders). Give effective dates of all changes.)

Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date
Sun Ae Lee Koo (FE)	Hebron:Charity	07/01/2023	09/30/2023
Kevin Wells (PL)	Blades, Blades:Asbury, & Portsville	07/01/2023	09/30/2023
Gary Priddy (FE)	Raum Chapel	07/01/2023	11/18/2023
William Walters (OE)	Milton:Goshen	07/01/2023	12/31/2023
Sheryl Allston (FE)	Extension Ministry (Christiana Care)	07/01/2023	12/31/2023
Zachary Wheeler (FE)	Salisbury:Bethesda & Hebron:Charity	10/01/2023	06/30/2024
Wala-neh Labala (SY)	Ridgely, Thawley's Chapel & Bridgetown	10/01/2023	06/30/2024
David Fontanez (SY)	Blades, Blades:Asbury, & Portsville	10/01/2023	06/30/2024
Marjorie Belmont (RE)	Lewes:Israel	11/01/2023	06/30/2024
Steven Leonard (SY)	Raum Chapel	11/19/2023	06/30/2024
Robert White (OF)	Hooper's Island Charge	12/17/2023	06/30/2024
Eric Fontanez-Baez (PL)	Ellendale Charge	12/20/2023	06/30/2024
Patricia Bollinger (RL)	Milton: Goshen, Milton: Zion (Nassau), and Millsboro: Indian Mission	01/01/2024	06/30/2024
Stewart Wilson (SY)	Charlestown: Hart's & St. John	01/01/2024	06/30/2024

71. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year (Attach a list)

a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a, c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Ronald W. Bell, Jr.	FE	2022	Director of Healing & Resilience, The Upper Room	LS: Westover:St. James
Christina Marie Blake	FE	2020	Lower Shore District Superintendent	
Elmer Neal Davis, Jr.	FE	2019	Upper Shore District Superintendent	
Jacqueline Ford	FE	2022	Director of Connectional Ministries	D: Simpson
Lester N. Justice	FE	2016	Director, Strengthening the Black Church	
Tom Alan Pasmore, Jr.	FE	2024	Delaware District Superintendent	
John Ky Shitama	FE	2000	Director of Clergy Excellence	D: St. Mark's
Richard Vance	FE	2016	Director of Operations, General Commission on United Methodist Men	LS: Fruitland:St. Johns

b) To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Amor Del Rosario	FE	2015	Chaplain, Maryland National Guard	US: Calvary-Wye of Carmichael
Thomas K. Johnson	FE	2006	Chaplain, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Ashland, KY	
Barry D. Steiner-Ball	FE	2001	Chaplain, U.S. Air Force Reserve (¼ time)	D: Milford:Avenue

c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Chelsea Spyres	PE	2022	Riverfront Ministries	D: Wilmington:Grace

72. Who are appointed as deacons beyond the local church (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year (Attach a list.)

a) Through non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (¶331.1a)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Robyn Brown	FD	2019	Chaplain: Compass Regional Hospice, Centreville, MD	US: Worton-Fairlee
Lawrence Ganster	FD	2017	Aseracare Hospice; Westbury Retirement Center	LS: Fenwick: St. Matthews by the Sea
Kevin Smith	PD	2023	Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County	D:Newark

b) Through United Methodist Church-related agencies or schools within the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church (¶331.1b)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez	FD	2021	Immigration Law & Justice Network	D: Dover:Wesley

Megan Shitama Weston	FD	2012	Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries	US: Chesapeake City
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73. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6) (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Name	Clergy Status	School

74. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline] (Attach list)

75. What other personal notations should be made (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

D'lorah Wallace has changed her name to D'lorah Wallace-Purnell.

Marjorie Belmont Burns has changed her name to Marjorie Belmont.

The dates for Annual Conference 2024 were incorrectly listed as June 13-15, 2024. The dates are actually June 6-8, 2024. The location will be Ocean City, Maryland.

Jacob Breasure should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor serving at ½ time effective July 1, 2023.

G. Brandon Harris should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor serving at ½ time.

L. E. Henry-Gordy should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ½ time.

Janice Herman should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ¾ time.

Casey Houtz should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ¾ time.

Gail Stallings Minor should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ¾ time.

John Schutt should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ½ time.

Helen Lewis should have been listed as discontinued effective July 1, 2023.

Sharon O'Connor should have been listed as discontinued effective October 1, 2022.

Eric Fontanez-Baez should have been listed as a DS Assigned Lay Supply since July 1, 2022.

William W. White should be listed as DS Assigned Lay supply effective July 1, 2023.

Tonya Pritchett should have been listed as an assigned CLM effective July 1, 2023.

Theresa L. Miller should have been listed as an assigned CLM effective July 1, 2023.

Kevin Smith should have been listed as having a primary appointment with Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County effective July 1, 2023.

Roslyn Watts surrendered her credentials and was discontinued on June 30, 2023, and should have been listed on the 2023 BAC.

Patricia Bollinger should have been listed as a RLP on loan in the 2023 BAC.

76. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)

TBD



Peninsula – Delaware Annual Conference
of
The United Methodist Church

Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Evans,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Richard Evans, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective April 16, 2024, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

Please complete the attached form, which requires notarization, and send with your conference membership and ordination certificates to the conference secretary Rev Eric Warner (300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921). The ordination certificate will be returned to you after noting the date of withdrawal.

A copy of this notification will be filed with the Secretary of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the records of the Annual Conference will reflect your voluntary withdrawal.

We pray for God's Spirit and blessing to be with you as you seek to remain a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

Rev. Lester Justice, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Rev. Megan Shitama Weston, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

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Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Barth,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Joseph Barth, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective December 19, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

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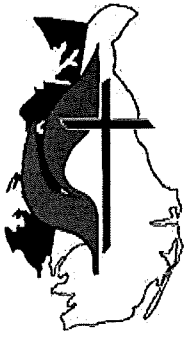
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Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Lockwood,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Helen B. Lockwood, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective December 19, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

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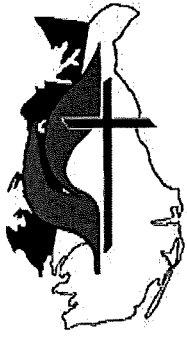
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April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Sherwood,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Paul H. Sherwood, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective November 14, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

Please complete the attached form, which requires notarization, and send with your conference membership and ordination certificates to the conference secretary Rev Eric Warner (300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921). The ordination certificate will be returned to you after noting the date of withdrawal.

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Respectfully,

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April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Walton,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Phyllis L. Walton, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective November 14, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

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Barratt's Chapel, 1780

Peninsula-Delaware Conference
Board of Ordained Ministry
Conference Relations Committee

C/O Rev. Earle N. Baker
30514 E Mill Run, Milton, DE 19968

November 25, 2023

To everything there is a season,
And a time for every purpose under heaven.
Ecc. 3:1 KJV

Withdrawal Letter

Dear Joe,

Grace be with you, and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord!

During this season of thanksgiving, on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, I first want to thank you for your fruitful ministry in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. We recognize that you have faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation through Christ, taught by precept and example the transforming power of God's Grace; and have welcomed countless souls into the Kingdom of God. We know it wasn't always easy as Charles Wesley described it from his experience, "*What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past, fighting without, and fears within since we assembled last.*" Thank you for your faithful witness, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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To finalize your withdrawal, please find and complete the attached **Form 106**. **After completing the personal information on the first page, you should then check the third box from the bottom of page 2, (Withdrawal to Unite with another Denomination) and sign and date it. Please return form 106 to me either by email or postal delivery at your earliest convenience.**

Your decision to withdraw will be placed in your Board of Ordained Ministry file. If the winds of God's Spirit would ever send you back to the UMC this document will show that your departure was 'proper and in good order.'

May God shepherd and bless your continuing ministry, and shelter you in His amazing grace.

Your brother in Christ,

Earle N. Baker

Earle N. Baker, Chairperson, Conference Relations Committee,
Board of Ordained Ministry, Peninsula-Delaware Conference

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Withdrawal Letter

Dear Phyllis,

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240th Clergy Session, Peninsula-Delaware Conference
Thursday afternoon, June 6, 2024
Ocean City, Maryland; Ashore Resort and Conference Center

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling called to order the 240th session of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Clergy Session to order at 1:49 pm after opening worship led by the Conference Clergy Choir and Board of Ordained Ministry Chairs.
An offering was taken to support the Clergy Assistance Fund.

Bishop Easterling introduced those on the dais and then Patrick Shownes, Good News Media, led the session in a voting tutorial

Tom Pasmore, BOOM Registrar, presented the enabling motion; approved unanimously after amendment by Bishop Easterling to include the first gentleman, Rev Marion Easterling.

In accordance with paragraph 602 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, I move that full Clergy Members of the Annual Conference, the Associate Member/Local Pastor Representative and Lay Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry be seated with voice and vote; the Provisional Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Local Pastors under full time and part time appointment to a pastoral charge, be allowed to sit in the clergy session with voice but without vote; that the Conference Secretary, technical assistants, ASL interpreters, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Episcopal Executive Assistant, the Parliamentarian and the Chancellor, be allowed to sit without voice or vote; and that this be the operative procedure unless the Chair deems it necessary to convene a closed session.

Rev Pasmore then led the clergy through the voting questions on the “Business of the Annual Conference” report (see attached report).

All BAC questions were approved either unanimously, or by over 90% majority.

The following persons were approved for commissioning and ordination:

Carol Rose Nelson Moore: Provisional Deacon to be commissioned

David Thomas Ingalls: Full Elder to be ordained

Question 42. Who have had their conference membership terminated a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§360.1, .4) was read for informational purposes, as it did not require a vote,

Bishop Easterling recognized Rev Vaughn Hayden, Full Elder, Trinity UMC Salisbury, MD, with two requests for a ruling of law:

Rev. Hayden asked:

“Pertaining to Paragraph 360 regarding withdrawal, if there has been no written request for withdrawal by the clergy member, can the Board of Ordained Ministry assume a voluntary withdrawal by other means?”

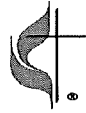
And

“If a retired clergy member in good standing chooses to operate in the capacity as a UM clergy in Word, Sacrament, Order and Service at a church or location that is not United Methodist, is that a chargeable offense and subject to Par 2702.2, including fair process as defined by Par 20?”

Bishop Easterling said she would provide a ruling of law within thirty days as required in the Book of Discipline.

The clergy completed the BAC questions and then approved the full report.

