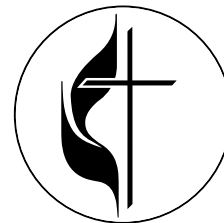


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Agenda for Wednesday, May 1

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Breakfast

6:30 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration

8:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Worship

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Methodist Family Day (30 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports

10:00 – 10:20 A.M. – Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- 100th Anniversary of the United Methodist Building (5 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference

Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break

4:00 – 6:10 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Voting Demonstration
- Elections
 - Trustees of John Street Church
 - Secretary-designate of the General Conference
 - Commission on the General Conference
 - General Agencies
 - Judicial Council
 - University Senate
 - Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion

6:30 P.M. – Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Errata May 1

DCA Volume 5, No., p. 2199, Nominations for the General Commission on Archives and History, “Michael Weitzel” should be spelled, “Michael Wetzel.”

DCA Volume 5, No. 6, p. 2107, Judicial Council Nominations (Updated), and p. 2113, Judicial Council Nominee Biographical Sketches, "Jessica Vittoria" should be spelled, "Jessica Vittorio."

Upcoming Survey from the Connectional Table

The Connectional Table of The UMC, in cooperation with the Commission on General Conference, is conducting a survey about the delegates to the postponed 2020 General Conference. **The purpose of this survey is to gather descriptive information on the delegates to the General Conference.** The Connectional Table welcomes your thoughts and opinions as elected delegates to the General Conference. The survey data will be compiled into a summary and

shared with delegates to provide an overview of the responses. The data will be made available to delegates who request it, and to United Methodist Researchers at our UM agencies.

Please watch your email for this survey and complete it in a timely manner. This information will help us better understand where we are as a denomination. Thank you!

GCORR Equity Monitoring Report No. 8

*“For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,*

*With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for all
who share life, a system’s that fair.*

*And God will delight when we are creators of
justice, and joy, compassion, and peace,*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of
justice...justice and joy.”*

***For Everyone Born, UM Worship and Song
Hymnal, #3149.***

Consideration of petitions directly related to our budget started on Tuesday morning and will continue through Friday. Budgetary documents may appear as technical presentations of numbers, percentages, and columns. They present funds based on income and expenses, and this year they reflect significant reductions in projected available funds secondary to church disaffiliations and/or closures in the United States.

While numbers and calculations are prominent in these reports and petitions, our budgets are, in fact, moral documents imbued with human stories of worldwide ministries, missions, visions, and

aspirations, best viewed through an equity lens.

Who will gain or lose resources? When viewing the proposed budgets for programs, agencies, missions, etc., think about the ministries that are provided by each. Think about who they are serving. Are their mission fields local, regional, and in what region worldwide? How many people depend on these programs for education, health, community building? How many staff members are in place and/or are required to maintain effective ministries that can respond to needs as they arise?

Whom and what do we prioritize in a proposed budget? In the Rev. Dr. Jerry Pillay’s sermon on Tuesday morning, he repeatedly asked, “What is the church to do?” He goes on to say, “The church must stand with God, not the rich and the powerful,” and as a prophetic voice in the world, “correct political, legal, economical, and ecological imbalances” through “justice, reconciliation, and unity.” When deliberating on our budget, we are compelled to examine the recommended funds to identify what items are funded fully, partially, or not at all. We are inspired to gather our strength to speak with courage to “economic imbalances” that

compromise ministry and missions, including those that are among our stated denominational priorities.

This brings to mind a verse from the late Bishop William Boyd Grove's hymn "Christ, the Church You Gave is Broken:"

Holy Spirit, come and bless us, give us a vision for our day. Give a vision large and mighty to your people now, we pray. Make us one now, make us one now, Spirit, come and make us whole, Spirit, come and make us whole.

The delegates engaged openly and respectfully, if not passionately, about petitions having possible financial impact. One presenter helpfully reminded all that we can hold two truths in tension. The United States base of the UMC is facing financial

pressures and would benefit from some relief. At the same time, all regions of the denomination value connexionalism, connectional ministries, the partnership of the general agencies, and the blessings of special funds, such as Africa University and the Historic Black Colleges and Universities.