Bishop Easterling thanked the members of the Board and adjourned the session at 2:54 pm



**Council of Bishops
Recommended Best Practices Manual**

The COB formed a Disaffiliation Task Force in May 2022, for the purpose of:

1. Assisting Annual Conferences with best practices, resources and needs in the work of disaffiliation/separation.
2. Advancing the mission of The United Methodist Church and assisting those who want to leave to leave well.
3. Providing strategic direction and support for greater alignment across The Connection.
4. Developing helpful resources to be used by Bishops and Annual Conferences.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone served as the Convener of the Task Force, and the members included: Bishop Julius Trimble (Indiana), Bishop Bob Farr (Missouri), Rev. Andy Lewis (A2B-North Texas), Mr. George Anding (Chancellor-Louisiana and President of UMC3), Mr. Tom Starnes (Chancellor-Baltimore-Washington), Ms. Christine Dodson (CFO/Treasurer-North Carolina), Rev. Alex Shanks (A2B-Florida), Rev. Dr. Aleze Fulbright (District Superintendent-Indiana), Mr. Bill Brownson (CFO/Treasurer-West Ohio), Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie (Executive Director-SBC 21), Rev. Dr. Greg Bergquist (General Secretary-GBHEM), Rev. Dawn Hand (District Superintendent-Baltimore-Washington)

This manual is the compilation of the total work of the Task Force, and it addresses questions and needs that emerged from the requests of Bishops and Annual Conference leaders. There are eight sections in this manual with the following categories: Church Property, Clergy Matters, Congregational Care, Discernment Process, Finances, Local Churches Seeking Reaffiliation, Special Sessions of Annual Conference, and Frequently Asked Questions.

This manual is provided to support the work of the COB, to create greater alignment across The Connection, and to advance the mission of The United Methodist Church in the ongoing matters related to disaffiliation and separation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bishop Tracy S. Malone
President-Designate
Task Force Convener

United Methodist Clergy (Active and Retired) Serving Disaffiliated Churches

UMC Clergy Serving Disaffiliated Churches Recommendation:

We recommend to the Council of Bishops the following Memorandum regarding United Methodist Clergy (Active and Retired) serving disaffiliated churches. *(See the detailed reference document below)*

MEMORANDUM REGARDING UNITED METHODIST CLERGY (ACTIVE AND RETIRED) SERVING DISAFFILIATED CHURCHES

Modified by The COB Disaffiliation Task Force -December 12, 2022

Two questions have been raised as to how a bishop should address a clergy member, active or retired, who seeks to serve a disaffiliated United Methodist church. One question is whether such a clergy member can properly serve as pastor of a disaffiliated church without being appointed to the church by the bishop pursuant to ¶¶ 344.1d or 345 in the case of an active clergy member, or ¶ 357.6 in the case of a retired clergy member. The second question is whether a United Methodist bishop should, if asked, appoint an active or retired clergy member of the annual conference to pastor a disaffiliated church pursuant to one of those paragraphs. While there will be various factual scenarios regarding pastors and their relationship with disaffiliated churches, the following analysis provides basic considerations when addressing such a scenario.

United Methodist Clergy Cannot Lawfully Pastor a Disaffiliated Church Without Being Appointed to the Church by the Bishop of the Clergy Member's Annual Conference

The short answer to the first question is that, absent an appropriate appointment pursuant to ¶¶ 344.1d, 345, or 357.6, no active or retired pastor can serve a disaffiliated United Methodist church and retain his or her clergy membership in The United Methodist Church. In outlining the support for this conclusion, it may be helpful to begin by distinguishing the particular question at hand from the generally applicable provisions of ¶¶ 344.1d or 345 and offering a few examples of how those provisions typically operate. (In the case of both of those paragraphs, it should be noted that they pertain to appointments and not transfers of membership. Neither ¶ 344.1d nor ¶ 345 provide for transfers of clergy membership.)

Paragraph 344.1d generally provides for the appointment of elders, associate members, and persons licensed for pastoral ministry “beyond the ministry usually extended through the local United Methodist church and other institutions.” Paragraph 344.1d gives additional guidance for such appointments, and they include appointments to “pastoral ministry in other Christian denominations at the request of the appropriate judicatory officers of that denomination.” Examples of this type of appointment involve appointments to the Korean Methodist Church or the A.M.E. Church. Similarly, ¶ 345 provides for appointments to “churches of other Christian denominations or to ecumenical shared ministries.” In and of itself, a disaffiliated former United Methodist congregation does not qualify as either “another Christian denomination” or “an ecumenical shared ministry,” making those provisions of limited utility in justifying an appointment of The United Methodist clergy member to a disaffiliated church unless that local church is, in fact, affiliated with another Christian denomination.

United Methodist pastors appointed under the provisions of ¶¶ 344.1d or 345 remain accountable to The United Methodist Church. The Discipline explicitly provides that clergy serving under extension ministry appointments authorized by those provisions “retain conference membership” and “remain accountable to their vows as members of their annual conference” (¶ 344.1d), even though they may also be under the supervision of others. See also ¶ 345 (“Persons in these appointments remain in the itineracy and shall be accountable to the annual conference.”).

Turning then to the question of a pastor, active or retired, serving a disaffiliated local church, ordained persons within the orders of The United Methodist Church “live in covenant of mutual care and accountability with all those who share their ordination, especially in The United Methodist Church, with the ordained who are members of the same conference and part of the same Order.” ¶ 303.3. At the time of ordination, clergy persons were expected to “[b]e accountable to The United Methodist Church, accept its Doctrinal Standards and Discipline and authority, accept the supervision of those appointed to this ministry, and be prepared to live in the covenant of its ordained ministers.” ¶ 304.1j. “By entering the covenant, they accept and subject themselves to the process of clergy discipline . . .” ¶ 333. The historic examination for admission into full connection required them to affirm their approval, support and maintenance of the Church’s discipline, polity, and government. ¶ 336.

Active clergy under appointment are clearly subject to the provisions discussed above, but the question has been raised whether retired clergy are also accountable if they desire to serve a disaffiliated church. Retired clergy have responsibilities regarding the charge conference where they reside, including a report of their Christian and ministerial conduct. ¶ 357.5. Therefore, the retired status does not relieve a clergy person from accountability to the Discipline.

In addition, ¶¶ 360.1 and 360.4 provide for the surrender of credentials when a clergy person withdraws to unite with another denomination. Joining another denomination is considered an immediate voluntary withdrawal and terminates clergy membership, whether the person is in an active or retired status. See Judicial Council Decision 696. While the question may be raised as to whether a disaffiliated United Methodist church is another denomination, it is clear that disaffiliation or any other separation from The United Methodist Church means that the church is no longer a part of The United Methodist Church, and pastoring such a church without having received an episcopal appointment to do so in accordance with the Discipline, should be considered a withdrawal within the meaning of Decision 696. Such conduct is tantamount to a disavowal of the United Methodist bishop’s authority to make and fix all pastoral appointments and of the clergy member’s continued amenability to the bishop, the Discipline, and the annual conference. [Affiliation with a disaffiliated church in other ways will have to be evaluated in the specific context of the situation.]

Therefore, once an ordained United Methodist clergyperson, whether active or retired, purports to serve as pastor of a disaffiliated and now non-United Methodist local church, without having been appointed to that post by the bishop, they have committed the chargeable offense of disobedience to the order and discipline of The United Methodist Church in regard to the provisions outlined above and in doing so, under the reasoning applied in Judicial Council Decision 696, they may be deemed to have terminated their clergy membership in the annual conference as a matter of church law. The Board of Ordained Ministry should report to the clergy

session that the membership of this clergy person has been terminated and have the clergy session affirm that. If the Board of Ordained Ministry or the clergy session is not willing to take that action or the clergy person is not willing to surrender their membership credentials, then a judicial complaint can be filed for violation of ¶ 2702.1d.

This result is all the more demanded if the disaffiliated church has become affiliated with another Christian denomination. In that circumstance, the provisions of ¶¶ 360.1 and 360.4, when read in conjunction with Judicial Council Decision 696, demonstrate that any United Methodist clergy member that purports to pastor that church, without having been appointed to do so by the Bishop, should be deemed to have withdrawn their clergy membership in The United Methodist Church in order to unite with another denomination.

A special note is warranted regarding appointment to churches that may be in the process of disaffiliating to become a part of the Global Methodist Church (“GMC”). During the disaffiliation process, United Methodist pastors should be assigned as appropriate, considering the missional needs and other Disciplinary factors. Once disaffiliated, the question whether a United Methodist pastor can be appointed to serve the now GMC- affiliated congregation is addressed in the next section.

Best Practices in Considering a United Methodist Clergy Member’s Request to be Appointed to Pastor a Disaffiliated Church

Generally speaking, Discipline ¶ 344.1d authorizes bishops of The United Methodist Church to appoint clergy members of the annual conference as pastors to non-United Methodist churches when both “the bishop and the annual conference Board of Ordained Ministry” consider such an appointment quote “to be a true extension of the Christian ministry of the Church.” One might suppose that this provision authorizes an extension ministry appointment to pastor a church that has disaffiliated pursuant to ¶ 2553. In fact, however, the Discipline explicitly constrains the Bishop’s ability to make such appointments in certain respects. In addition, for the reasons explained below, the current state of affairs provides grounds for questioning whether appointing United Methodist clergy to serve a GMC-affiliated church can be justified even when those constraints are otherwise satisfied.

The primary constraint imposed on appointing United Methodist clergy to pastor disaffiliated churches arises if the church has subsequently united with another Christian denomination. A United Methodist clergy member’s ability to “be appointed to pastoral ministry in other Christian denominations” is authorized only “at the request of the appropriate judicatory officers of that [other] denomination.” ¶ 344.1d. Thus, it is not sufficient that the pastor and the disaffiliating congregation desire the appointment; the appointment cannot lawfully be made absent a formal request from authorized officials of the other denomination.

Further, even if such a request is in fact received from the other denomination, it remains the case that both “the bishop and the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry” must agree that such an appointment would be “a true extension of the Christian ministry of the Church.” That criterion may prove difficult to satisfy in a given case, but particularly in a case in which the disaffiliating church has opted to align itself with the GMC. The GMC, uniquely among other

ATTACHMENT 2

BOOK OF DISCIPLINE PARAGRAPHS CITED:

Chapter Two; 303.3; 304(j); 327.6; 333, 336 (6-13); 345; 357.5; 357.6; 360; 362; 2702.1; 2702.2; 2711

JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISIONS CITED:

33 (May 7, 1946)

696 (October 29, 1993)

1055 (October 26, 2006)

1329 (October 28, 2016)

1482 (April 25, 2023)

EXHIBITS/OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS

1. Statement of Conference Relations Committee of Board of Ordained Ministries dated June 8, 2023.
2. Report of the Board of Ordained Ministries submitted to the June, 2024 Annual Conference of Peninsula Delaware Conference.
3. Board of Ordained Ministries letters dated April 22, 2024 to Revs. Evans, Walton, Barth, Sherwood and Underwood.
4. Board of Ordained Ministries letters to Rev. Barth and Rev. Walton dated November 25, 2023.
5. Minutes of Clergy Session of Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference dated June 6, 2024 (portions relevant to request for Rulings of Law).
6. Council of Bishops Recommended Best Practices Manual Memorandum Regarding Methodist Clergy (Active and Retired) Serving Disaffiliated Churches (modified December 12, 2022).