As Bishop David Bard concluded the afternoon plenary, he celebrated that the delegation is actively working to build God's beloved community and moving beyond many barriers.

The Rev. Dr. Pillay ended his morning message with this challenge: "The unity of the Church (United Methodist Church) is in your hands!" We will add: The strength and impact of the worldwide living connection is in your very capable hands.

GCSRW Monitoring Report, May 1

On Monday evening, as the sun set over Charlotte, over 150 delegates and friends participated in the Service of Lament, Confession and Hope. It was an open apology for survivors who have been harmed by The United Methodist Church. We confessed our sin of silence and recommitted ourselves to developing safe and healthy churches that honor and protect the whole person.

Much of what was shared in the service of lament was also reflected in the message of Rev. Dr. Jerry Pillay, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, yesterday morning. We have been urged to listen for the voice of God, which calls us to address injustices like war, violence, hunger, effects of climate change, and abuse, which disproportionately affect women and children. We cannot be silent, we must stand for justice.

We joyfully witnessed and celebrated the installation of Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, the first Black woman bishop to serve as the President for the Council of Bishops! The first white woman elected to the episcopacy was Bishop Marjorie Matthews who was elected in 1980 to serve the Wisconsin Episcopal Area. The first Black woman was Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly, elected in 1984, who served the California-Nevada Conference.

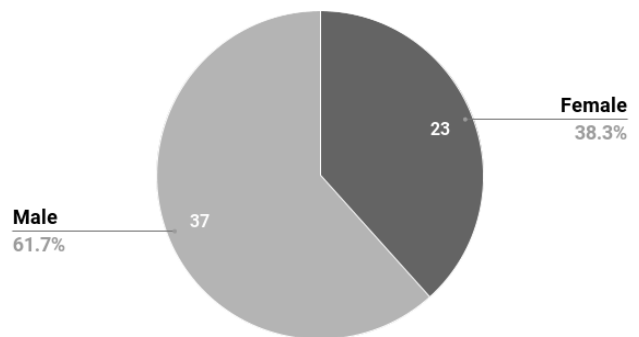
Though the worldwide membership of The United Methodist Church is over 50% women, of our active bishops, only 20 of the bishops are women and 40 are men. During this General Conference, 5 female bishops and 7 male bishops have presided over our work.

We celebrate our delegates and their deep passion for the work of The United Methodist Church. Of those who participated in yesterday's discussions

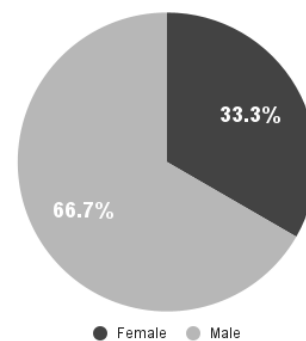
from the floor, 38.3% were women, 61.7% were men. Let us continue to work towards discussions that express our diversity.

May we live into our faith as expressed in yesterday's hymn: "Make us one now, make us one now; For God's witness in our time, for God's witness in our time. Holy Spirit, come and bless us. Give a vision for our day. Give a vision large and mighty to your people now we pray."

04/30 - Speakers From Floor - By Gender



Active Bishops



Additional Nominations for the Commission on the General Conference

Youth, Class of 2028:

Landon Balmos-Ruddock (West Ohio)

Kaneza Channelle (Burundi)

Kaitlyn Coakley (North Georgia)

Kenani Kaira (Zambia)

Anastasia Mykhtoniuk (Ukraine-Moldova
Provisional)

Amisi Ngongo (East Congo)

Dave Uriel (Central Luzon Philippines)

Konrad Westad (Norway)

Rule 33. Consent Calendar

Calendar items are automatically placed on a consent calendar when the item has ten (10) or fewer votes against the prevailing position of the legislative committee. Rule 33(3)(a)

There are three different consent calendars:

- **Consent Calendar A** contains calendar items involving *disciplinary* changes for which the legislative committee recommendation is to *adopt*
- **Consent Calendar B** contains calendar items involving *non-disciplinary* changes for which the legislative committee recommendation is to *adopt*
- **Consent Calendar C** contains *any calendar item* for which the committee recommendation is to *refer*.