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

- a) Re. Vaughn Hayden
- b) Rev. Richard Evans
- c) Rev. Joseph Barth
- d) Rev. Phyllis Walton
- e) Rev. Paul Sherwood
- f) Rev. Helen Lockwood
- g) Council of Bishops c/o John Kauerauf

Conference Relations Committee
Statement to the Clergy Executive Session
June 8, 2023

We know that many of our clergy colleagues are in the process of discerning whether to stay with The United Methodist Church or leave to pastor churches that have disaffiliated. In order to assist your discernment, we offer the following information.

If your church is in the process of disaffiliation, you will need to make your decision before all of the requirements have been fulfilled. Understand that serving in an unauthorized church setting outside of The United Methodist Church terminates your membership in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The Board of Ordained Ministry will work with the Cabinet to ensure that clergy are contacted by the Conference Relations Committee at the appropriate time to be shepherded through this process. If a pastor of a disaffiliating church decides to remain a member of The United Methodist Church and serve under appointment, then they will be asked to complete a pastoral advisory form and updated profile, including limited itineracy if applicable.

If she/he intends to withdraw from The United Methodist Church, and/or serve as pastor of a church outside of the UMC, the steps for withdrawal are outlined here from the 2016 Book of Discipline:

ORDAINED CLERGY/FULL MEMBERS

¶ 360. Withdrawal—1. Withdrawal to Unite With Another Denomination—When ordained members in good standing withdraw to unite with another denomination or to terminate their membership in the denomination, their certification of conference membership, and their written request to withdraw shall be deposited with the conference secretary.

2. Withdrawal From the Ordained Ministerial Office—Ordained members of an annual conference in good standing who desire to leave their ministerial office and withdraw from the conference may be allowed to do so by the annual conference at its session. The ordained minister's certifications of ordination and conference membership, and their written request to withdraw, shall be given to the district superintendent for deposit with the secretary of the conference, and his or her membership may be transferred to a church which he or she designates, after consultation with the pastor, as the local church in which he or she will hold membership.

Persons seeking to serve in another denomination would choose ¶360.1. Those persons that seek to leave the ministry altogether, would choose ¶360.2

In the case of withdrawal to unite with another denomination, the pastor retains their Certificate of Ordination, but it will be inscribed to note that they have withdrawn from the denomination.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS ¶327.6 states: 6. Discontinuance from Provisional Membership—Provisional members may request discontinuance of this relationship or may be discontinued by the clergy session upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry. When provisional members in good standing withdraw to unite with another denomination or to terminate their membership in The United Methodist Church, their action shall be considered a request for discontinuance of their relationship and their credentials shall be surrendered to a district superintendent.

LOCAL PASTORS While no paragraph specifically covers withdrawal to unite with another denomination, ¶320.1 states:

¶ 320. Exiting, Reinstatement, and Retirement of Local Pastors Who Are Not Provisional Members—1. Discontinuance of Local Pastor—Whenever a local pastor retires or is no longer approved for appointment by the annual conference as required in ¶ 318, whenever any local pastor severs relationship with The United Methodist Church, whenever the appointment of a local pastor is discontinued by the bishop, or whenever the district committee on ordained ministry does not recommend continuation of license, license and credentials shall be relinquished to the district superintendent for deposit with the secretary of the conference. After consultation with the pastor, the former local pastor shall designate the local church in which membership shall be held. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall file with the resident bishop a permanent record of the circumstances relating to the discontinuance of local pastor status as required in ¶ 635.3d.

RETIREES Credentialed United Methodist Clergy (FE, FD, AM), active or retired, may not serve non-United Methodist churches unless the context is approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet as an appointment to an extension ministry setting governed by ¶343 & ¶344 of the Book of Discipline.

Serving in a non-related United Methodist church without approval is deemed as Withdrawal from the United Methodist annual conference membership and requires that credentials (conference membership certificate and certificate of ordination) be relinquished to the annual conference secretary.

Retirement does not change these requirements. A retired UMC Elder is still an Elder and under the authority of the Office of Bishop, Board of Ordained Ministry and Clergy session of the Conference. The Retired Elder still has all the powers and responsibilities of an Elder. The Retired Elder can be appointed to serve a church. If not under appointment, the Retired Elder must affiliate with a local United Methodist church charge conference and therein annually report all ministry activity.

We pray for all those who are discerning their next steps in this process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board and your District Superintendent if you have any questions. In addition, you may want to consult Wespath or the Conference Benefits Coordinator to understand how your decision may impact your benefits.

PLEASE NOTE: The tables provided in all questions (except Q.52) are suggested formats for reporting

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the..... Annual Conference
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Bishop..... Presiding
Date When Organized Number of This Session

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§§603.7, 619)

Secretary

Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Statistician

Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Treasurer

Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Communicator

Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email:

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§603.1)

3. Bonding and auditing:

What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (§§618, 2511)

Name	Position	Amount Bonded

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§§617, 2511) ____ (See report, page ____ of Journal.)

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected

- a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Council on Finance and Administration (§611)				
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (§635)				
Conference Board of Pensions (§639)				

Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (¶640, ¶2512)				
Conference Committee on Episcopacy (¶637)				
Conference Administrative Review Committee (¶636)				
United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) (¶647)				
General Commission on United Methodist Men (¶648)				
Conference Commission on Archives and History (¶641)				

b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (¶610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Board of Church and Society					
Conference Board of Discipleship Ministries					
Conference Board of Global Ministry					
Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry					
Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns					
Commission on Religion and Race					
Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women					
Commissions on Communications					

c) Indicate the conference agencies/organizations and chairperson(s) or equivalent which have responsibilities for the following functions:

General Agency / Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
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Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)					
Committee on Disability Concerns (¶653)					
Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶625)					
Conference Board of Laity (¶631)					
Committee on Native American Ministry (¶654)					
Conference Commission on Small Membership Church (¶645)					
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649)					
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)					
Director of Connectional Ministries (¶608)					
Conference Chancellor					
Conference Journal Editor					

d) Have people been elected for the following district boards and committees Answer yes or no.

- (1) District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2518.2)
- (2) Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)
- (3) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)

e) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance with the prescribed formats (¶606.8)
6. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 625.3)
7. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (¶614.1a)
8. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (¶¶614.1d, 1507)

- b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year
- (1) For the World Service Fund \$
 - (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund \$
 - (3) For the Black College Fund \$
 - (4) For the Africa University Fund \$
 - (5) For the Episcopal Fund \$
 - (6) For the General Administration Fund \$
 - (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund \$

9. Conference and district lay leaders (§603.9, 660):

- a) Conference lay leader: Name:
Mailing Address:
- b) Associate conference lay leaders:
- c) District and associate district lay leaders:

10. List local churches which have been:

- a) Organized or continued as **New Church Starts** (§259,1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14. c, d, e, or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
190348	Tree of Life	Delaware	PO Box 906 Bear, DE 19701	302-985-7603	07/01/2020

- b) Organized or continued as **Mission Congregations** (§259,1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, e, or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
191241	Higher Hope	Lower Shore	1012 N Delano St. Salisbury, MD 21801	410-749-9808	07/01/2003

- c) Organized or continued **Satellite Congregations** (§247.22 continue to list here until listed in questions 14.a, d, e, or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Date Launched
195341	Town Point	Trinity United Methodist Church, Chesapeake City	Upper Shore	61 Port Herman Rd. Chesapeake City, MD 21915	

- d) Organized as **Chartered** (§259.5-10)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered

- e) Merged (§2546, 2547)

- (1) United Methodist with United Methodist

District	GCFA Number	Name of First Church	GCFA Number	Name of Second Church	GCFA Number	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged

(2) Other mergers (indicate denomination)

District	GCFA Number	Name of First Church	GCFA Number	Name of Second Church	GCFA Number	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged

f) Discontinued or abandoned (§§229, 341.2, 2549) Include reason for each church listed.

(1) New Church Start (§259.2,3)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure

(2) Mission Congregation (§259.1a)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure

(3) Satellite Congregation (§247.22)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
194541	Christ the Cornerstone – Elsmere	Delaware	6 N Clifton Ave. Wilmington, DE 19805	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

(4) Chartered Local Church (§259.5)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
194426	Asbury UMC, Port Deposit MD	Upper Shore	1207 Cedar Corner Rd., Perryville, MD 21903	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193080	Asbury UMC, Princess Anne MD	Lower Shore	26556 Mount Vernon Rd, Princess Anne, MD 21853	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194005	Asbury UMC, Sharptown MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 117, Sharptown, MD 21861	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193683	Bethany UMC, Pocomoke City MD	Lower Shore	P. O. Box 145, Pocomoke City, MD 21851	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190383	Bethel UMC, Dagsboro DE	Delaware	PO Box 147, Dagsboro, DE 19939	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation

194506	Bethel UMC, North East MD	Upper Shore	370 Old Bayview Rd, North East, MD 21901	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192462	Bethesda Preston MD	Upper Shore	154 Main St, Preston, MD 21655	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191662	Betterton UMC, Betterton MD	Upper Shore	12089 Blacks Station Rd, Kennedyville, MD 21645	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193568	Bowen UMC, Newark MD	Lower Shore	8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
191707	Bucktown UMC, Cambridge MD	Lower Shore	6143 Castle Haven Road, Cambridge, MD 21613	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191800	Centreville UMC, Centreville MD	Upper Shore	608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville, MD 21617	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194621	Cherry Hill UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	33 Elk Mills Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190326	Cheswold UMC, Cheswold DE	Delaware	PO Box 191, Cheswold, DE 19936	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
195215	Christ the Cornerstone, Bear DE	Delaware	3135 Summit Bridge Rd, Bear, DE 19701	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192143	Christ UMC, Federalsburg MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 234, Federalsburg, MD 21632	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193956	Christ UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	211 Phillip Morris Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194701	Church of Atonement, Claymont DE	Delaware	3519 Philadelphia Pk, Claymont, DE 19703	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193136	Cokesbury UMC, Fruitland MD	Lower Shore	7242 E Ranier Dr, Parsonsburg, MD 21849	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193375	Cokesbury Sharptown	Lower Shore	5918 Cokesbury Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

194415	Connection Community, Middletown DE	Delaware	4744 Summit Bridge Rd, Middletown, DE 19709	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190337	Down's Chapel UMC, Cheswold DE	Delaware	PO Box 191, Cheswold, DE 19936	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195272	Ebenezer UMC, Rising Sun MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 639, Rising Sun, MD 21911	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
961304	Faith UMC, Lewes DE	Delaware	20254 Plantation Rd, Lewes, DE 19958	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193513	First Haitian UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 1274, Salisbury, MD 21802	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192688	First UMC, Secretary MD	Upper Shore	142 Main St, Secretary, MD 21664	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190508	Frankford UMC, Frankford DE	Delaware	PO Box 37, Frankford, DE 19945	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
963110	Friendship UMC, Allen MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 162, Marion, MD 21838	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192187	Friendship UMC, Cambridge MD	Lower Shore	6143 Castle Haven Road, Cambridge, MD 21613	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193912	Friendship UMC, Berlin MD	Lower Shore	22 W. Friendship Rd., Friendship, MD 20758	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191183	Gethsemane UMC, Seaford DE	Delaware	2701 Woodland Ferry Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191742	Grace UMC, Cambridge MD	Upper Shore	P.O. Box 815, Cambridge, MD 21613	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
190667	Harbeson UMC, Harbeson DE	Delaware	PO Box 45, Harbeson, DE 19951	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
961532	Immanuel Union UMC, Cheswold DE	Delaware	PO Box 309, Cheswold, DE 19936	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195226	Janes UMC, Rising Sun MD	Upper Shore	213 N. Walnut St., PO Box 242, Rising Sun, MD 21911	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation

192382	Kent Island UMC, Chester MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 308, Chester, MD 21619	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194563	Leed's UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	1579 Blue Ball Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190884	Lincoln UMC, Lincoln DE	Delaware	8650 3rd St, Lincoln, DE 19960	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191126	Mariner's Bethel UMC, Ocean View DE	Delaware	81 Central Ave, Ocean View, DE 19970	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193672	Melson Delmar	Lower Shore	32694 Melson Road, Delmar, MD 21875	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
191992	Milton UMC, Woolford Md	Upper Shore	25847 Royal Oak Road, Easton, MD 21601	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194528	Moore's Chapel UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	392 Blake Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
963176	Mt Calvary UMC, Friutland MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 162, Marion, MD 21838	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193502	Mt. Hermon UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 1094, Salisbury, MD 21801	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
194107	Mt Hermon UMC, Delmar MD	Lower Shore	34929 Columbia Road, Delmar, DE	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193785	Mt Olive UMC. Snow Hill MD	Lower Shore	7442 Mt Olive Church Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195157	Mt Pleasant UMC, Colora MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 74, Colora, MD 21917	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193455	Mt Pleasant UMC Mardela Springs MD	Lower Shore	9830 Sharptown Rd, Mardela Springs, MD 21837	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194027	Mt Vernon UMC, Sharptown MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 117, Sharptown, MD 21861	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
195124	North East UMC, North East MD	Upper Shore	308 S Main St, PO Box 522, North East, MD 21901	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

193320	Old Friendship UMC, Fruitland MD	Lower Shore	7242 E Ranier Dr, Parsonsburg, MD 21849	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
195146	Perryville UMC, Perryville MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 312, Perryville, MD 21903	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194756	Principio UMC, Perryville MD	Upper Shore	1511 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville MD 21903	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190634	Providence UMC, Georgetown DE	Delaware	24969 Shortley Rd. Georgetown, DE 19947	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193991	Remson UMC, Stockton MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 793, Pocomoke City, MD 21813	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
194016	Riverton, Mardela Springs MD	Lower Shore	5918 Cokesbury Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193193	Rock Creek UMC, Deal Island MD	Lower Shore	11356 Hodson White Road, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192542	Rock Hall UMC, Rock HLL MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 461, Rock Hall, MD 21661	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
191321	Salem UMC, Selbyville DE	Delaware	PO Box 410, Selbyville, DE 19975	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192666	Salem UMC, Cambridge MD	Lower Shore	6143 Castle Haven Road, Cambridge, MD 21613	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193706	Salem UMC, Pocomoke City MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 145, Pocomoke City, MD 21851	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194448	Shelemiah UMC, North East MD	Upper Shore	370 Old Bayview Rd, North East, MD 21901	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190851	Slaughter Neck UMC, Lincoln DE	Delaware	8650 3rd St, Lincoln, DE 19960	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193477	Snethen, Mardela Springs	Lower Shore	9830 Sharptown Rd, Mardela Springs, MD 21837	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

194574	St John's UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	33 Elk Mills Rd, Elkton, MD 21921	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190678	St. John's UMC, Georgetown DE	Delaware	22179 Gravel Hill Rd. Georgetown, DE 19947	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192154	St Johns UMC, Church Creek MD	Lower Shore	15090 Drapers Mill Rd, Goldsboro, MD 21636	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193240	St John's UMC, Deal Island MD	Lower Shore	11356 Hodson White Road, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192028	St Luke's UMC, Denton MD	Upper Shore	100 S 5TH Ave, Denton, MD 21629	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190838	St Paul's UMC, Laurel DE	Delaware	32827 Old Stage Rd, Laurel, DE 19956	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192347	St Pauls UMC, Ingleside MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 202, Sudlersville, MD 21668	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192347	Still Pond UMC, Still Pond MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 202, Sudlersville, MD 21668	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194164	St Paul's UMC, Deal Island MD	Lower Shore	11356 Hodson White Road, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193604	St Peter's UMC, Oriole MD	Lower Shore	11150 Messick Rd, Dames Quarter, MD 21821	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193262	St Stephen's UMC, Delmar MD	Lower Shore	101 E State St, Delmar, DE 19940	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192768	Tilghman UMC, Tilghman MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 192, Tilghman, MD 21671	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
963507	Trinity UMC, Princess Anne MD	Lower Shore	908 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194734	Union UMC, Childs MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 176, Childs, MD 21916	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

961576	Union UMC, Delmar MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 541, Delmar, DE 19940	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
190268	Union UMC, Bridgeville DE	Delaware	2 N Laws St, Bridgeville, DE 19933	6/30/2023	Disaffiliation
192198	Wesley Chapel UMC, Rock Hall MD	Upper Shore	PO Box 461, Rock Hall, MD 21661	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
191412	Wesley UMC, Seaford DE	Delaware	22025 Atlanta Rd, Seaford, DE 19973	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194120	Wesley UMC, Stockton MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 793, Pocomoke City, MD 21863	7/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194654	Wesley UMC, Elkton MD	Upper Shore	41 Justice Way, Elkton, MD 21921	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
190281	Whatcoat UMC, Camden DE	Delaware	16 N Main St, Camden, DE 19934	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
194084	Whatcoat UMC, Snow Hill MD	Lower Shore	101 N Washington St, Snow Hill, MD 21863	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
194118	Wheatley's UMC, Seaford DE	Lower Shore	30141 Buckhill Lane, Dagsboro, DE 19939	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193125	Wilson UMC, Bishopville MD	Lower Shore	P O Box 291, Bishopville, MD 21813	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
192677	Wingate UMC, Wingate MD	Lower Shore	15090 Drapers Mill Rd, Goldsborough, MD 21636	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
961782	Zion UMC, Sharptown MD	Lower Shore	4329 Maiden Forest Rd, Vienna, MD 21869	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
192633	Zion UMC, St Thomas MD	Lower Shore	15090 Drapers Mill Rd, Goldsborough, MD 21636	9/15/2023	Disaffiliation
193114	Zion UMC, Bishopville MD	Lower Shore	PO Box 291, Bishopville, MD 21813	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation
193637	Zion UMC, Salisbury MD	Lower Shore	607 Parker Rd, Salisbury, MD 21804	10/31/2023	Disaffiliation

g) Relocated and to what address

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Location	Date Relocated

h) Changed name of church (Example: "First" to "Trinity")

GCFA Number	Former Name	New Name	Address	District

i) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§§41, 260)

GCFA Number	Name	Membership	Sending Conference

j) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established (§206)

GCFA Number	Parish Name	Charge Name	Church Name	District

k) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches

11. Are there Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference (§207, 208)

a) Federated church

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

b) Union Church

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

c) Merged Church

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

d) Yoked Parish

GCFA Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

12. What changes have been made in district and charge lines Please list the GCFA Number beside church name.

PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (v 2/3) or (v 3/4) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Indicate credential of persons in Part II: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM when requested.

13. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (§§604.4, 605.7)

14. Who constitute:

a) The Administrative Review Committee (§636) (v)

TBD

b) The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§635.1d)

TBD

c) The Committee on Investigation (§2703)

TBD

15. Who are the certified candidates (§§ 310, 313, 314) (NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.)

a) Who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry

Name	District	Date Certified	Last Recertification
Adrienne Dillard	Delaware	04/19/2023	04/17/2024
Eric Fontanez-Baez	Delaware	12/20/2023	
Joseph Hayden	Lower Shore	04/17/2024	
Donald Hopkins	Delaware	03/20/2024	
Jacob Jackson	Lower Shore	04/17/2024	
Cindy Jacobs	Upper Shore	10/12/2023	
Jeffrey James	Delaware	04/17/2024	
Solomon Joseph	Delaware	06/19/2024	
Lloyd Massey	Delaware	06/19/2024	
Sonya Jeff	Upper Shore	10/12/2023	
Karen Stigars Jones	Delaware	10/01/2021	06/19/2024
Kwame A. Nuamah	Delaware	03/20/2024	
Ayanna Tilghman	Lower Shore	03/16/2016	01/19/2023
Jiwon Yoon	Delaware	11/02/2022	11/15/2023

b) Who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference (Include name of accepting conference.)

Name	Receiving Conference	Date Originally Certified	Date Accepted by District in Other Conference
Alyssa Nantt	Mountain Sky	09/20/2018	07/01/2023

c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry

Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Luis Almandoz	Delaware		05/15/2024
Kenneth Anderson	Delaware		06/19/2024
Timothy Beardsley	Upper Shore		08/01/2023
Theresa Bernard	Upper Shore		04/17/2024
David Burke	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Joan Brooks	Upper Shore		06/30/2023
William Carroll	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
L. Herbert Cain, Jr.	Upper Shore		05/13/2024
Paul "Doc" Case	Delaware		07/31/2023
Eric Daniels	Upper Shore		05/16/2024
Harriet Ennis	Lower Shore		09/15/2023
Martin Grant	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Samuel Harrell	Delaware		06/19/2024
Marsha Hankerson	Lower Shore		10/31/2023

Derek Henry	Delaware		05/15/2024
David Hill	Delaware		09/30/2023
Kermit Hines	Delaware		11/01/2023
Sean Hurm	Upper Shore		07/10/2023
Faubert Jean-Baptiste	Lower Shore		10/31/2023
Solomon Jefferson	Delaware		05/15/2024
David Kelley	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
D. Paul Lewis	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Shelley McCollister	Lower Shore		11/15/2023
Cameron McDonough	Lower Shore		05/15/2024
Robert McFarland	Delaware		11/15/2023
Sherwood McGrath	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
H. Elizabeth Milam	Delaware		07/01/2023
Leticia Nance-Sproson	Upper Shore		04/17/2024
John D. Oltman	Lower Shore		10/31/2023
Amy L. Peters	Delaware		09/15/2023
Larry Reed	Lower Shore		09/15/2023
Regina Reeves	Delaware		08/27/2023
Rebecca Rollins	Delaware		11/01/2023
Cheryl Snyder	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Robert Timms	Upper Shore		09/12/2023
Pamela Ward	Lower Shore		07/31/2023
Roslyn Watts	Lower Shore		06/30/2023
Kevin Wells	Delaware		09/30/2023
Sheneatta Whittington	Lower Shore		09/15/2023
James Young	Lower Shore		06/30/2023

(Note: Once a candidate is appointed as FL or PL, they are no longer listed as a certified candidate (except the first year they are appointed when they would need to be listed in 15 and in 16 or 17). Students appointed as Local Pastors (§318.3) are the only people who are allowed to be listed as a candidate in one conference while being listed as an LP in a different conference. Par.318.3 stipulates that students appointed as local pastors can serve in either a full or part-time capacity.)

16. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed (§315) - Indicate for each person the year the license was approved: (3/4v)

Name	District	Year Licensed Approved	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Patricia Hanley	Lower Shore	2015		
Cordelia Harmon	Lower Shore	2015		
Karen Lessey	Delaware	2019		
Randolph Smith	Delaware	2014		
Latisha Williams	Upper Shore	2023	seminary	05/28/2024

17. Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded. Indicate what progress each has made within the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those that who have completed the five-year course of study or the M.Div. (§319.4) PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v)

- a) Full-time local pastors (§318.1)

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
*William B. Cropper	Lower Shore	1993	20 (2008)	05/15/2024
*Timothy Freidel	Delaware	2019	M.Div.	03/20/2024
*Sterling T. Harris	Upper Shore	2022	M. Div.	03/21/2024

Robin Hurley	Delaware	2017	15	02/21/2024
Jeffrey James	Lower Shore	2024		04/17/2024
Travis Lee Patton	Delaware	2019	seminary	04/17/2024
George Simmons	Upper Shore	2013	13	03/21/2024
Tyrran Smith	Delaware	2018	seminary	05/15/2024
Wayne Thompson	Lower Shore	2015	1	05/15/2024
Gregory Vickers	Delaware	2019	13	03/20/2024
*Woodrow J. Wilson	Lower Shore	1998	20 (2003)	01/17/2024

b) Part-time local pastors (§318.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments)

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Keith Beckett	Upper Shore	2022	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	02/15/2024
Nancee Bleistine	Delaware	2021	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	05/15/2024
Jacob Breasure	Delaware	2023	$\frac{1}{2}$		05/15/2024
*Keith Cornish	Lower Shore	1998	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 (2010)	09/20/2024
Adrienne Dillard	Delaware	2024	$\frac{1}{2}$		04/14/2024
Arnold Dorsett	Delaware	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$		03/20/2023
Sharee Dorsett	Delaware	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$		03/20/2023
*Y. Violet Dupree	Delaware	2022	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Div.	11/15/2023
Eric Fontanez-Baez	Delaware	2023	$\frac{1}{2}$		
*Terry L. Fort	Lower Shore	2012	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 (2018)	02/21/2024
Douglas Griffith	Delaware	2011	$\frac{1}{2}$		04/17/2024
*Cynthia Hall	Upper Shore	1999	$\frac{3}{4}$	20 (2022)	01/18/2024
*Kenneth Hall	Upper Shore	1999	$\frac{3}{4}$	20 (2020)	01/18/2024
G. Brandon Harris	Delaware	2018	$\frac{1}{2}$		10/18/2023
Joseph Hayden	Lower Shore	2024	$\frac{1}{2}$	seminary	
Gwendolyn Henry	Delaware	2015	$\frac{1}{2}$		09/20/2023
L. Eloise Henry-Gordy	Delaware	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$	10	01/17/2024
Janice Herman	Delaware	2017	$\frac{3}{4}$	seminary	01/17/2024
Lisa Hines	Delaware	2021	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	03/20/2024
Donald Hopkins	Delaware	2024	$\frac{1}{4}$		03/20/2024
Jacquela Horsey	Upper Shore	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	05/16/2023
*Casey Houtz	Delaware	2018	$\frac{3}{4}$	M. Div.	05/15/2024
*Janice Humphrey	Lower Shore	2003	$\frac{1}{4}$	20 (2011)	01/17/2024
Jacob Jackson	Lower Shore	2024	$\frac{1}{2}$	seminary	
Jamar Jackson	Lower Shore	2013	$\frac{1}{2}$	seminary	02/28/2024
Cynthia M. Jacobs	Upper Shore	2024	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Ashley Jones-Wayman	Upper Shore	2014	$\frac{1}{2}$	seminary	01/18/2024
Sonya S. Jeff	Upper Shore	2024	$\frac{1}{2}$		10/12/2023
Betsy B. Jones	Lower Shore	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	01/17/2024
Keisha Jones	Upper Shore	2019	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	12/21/2023
Patrick Kelly	Delaware	2022	$\frac{1}{2}$		12/20/2023
Michelle Kinard	Upper Shore	2021	$\frac{1}{2}$		05/15/2024
Sean Lee	Delaware	2022	$\frac{1}{2}$		01/17/2024
*Mark Lewis	Delaware	2015	$\frac{3}{4}$	M. Div.	04/17/2024
Gregory McLaurin	Upper Shore	2016	$\frac{1}{2}$	9	12/21/2023
*M. Shane Moran	Lower Shore	2004	$\frac{3}{4}$	20 (2013)	04/17/2024
*William Nack	Delaware	2011	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 (2017)	04/19/2023
Michelle Nichols	Lower Shore	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	09/20/2023
Lee Parks	Delaware	2019	$\frac{1}{4}$	3	09/20/2023

*Vernetter Pinder	Upper Shore	2013	½	20 (2024)	03/21/2024
*Provey Powell	Delaware	2008	¾	M.T.S.	06/19/2024
James Pugh	Upper Shore	2020	½		10/12/2023
Diallo Purnell	Lower Shore	2023	½		05/15/2024
*John P. Schutt	Delaware	2004	½	20 (2013)	05/15/2024
Gwendolyn Spence	Lower Shore	2021	½		10/18/2024
*Gail Stallings-Minor	Delaware	2020	¾	M. Div.	11/15/2023
Markel Thomas	Lower Shore	2018	½	8	02/21/2024
*Ruthann Turner	Delaware	2020	½	M.Div.	06/19/2024
D’Lorah Wallace-Purnell	Lower Shore	2021	½	2	02/21/2024
William White	Upper Shore	2023	½		05/16/2024
Diane Wood	Upper Shore	2020	½	9	03/21/2024

- c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3,4)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Seminary	Home Conference

- d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3)

Name	Serving Conference	Enrolled Seminary

- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§365.4, 366, 367, 368.3) (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)

Name	Serving Conference	COS \ Seminary

- f) Who are approved for an annual extension beyond the prescribed limit of time of completed Course of Study as recommended by DCOM and BOM (§319.3) (v)?

Full Time

Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study Courses Completed

Part Time

Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study Courses Completed

- g) Retired Local Pastors Under Appointment

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of Time to be Served	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
*John Allen	Upper Shore	2016	½	20 (2024)	04/17/2024
*Charles Claybourn	Delaware	2017	¾	20	05/15/2024
Betty Cropper	Lower Shore	2020	¾		10/18/2023

Courtland Cropper	Lower Shore	2020	$\frac{3}{4}$		10/18/2023
*Frances Fitchett	Delaware	2001	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 (2012)	
Eugene Nichols	Lower Shore	2020	$\frac{1}{2}$		04/17/2024
*Lucille Nichols	Lower Shore	1999	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Div.	11/15/2023
LaVaughn Price	Lower Shore	2022	$\frac{1}{2}$		04/17/2024
*Karen Sadvari	Lower Shore	2010	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 (2017)	11/15/2023
Donald Schuler	Delaware	2000	$\frac{1}{4}$		
*Alexina Seldon	Lower Shore	2012	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 (2017)	04/17/2024

- h) Certified as candidates from this annual conference that are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference.

Name	Serving Conference	First Year License Awarded
Beth S. Heller	BWC	2018

- i) Certified as candidates from another annual conference that are serving as local pastors in this annual conference while retaining their membership in their home Annual Conference.

Name	Home Conference	Year When Service in your AC began
*Patricia Bollinger (RL)	Susquehanna	2019

18. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (§320.1)

Name	Date discontinued
Kenneth Anderson	06/19/2024
Timothy Beardsley	08/01/2023
Theresa Bernard	04/17/2024
David Burke	09/12/2023
Joan Brooks	06/30/2023
William Carroll	09/12/2023
*L. Herbert Cain, Jr.	05/13/2024
Paul "Doc" Case	07/31/2023
Eric Daniels	05/16/2024
Harriet Ennis	09/15/2023
Martin Grant	09/12/2023
Samuel Harrell	06/19/2024
Marsha Hankerson	10/31/2023
Derek Henry	06/19/2024
David Hill	09/30/2023
Kermit Hines	11/01/2023
Sean Hurm	07/10/2023
Faubert Jean-Baptiste	10/31/2023
David Kelley	09/12/2023
D. Paul Lewis	09/12/2023
Shelley McCollister	11/15/2023
Cameron McDonough	04/17/2024
Robert McFarland	11/15/2023
Sherwood McGrath	09/12/2023
H. Elizabeth Milam	07/01/2023
Leticia Nance-Sproson	04/17/2024
John D. Oltman	10/31/2023
Amy L. Peters	09/15/2023
Larry Reed	09/15/2023

Regina Reeves	08/27/2023
Rebecca Rollins	11/01/2023
Cheryl Snyder	09/12/2023
Robert Timms	09/12/2023
Pamela Ward	07/31/2023
Kevin Wells	09/30/2023
Sheneatta Whittington	09/15/2023
James Young	06/30/2023

19. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (§320.4) (v)

Name	Years Completed in Course of Study

20. What ordained ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§331.8, 346.1) List alphabetically; indicate Annual Conference or denomination where membership is held. Indicate credential.

a) Annual Conferences

Name	Clergy Status	Home Conference	Year When Service in your AC began
Bumkoo Chung	OE	EPA	2024
Curtis Ehrigott	OE	BWC	2024
Robyn M. Mayer	OE	GNJ	2021
David McMillan	OE	EPA	2017
Gary Meekins	OR	EPA	2010
Bonnie Karen Mullen-Holtz	OR	EPA	2024
Linda Ray	OE	Virginia	2022
Michael Roberts	OE	EPA	2022
Meredith Wilkins-West	OE	BWC	2024

b) Other Methodist Denominations

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began

21. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§331.8, 346.2) (v) Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began
Charles Albert Bell, Jr.	OF	Progressive Baptist Association	2021
Darius Brown	OF	Baptist General Conference	2022
Craig Gaunt	OF	Church of the Brethren	2022
John Groth	OF	Presbyterian Church, USA	2017
Harvey Tyler	OF	Church of God	2019
Kevin White	OF	The Wesleyan Church	2022
Robert White	OF	ELCA	2023

22. Who are affiliate members: List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.

a) With vote (§586.4b) (v)

Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation

b) Without vote (§§334.5, 344.4) (v 2/3)

Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 36 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 23-35, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

23. Who are elected as associate members §322 (3/4v) List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23:

Name

24. Who are **elected** as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school (under §§322.4, 324, 325)

a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, c or §324.5(3/4v)

Name	Seminary
Carol Rose Nelson Moore	Lancaster Theological Seminary

b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, b or §324.6 (3/4v); § 322.4 (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

25. Who are **continued as** provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§326, § 327 v)

a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder (§326)

Name	Clergy Status	Year	Seminary
Shawn Shaw Barnett	PE	2023	Palmer Theological Seminary
Cornelius Donte Berry	PE	2022	Wesley Theological Seminary
Zachary Leonard Brown	PE	2023	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Wendy Ann Butterworth	PE	2018	Wesley Theological Seminary
William R. Davis	PE	2019	Wesley Theological Seminary
Keisha Rosena Dukes	PE	2023	Wesley Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Marrero	PE	2018	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Tonya Anne McClain	PE	2019	Wesley Theological Seminary
Samuel James Mitchell	PE	2020	Wesley Theological Seminary
Lawrence Pelham	PE	2018	Wesley Theological Seminary
Kevin Lee Smith	PD	2022	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Chelsea Lynn Spyles	PE	2022	Wesley Theological Seminary
Vernette Doris Dow White	PE	2020	Palmer Theological Seminary

b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders (v)

Name	Original Year of Membership

c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons (v) (Indicate year)

Name	Original Year of Membership

d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations (§347.1) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Original Year of Membership	Previous Conference or Denomination

26. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3): List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23:

a) As provisional members (§347.3c) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Former Denomination

b) As local pastors (§347.3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Former Denomination

27. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§347)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Denomination

28. Who are elected as members in full connection (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23. **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 27, 29-30 or 32.**)

a) Deacons

Name

b) Elders

Name
David Thomas Ingalls

29. Who are ordained as deacons and what seminary awarded their degree. If their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies: List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23

a) After provisional membership (§330) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

b) Transfer from elder (§309) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

30. Who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree

a) After provisional membership (§335) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary
David Thomas Ingalls	Palmer Theological Seminary

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b) Transfer from deacon (§309) (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary

31. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§364) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Previously Discontinued

32. Who are readmitted (§§365-367 [v], §368 [v 2/3]):

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Status

33. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§357.7): (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Retired

34. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§347.1, 416.5, 635.2n) List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.: (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
Alfred J. Moore	FE	WNC	07/01/2024

35. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§347.2) List alphabetically. Indicate credential.

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Methodist Denomination	Date of Transfer

36. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference. See note preceding Question 23. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.

a) Deacons

Name	Member Conference

b) Elders

Name	Member Conference

37. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5) List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 23.

Name	Clergy Status	New Conference	Date of Transfer

38. Who are discontinued as provisional members (§327) (v).

a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327)

Name	Clergy Status

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b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Name	Clergy Status

c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Name	Clergy Status

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§ 327.7)

Name	Clergy Status

39. Who are on location

a) Who has been granted honorable location (§358.1)

(1) This year (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Charge Conference Membership	Date Effective

(2) Previously

Name	Year Originally Granted	Status	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
James T. Fox, Jr.	07/01/2015	FE	LS:Asbury	
Michelle Loving-Moore	07/01/2010	FE	D:Houston	2022
Michael Leigh Price	07/01/1992	FE		

b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors (§358.2) Indicate date and appointment.

Name	Appointment	Year Originally Granted Location

c) Who has been placed on administrative location (§359)

(1) This year (v)

Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership

(2) Ad Interim Administrative Location (v)

Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership

(3) Previously

Name	Year Originally Placed	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report

40. Who have been granted the status of honorable location-retired (§358.3):

a) This year (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership

b) Previously

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Fredrick Dickson Wood	FE	2000	D:Seaford: Mt. Olivet
John L. Huber	FE	2004	D:Newark

41. Who have had their status as honorable located

a) Orders terminated (§358.2) (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

b) Died during the year

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

42. Who have had their conference membership terminated

a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§360.1, .4)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Joseph W. Barth	12/19/2023	RE	
David Glenn Bennett	10/31/2023	RE	
Rebecca L. Collison	08/31/2023	FE	
Samuel Willard Crossan, III	04/16/2024	RE	
David P. Dorisingh	10/09/2023	RE	
Frederick Wayne Duncan	10/31/2023	RE	
Richard E. Evans, Jr.	04/16/2024	RE	
Mark W. Farnell	10/31/2023	FE	
Roger L. Fredrick	10/31/2023	FE	
Daniel Thomas Gedman	10/31/2023	FE	
Blair A. Hall	12/19/2023	FE	
Karen R. Handy	10/31/2023	FE	
David Bruce Humphrey	07/31/2023	FE	
Alan Turner Jones, Sr.	10/31/2023	RE	
Karen K. Jones	10/31/2023	RE	
Robert W. Kirby, III	07/01/2023	FE	
Kyung Mo Koo	10/31/2023	FE	
Sun Ae Lee Koo	09/30/2023	FE	
Helen Briddell Lockwood	12/19/2023	RE	
Christopher E. Pettit	11/14/2023	FM	
Gary W. Priddy	10/31/2023	FE	
Paul Harold Sherwood	11/14/2023	RE	
Robbie Britton Townsend	10/31/2023	RE	
Phyllis Lee Walton	11/14/2023	RE	
Carolyn S. Williams	06/10/2024	RE	

b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§360.2, .4)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

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c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§§360.3, .4; 2719.2)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

d) By termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§§ 358.2, 359.3) (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

e) By trial (§2713)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status

43. Who have been suspended under the provisions of §362.1d, §2704.2c or §2711.3 - Give effective dates. Indicate credential.

Name	Date Effective	Clergy Status

44. Deceased (List alphabetically)

a) What associate members have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

b) What provisional members have died during the year -Indicate credential.

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

c) What elders have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Henry Evan Zollinhofer	03/03/1930	07/22/2023
Everett Cahall Isaacs	08/31/1934	10/06/2023
Douglas Milton Ridley	02/13/1943	10/19/2023
Elizabeth Florence Hopkins	02/25/1930	12/03/2023
JoAnne R. Maxwell-Jenkins	05/22/1955	12/10/2023
Robert Woodruff Starrett	01/10/1937	04/03/2024

d) What deacons have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

e) What local pastors have died during the year

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Charles Edward Rossiter	09/16/1941	02/13/2024

45. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (§§331.8, 346.1)

Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment
Keisha Dukes	PE	BWC	Washington:Christ
Mary Haggard	FE	BWC	Norrisville Charge
Donna Hinkle	FE	WVC	Huntington: Community of Grace
Rudolph H. White	FE	BWC	Friendship
Vernette Dow White	PE	BWC	Sollers

46. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§353) Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.

a) Voluntary

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§353.2a 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Lorraine E. Brown	FE	11/01/2021	TBD

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (§353.2a 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

(3) Family, 5 years or less (§353.2b 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

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(4) Family, more than 5 years (¶353.2b 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

(5) Transitional (¶353.2c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

b) Involuntary

(1) Involuntary Leave (¶ 354) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (JCD 1355) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

47. Who are granted sabbatical leave (¶351) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

48. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (¶356) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference

49. What members in full connection have been retired (¶357): **List** alphabetically - If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (**Under ¶357.1, no vote required; under ¶357.2, v; under ¶357.3, v 2/3**)

Deacons

a) This year

Name	Date Effective
Sung Ho Bae	10/31/2023

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective

Elders

c) This year

Name	Date Effective
Sheryl Lynn Allston	01/01/2024

Hubert Francis Jicha, III	07/01/2024
Grant Lamont Johnson	07/01/2024
Edward J. Kuhling	07/01/2024
John Christopher Pennington	07/01/2024
Paul H. Sherwood	10/01/2023
Jong-Nam Song	07/01/2024
Jerome Edward Tilghman, Sr.	07/01/2024

d) Previously

Name	Date Effective
Stephen Ackerman	2011
E. Victor Acquaah-Harrison	2013
Ronald Paul Arms	1982
Gloria Dell Swanson Attix	2002
Barbara Heath Auer	2018
Mark J. Avens	2016
M. Jane Ayers	2010
Elaine Ayres	2011
Frederick Bernard Bahr	2018
Earle Noble Baker	2020
Jonathan E. Baker	2013
Marjorie Belmont	2023
Ronald Warren Bergman	2003
James Bongard	2021
Karen M. Bongard	2023
Genevieve J. Brown	2014
C. David Buchanan	2011
Karen Frances Bunnell	2020
Joseph Burris	2016
James Maurice Caldwell	2002
Marsha C. Carpenter	2015
William Thomas Carter	1999
Glenn P. Catley, Jr.	2013
Mark Charlton	2014
Drew M. Christian	2023
R. Danese Collins	2010
Bruce E. Cooke	2010
Anna L. Cottom	2010
Charles Edward Covington, Sr.	1992
Charles Richard Cox	1996
Dianne Henry Davis	2023
Theodore E. Day	2015
Darlene Dixon	2022
Karen Muntain Dize	2019
Sally Badgley Dolch	2019
Thomas Donnachie	2016
William S. Downing	2013
Timothy Allen Duffield, Sr.	2018
John Michael Dunnack	2008
Thomas G. Edwards	2022
Theodore Edwin Elser	1993
Alice J. Ervin	2014

Boyd Bowman Etter	2019
James Faltot	2011
Carroll Linda Fields	2011
William M. Fitzhugh, Jr.	2010
Lloyd Rowland Foard	2000
Anna Maddox Foster	2019
Patricia Susan Frick	2019
Isabel T. S. Gardner	2012
Rudolph DaSilva Garnes	1995
Donald L. Godwin	2011
Raymond F. Graham	2013
Henry Sterling Green	2002
H. Ward Greer	2019
K. Wayne Grier	2013
Thomas Francis Gross	2008
Harold "Sam" Hale	2012
Donald E. Hamilton	2009
Barbara Harris Harmon	2019
Janet Marie Harmon	2002
Benita Wallace Harris	2019
Robert Lee Harris	2003
James Hawkins	2010
David G. Heistand	2007
Gregory Wayne Hill	2008
William C. Hopkins	2014
Robert Dennis Howell	1995
Julian Arthur Hurley	2012
Michael Francis Hurley	2021
Sherrol L. James	2022
Lawrence Dean Jameson	2021
Cheryl Taylor Jensen	2013
Carol Lynn Johnson	2004
Bonnie Jones-Goldstein	2007
Bernard Keels	2013
Jennifer Hassett Kerby	2020
Cynthia Griffith Koski	2000
JoAnn B. Koskol	2023
Jefferson S. Labala	2015
Eleanor Laws	2010
Phillip C. Lawton	2013
George Nolan Leathrum	1996
Vanessa Stephens Lee	2020
Russell L. Lehman	2013
Douglas Mark Lindsay	2008
Earl Leroy Magill	1984
Elizabeth S. Malozzi	2019
William Ambrose Markley	1992
Laura Ann Martin	2020
Paul Thomas McKelvey	2011
Diane E. Melson	2015
Candice Miles	2018
Bruce Clayton Miller	2019
George B. Moody	2014

Gary L. Moore	2014
Karen Covey Moore	2011
Mae Etta Moore	1996
Charles Milton Moyer	1999
Lorenzo Harley Murdaugh, I	2003
Charlotte A. Nichols	2013
Harold Eston Owens	2004
John Ronald Owens	2003
Paul Owens	2018
David Palmer	2016
George R. Patterson	2018
John Irvin Penn	2008
Derrick E. Porter	2023
Norman L. Poultney	2013
Robert Manning Price	2005
Dale Ross Pruett	1992
Anne R. Pruett-Barnett	2018
Mark Pruett-Barnett	2012
Patti Collett Ravilious	2016
William Daniel Rich	1997
James W. Riley	2019
Jeremias Rojas	2011
William A. Ross, Sr.	2023
Robert Landon Rowe	2004
James Tudor Seymour	2007
Olin J. Shockley, Jr.	1996
Bernard D. Shuhayda	2013
Ruthann Hibbs Simpson	2021
James E. Sipes	2018
Leslie Slak	2011
Alexander Leon Slonin	2008
Harold Preston Spedden	1992
Janel D. Starling	2015
William T. Sterling	2013
Constance E. Sterner	2005
Sally L. Stewart	2022
Charles Edward Strickler	1977
Frank Owen Sutton, Jr.	2006
Carol Svecz	2012
Norman Tate	2012
Alfred Taylor	2012
Gary Tulak	2006
Asher E. Tunik	2021
Karin Gay Tunnell	2021
James C. Van Der Wall	2013
John Van Tine	2012
Dale Lynn Vroman	2008
William T. Wallace, Sr.	2022
Marlene Louise Walters	1995
Daniel Richard Walton, Sr.	2021
James Paul Walz	2006
Robert Lewis Warner	1997
Cecile Claudia Waters	2019

Randolph L. Wein	2023
Christina Lee Whaley	2018
Leonard Henry Wheatley, Jr	1999
Jonathan Whitney	2021
E. Martin Wiley	2011
Edward Reed Wilkins	1995
Ellsworth P. Woodruff	2005

50. What associate members have been retired (§357): (List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (**Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, v; under §357.3, v 2/3**)

a) This year

Name	Date Effective

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective
Gertrude Bertina Brown	2003
Robert Marvin Brown	2003
Martha Callaway	2011
Olivia Costango	2014
Charles Richard Edmund	2020
Shirley Evans	2011
Mary Ann Farnell	2003
Thomas C. Fitchett	2014
T. David Hackett, Sr.	2013
Joanne R. Hartman	2018
John Hornberger	2016
W. Leroy Jones	2004
Patricia Loughlin	2018
Linda Mariner	2009
Yvonne Paxton	2022
Carol G. Price	2013
Donald A. Schell	2015

51. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (§320.5):

a) This year

Name	Date Effective
John Allen	07/01/2024
Karen Sadvari	07/01/2024
Charles Claybourn	07/01/2024

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective
Carol Carlson	2017
Belinda Joyce Cofield	2019
Betty Cropper	2021
Courtland Cropper	2020
Howard J. Embert	2010
Frances Fitchett	2022
Andrew Michael Frick	2019
Albert C. Gaither, Jr.	2015
Lewis Wayne Getchell	2001
J. Lawrence Haniffee	2013

Douglas Harbaugh	2017
John Hinkle	2020
Paul F. Holland, Jr.	2018
Richard Hudson	2018
Bethsheila T. Hunley	2023
Alice Hutchins	2012
Sumner Jones	2020
Charles Jacobson	2018
William Kniceley	2001
John R. Koch	2002
Patricia Loughlin	2016
Betty Jo Magee	2017
James Michael	2016
Karen Workman Mumford	2019
Lucille Hammond Nichols	2019
Eugene I. Nichols	2022
E. Thomas Northam	2019
Linda T. Pevey	2021
James Pugh	2018
Charlene Reitz	2016
Walter Reeves	2017
Marie E. Robinson	2013
John Rogers	2018
Donald L. Schuler	2009
Alexinia Seldon	2020
Ronald Schatz	2022
Joseph M. Smith	2021
John L. Stark	2018
William Steward	2018
Clifton F. Toomey	2018
Andrew J. Turner, III	2021
James Whitaker	2020
Barbara Wilson	2008
Joan Wolff	2018

52. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference:
 a) By appointment category and conference relationship

NOTES:

- (1) Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.
- (2) For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:
 ¶344.1a, c): the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.
 ¶344.1b): the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
 ¶344.1d): the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

Note: Report those in extension ministry in one category only.

See the Discipline paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.

Note: Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (¶¶331.1c, 339) (74)							
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (¶331.1a, b) (77a, b)		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1a, c) (76a)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1b) (76b)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1d) (76c)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx		xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
Appointments to Attend School (¶331.3) (79)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Sabbatical Leave (51)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Medical Leave (52)							
On Transitional Leave (50a5)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Retired (53, 54, 55)						xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Total Number, Clergy Members							
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members							

b) By gender and racial/ethnic identification NOTE: See the instruction for item 57 for guidelines to assist in the racial/ethnic identification count.

<i>Clergy Demographics</i>																					
Categories	Deacons in Full Connection			Elders in Full Connection			Provisional Deacons			Provisional Elders			Associate Members & Affiliate Members with Vote			Full time Local Pastors			Part-time Local Pastors		
	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Asian																					
Black																					
Hispanic																					
Native American																					
Pacific Islander																					
White																					
Multi-Racial																					
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*																					

PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Note: Indicate credential of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.

53. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry

54. Who is certified in specialized ministry - List the areas of specialized ministry.

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Christina L. Whaley	RE	Spiritual Formation

55. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Sending Conference

56. Who are transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Receiving Conference

57. Who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry

PART IV ASSIGNED LAY MEMBERS

58. Who are lay members serving within your Annual Conference.

a) Certified Lay Ministers (§ 268, and 666.10) (List alphabetically, by district)

(* indicates that the CLM is assigned to a church.)

Name	District	Date of Certification	Last Recertification
Datsie Adams	Delaware	11/15/2018	
Harold Barker	Delaware	09/20/2018	
Monica Benson	Delaware	04/21/2021	
Patricia Bernal	Upper Shore	11/16/2023	
*June Billman	Upper Shore		12/21/2023
Otis Blackburn	Delaware	09/20/2018	
Austin Buchiane	Lower Shore		
Joseph Cain	Lower Shore	06/02/2014	02/16/2023
Dwight Cephas	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Jennifer Christy	Upper Shore	06/01/2022	11/16/2023
*Marie Colbourne	Upper Shore	01/18/2024	
Susan Davis	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Douglas Deshields	Lower Shore	04/04/2019	
Sandra Desmond	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Raymond Eck	Delaware	12/17/2020	
Racquel Farmer	Delaware		
*Cathrine Finkbiner	Lower Shore	01/21/2023	09/20/2024
Sandra Foreman	Lower Shore	05/30/2012	
Ernest Gaudioso	Delaware	11/15/2018	
Deborah Haberstroh	Lower Shore		

*Mary Ellen Harris	Upper Shore	11/17/2022	
Franklin Hendricks	Delaware	05/23/2012	
Richard Insley	Lower Shore	10/19/2017	
Lawrence Josefowski	Delaware	11/21/2019	
David Kane	Delaware	09/19/2020	
Richard Kellam	Lower Shore	04/04/2019	
*Dale Krupla	Upper Shore	04/20/2023	03/17/2024
*James Lecates	Lower Shore	12/12/2013	02/28/2024
Joyce Lecates	Lower Shore	12/12/2013	
Robert Marx	Delaware	06/13/2013	
David Meyers	Delaware	06/19/2024	
Karen Miller	Delaware	11/21/2019	12/20/2023
Theresa L. Miller	Delaware		
*Shari Morrow	Delaware	01/17/2019	03/20/2024
*Donald Mulholland	Delaware	07/07/2016	12/08/2022
*Barbara Neighhoff	Lower Shore	06/01/2023	02/21/2024
Daniel Nelson	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Victor Norris	Delaware	09/19/2019	
Eileen Parton	Delaware	02/18/2021	
*Reginald Pinkett	Upper Shore	06/01/2022	04/17/2024
*Tonya Pritchett	Upper Shore	05/16/2024	
James Lee Reid	Lower Shore	05/25/2011	
Charles Shelton	Delaware	04/21/2012	
Mary Sheppard	Delaware	05/28/2020	
Joanne Slacum	Upper Shore	04/20/2023	
Jane E. Smith	Delaware	11/15/2018	
Carol Stevens	Delaware	11/21/2019	
William Steward	Delaware	06/13/2013	
Sandra Sutton	Delaware	09/21/2022	
*William Taylor	Delaware	06/01/2021	05/15/2024
Isaac Thomas	Upper Shore	08/23/2020	11/16/2023
*Pamela Tull-Baynum	Upper Shore	02/15/2024	02/15/2024
Terri Lynn Wanzer	Delaware	05/28/2020	
Dawana White	Lower Shore	09/02/2015	
Christopher Wigfall	Delaware	07/16/2019	
Donna Wilson	Delaware		
Laretta Wilson	Delaware	03/18/2021	11/02/2022

b) DS Assigned Lay supply (SY - SUPPLIED/HIRED/ASSIGNED)

Name	District	First Year Appointed	Fraction of Time to be Served	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Nan Duerling	Upper Shore	2018	¼		
David Fontanez	Delaware	2023	½		
Gregory Hickman	Upper Shore	2024	½		
Deangelo "Tony" Johnson	Lower Shore	2018	½		
Steven Leonard	Upper Shore	2023	½		
William Stewart	Upper Shore	2023	½		
Stewart Wilson	Upper Shore	2023	¼		

(* Will attend licensing school in 2024.)

PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS

(Paragraph numbers in questions 64-71 refer to the 1992 *Book of Discipline*)

59. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (§312)

Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date

60. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (§312)

Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date

61. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (§313.3) (**Under §313.3a, no vote; under §313.3b, v 2/3**)

Name	Date Effective

62. What diaconal ministers have died during the year

a) Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

b) Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death

63. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under §313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave): (v)

Name	Type of Leave	Date Originally Granted

64. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (§313.1e):

Name	Date Originally Granted

65. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (§313.1e) (v)

Name	Date Originally Granted

66. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (§313.2): (**Under §313.2b, v 2/3**)

a) This year

Name	Date Effective

b) Previously

Name	Date Effective

PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

67. Who are approved for less than full-time service

a) What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (§§338.2, 342.2, 1506) (v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4):

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Amor del Rosario	Minquadales:Gracia Divina	¼
Patrick “Bo” Gordy-Stith (FE)	Rehoboth:Epworth	½
David T. Ingalls (FE)	Wilmington:Grace	¾
Rene Knight-Peguero (FE)	Georgetown:Iglesia Metodista	½
Lindsay Wessell (FE)	Wyoming	¾
Zachary Wheeler (FE)	Salisbury:Bethesda	¾

b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§331.7)

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Megan Shitama Weston	Camp Pecometh	¾

68. Who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of §338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period

Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date

69. What elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local and supply pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year (Attach a list.)

70. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session (Attach list. Include and identify Appointments Beyond the Local Church (Deacons) and Appointments to Extension Ministries (Elders). Give effective dates of all changes.)

Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date
Sun Ae Lee Koo (FE)	Hebron:Charity	07/01/2023	09/30/2023
Kevin Wells (PL)	Blades, Blades:Asbury, & Portsville	07/01/2023	09/30/2023
Gary Priddy (FE)	Raum Chapel	07/01/2023	11/18/2023
William Walters (OE)	Milton:Goshen	07/01/2023	12/31/2023
Sheryl Allston (FE)	Extension Ministry (Christiana Care)	07/01/2023	12/31/2023
Zachary Wheeler (FE)	Salisbury:Bethesda & Hebron:Charity	10/01/2023	06/30/2024
Wala-neh Labala (SY)	Ridgely, Thawley’s Chapel & Bridgetown	10/01/2023	06/30/2024
David Fontanez (SY)	Blades, Blades:Asbury, & Portsville	10/01/2023	06/30/2024
Marjorie Belmont (RE)	Lewes:Israel	11/01/2023	06/30/2024
Steven Leonard (SY)	Raum Chapel	11/19/2023	06/30/2024
Robert White (OF)	Hooper’s Island Charge	12/17/2023	06/30/2024
Eric Fontanez-Baez (PL)	Ellendale Charge	12/20/2023	06/30/2024
Patricia Bollinger (RL)	Milton: Goshen, Milton: Zion (Nassau), and Millsboro: Indian Mission	01/01/2024	06/30/2024
Stewart Wilson (SY)	Charlestown: Hart’s & St. John	01/01/2024	06/30/2024

71. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year (Attach a list)

a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a, c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Ronald W. Bell, Jr.	FE	2022	Director of Healing & Resilience, The Upper Room	LS: Westover:St. James
Christina Marie Blake	FE	2020	Lower Shore District Superintendent	
Elmer Neal Davis, Jr.	FE	2019	Upper Shore District Superintendent	
Jacqueline Ford	FE	2022	Director of Connectional Ministries	D: Simpson
Lester N. Justice	FE	2016	Director, Strengthening the Black Church	
Tom Alan Pasmore, Jr.	FE	2024	Delaware District Superintendent	
John Ky Shitama	FE	2000	Director of Clergy Excellence	D: St. Mark's
Richard Vance	FE	2016	Director of Operations, General Commission on United Methodist Men	LS: Fruitland:St. Johns

b) To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Amor Del Rosario	FE	2015	Chaplain, Maryland National Guard	US: Calvary-Wye of Carmichael
Thomas K. Johnson	FE	2006	Chaplain, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Ashland, KY	
Barry D. Steiner-Ball	FE	2001	Chaplain, U.S. Air Force Reserve (¼ time)	D: Milford:Avenue

c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Chelsea Spyres	PE	2022	Riverfront Ministries	D: Wilmington:Grace

72. Who are appointed as deacons beyond the local church (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year (Attach a list.)

a) Through non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (¶331.1a)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Robyn Brown	FD	2019	Chaplain: Compass Regional Hospice, Centreville, MD	US: Worton-Fairlee
Lawrence Ganster	FD	2017	Aseracare Hospice; Westbury Retirement Center	LS: Fenwick: St. Matthews by the Sea
Kevin Smith	PD	2023	Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County	D:Newark

b) Through United Methodist Church-related agencies or schools within the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church (¶331.1b)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez	FD	2021	Immigration Law & Justice Network	D: Dover:Wesley

Megan Shitama Weston	FD	2012	Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries	US: Chesapeake City
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73. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6) (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Name	Clergy Status	School

74. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline] (Attach list)

75. What other personal notations should be made (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

D'lorah Wallace has changed her name to D'lorah Wallace-Purnell.

Marjorie Belmont Burns has changed her name to Marjorie Belmont.

The dates for Annual Conference 2024 were incorrectly listed as June 13-15, 2024. The dates are actually June 6-8, 2024. The location will be Ocean City, Maryland.

Jacob Breasure should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor serving at ½ time effective July 1, 2023.

G. Brandon Harris should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor serving at ½ time.

L. E. Henry-Gordy should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ½ time.

Janice Herman should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ¾ time.

Casey Houtz should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ¾ time.

Gail Stallings Minor should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ¾ time.

John Schutt should have been listed as a Part-time Local Pastor at ½ time.

Helen Lewis should have been listed as discontinued effective July 1, 2023.

Sharon O'Connor should have been listed as discontinued effective October 1, 2022.

Eric Fontanez-Baez should have been listed as a DS Assigned Lay Supply since July 1, 2022.

William W. White should be listed as DS Assigned Lay supply effective July 1, 2023.

Tonya Pritchett should have been listed as an assigned CLM effective July 1, 2023.

Theresa L. Miller should have been listed as an assigned CLM effective July 1, 2023.

Kevin Smith should have been listed as having a primary appointment with Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County effective July 1, 2023.

Roslyn Watts surrendered her credentials and was discontinued on June 30, 2023, and should have been listed on the 2023 BAC.

Patricia Bollinger should have been listed as a RLP on loan in the 2023 BAC.

76. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)
TBD



Peninsula – Delaware Annual Conference
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Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Evans,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Richard Evans, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective April 16, 2024, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

Please complete the attached form, which requires notarization, and send with your conference membership and ordination certificates to the conference secretary Rev Eric Warner (300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921). The ordination certificate will be returned to you after noting the date of withdrawal.

A copy of this notification will be filed with the Secretary of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the records of the Annual Conference will reflect your voluntary withdrawal.

We pray for God's Spirit and blessing to be with you as you seek to remain a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

Rev. Lester Justice, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Rev. Megan Shitama Weston, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Requests and paperwork to be deposited with the Conference Secretary should be sent via certified mail to: PDC: Rev Eric Warner 300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921



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Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Barth,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Joseph Barth, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective December 19, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

Please complete the attached form, which requires notarization, and send with your conference membership and ordination certificates to the conference secretary Rev Eric Warner (300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921). The ordination certificate will be returned to you after noting the date of withdrawal.

A copy of this notification will be filed with the Secretary of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the records of the Annual Conference will reflect your voluntary withdrawal.

We pray for God's Spirit and blessing to be with you as you seek to remain a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

Rev. Lester Justice, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Rev. Megan Shitama Weston, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

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Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Lockwood,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Helen B. Lockwood, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective December 19, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

Please complete the attached form, which requires notarization, and send with your conference membership and ordination certificates to the conference secretary Rev Eric Warner (300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921). The ordination certificate will be returned to you after noting the date of withdrawal.

A copy of this notification will be filed with the Secretary of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the records of the Annual Conference will reflect your voluntary withdrawal.

We pray for God's Spirit and blessing to be with you as you seek to remain a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

Rev. Lester Justice, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Rev. Megan Shitama Weston, Co-Chair
Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

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Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Sherwood,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, The Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes that you, Rev. Paul H. Sherwood, have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, effective November 14, 2023, and altogether from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Further, you are not authorized to utilize your United Methodist ordination credentials for any purpose, as you are no longer a Minister of the Gospel of the United Methodist Church and are not acting in another capacity with the authorization of the Bishop.

Please complete the attached form, which requires notarization, and send with your conference membership and ordination certificates to the conference secretary Rev Eric Warner (300 Hermitage Drive, Elkton MD 21921). The ordination certificate will be returned to you after noting the date of withdrawal.

A copy of this notification will be filed with the Secretary of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the records of the Annual Conference will reflect your voluntary withdrawal.

We pray for God's Spirit and blessing to be with you as you seek to remain a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

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Board of Ordained Ministry
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Rev. Megan Shitama Weston, Co-Chair
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Peninsula – Delaware Annual Conference
of
The United Methodist Church

Board of Ordained Ministry

April 22, 2024

Dear Rev. Walton,

The Board of Ordained Ministry has determined that your action to serve a church that has disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church beyond its disaffiliation date constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the United Methodist Church.

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240th Clergy Session, Peninsula-Delaware Conference
Thursday afternoon, June 6, 2024
Ocean City, Maryland; Ashore Resort and Conference Center

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling called to order the 240th session of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Clergy Session to order at 1:49 pm after opening worship led by the Conference Clergy Choir and Board of Ordained Ministry Chairs.

An offering was taken to support the Clergy Assistance Fund.

Bishop Easterling introduced those on the dais and then Patrick Shownes, Good News Media, led the session in a voting tutorial

Tom Pasmore, BOOM Registrar, presented the enabling motion; approved unanimously after amendment by Bishop Easterling to include the first gentleman, Rev Marion Easterling.

In accordance with paragraph 602 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, I move that full Clergy Members of the Annual Conference, the Associate Member/Local Pastor Representative and Lay Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry be seated with voice and vote; the Provisional Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Local Pastors under full time and part time appointment to a pastoral charge, be allowed to sit in the clergy session with voice but without vote; that the Conference Secretary, technical assistants, ASL interpreters, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Episcopal Executive Assistant, the Parliamentarian and the Chancellor, be allowed to sit without voice or vote; and that this be the operative procedure unless the Chair deems it necessary to convene a closed session.

Rev Pasmore then led the clergy through the voting questions on the "Business of the Annual Conference" report (see attached report).

All BAC questions were approved either unanimously, or by over 90% majority.

The following persons were approved for commissioning and ordination:

Carol Rose Nelson Moore: Provisional Deacon to be commissioned

David Thomas Ingalls: Full Elder to be ordained

Question 42. Who have had their conference membership terminated a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§360.1, .4) was read for informational purposes, as it did not require a vote,

Bishop Easterling recognized Rev Vaughn Hayden, Full Elder, Trinity UMC Salisbury, MD, with two requests for a ruling of law:

Rev. Hayden asked:

“Pertaining to Paragraph 360 regarding withdrawal, if there has been no written request for withdrawal by the clergy member, can the Board of Ordained Ministry assume a voluntary withdrawal by other means?”

And

“If a retired clergy member in good standing chooses to operate in the capacity as a UM clergy in Word, Sacrament, Order and Service at a church or location that is not United Methodist, is that a chargeable offense and subject to Par 2702.2, including fair process as defined by Par 20?”

Bishop Easterling said she would respond appropriately within 30 days, and also gave a verbal response explaining the Council of Bishops' and Judicial Council interpretation of the Book of Discipline that clergy may not hold membership in more than one denomination, and that clergy were given notice at the 2023 clergy session that they could not continue serving churches that disaffiliated and remain United Methodist without the express permission of the bishop.

The clergy completed the BAC questions and then approved the full report.

Bishop Easterling thanked the members of the Board and adjourned the session at 2:54 pm