Calendar items with a minority report *cannot* be placed on any consent calendar. Items with financial implications or items dealing with the Constitution cannot be placed on Consent Calendars A or B, but they *can* be placed on Consent Calendar C because there would be no financial or constitutional implications.

Rule 33(7) Removing a Calendar Item from the Consent Calendar

Any twenty (20) delegates may have a Consent Calendar item removed by submitting a Consent Calendar Removal Request Form by 3:00 p.m. of the day the calendar item first appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The form can be picked up from room 103 and returned to room 103. Reserve delegates may sign requests to remove items from the consent calendar only while seated as voting delegates.

Consent Calendar B06

490-CB64-R3203-A-G

Subject: Maternal Health: The Church's Role

Petition: 20560-CB-R3203-G

Membership: 67; Present: 52;

For: 51; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/27

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amend the following After Economic Bar-

riers

add: paid family and parental leave, between "health insurance" and "contraception."

Third paragraph of Economic barriers, add "and family, parental, and medical leave." in last sentence

Under recommendations bullet that begins with "address the root causes," strike ~~access to health services, racism or child marriage~~

and include the words "racism, child marriage, access to health services, and paid family and paternal leave."

Add bullet before last bullet, "Align church policies to support maternal health, including paid family, parental and medical leave, as well as quality and affordable health care."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Calendar Items R06

513-FA72-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #1 (Revised) - World Service Fund

Petition: 21116-FA-NonDis

Membership: 68; Present: 59;

For: 57; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/27

The Report stands as submitted.

Note: Any financial adjustments will be updated by GCFA and CT

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

514-FA73-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #2 (Revised) - Ministerial Education Fund

Petition: 21117-FA-NonDis

Membership: 68; Present: 58;

For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/27

The Report stands as submitted.

Note: Any financial adjustments will be updated by GCFA and CT

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

515-FA74-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report # 3 (Revised) - The Black College Fund

Petition: 21119-FA-NonDis

Membership: 68; Present: 58;

For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/27

The Report stands as submitted.

Note: Any financial adjustments will be updated by GCFA and CT

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

516-FA76-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #5 (Revised) - The Episcopal Fund

Petition: 21121-FA-NonDis

Membership: 68; Present: 61;

For: 57; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/27

The Report stands as submitted.

Note: Any financial adjustments will be updated by GCFA and CT

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

517-FA77-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report # 6 (Revised) - General Administration Fund

Petition: 21122-FA-NonDis
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 58; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/27

The Report stands as submitted.

Note: Any financial adjustments will be updated by GCFA and CT

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

518-FA78-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report # 7 (Revised) Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Petition: 21123-FA-NonDis
Membership: 68; Present: 60;
For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/27

The Report stands as submitted.

Note: Any financial adjustments will be updated by GCFA and CT

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

538-CO29-NonDis-A-G

Subject: Next Generation UMC #1-Create a Commission and Call a Special Session

Petition: 20698-CO-NonDis-G
Membership: 81; Present: 72;
For: 42; Against: 29; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 4/27

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike all language in the original petition. Replace with the text below.

The General Conference shall authorize the creation of the Living Home Commission

on the Future of United Methodism to envision a missionally responsive Church and propose Disciplinary changes necessary for a regionally and contextually aligned United Methodist Church. Drawing upon the guiding principles of our theological tradition (including Articles of Religion, Doctrinal Standards, and our Theological Task), the commission shall examine our connectional structures and recommend adaptations and innovations to increase missional effectiveness that are at once simplified, sustainable, and relevant.

The membership of the Commission shall comprise 32 voting members, to be appointed as follows: 28 by the Connectional Table, including at least one layperson and one clergyperson from each jurisdiction and central conference (or regional conference); and 4 bishops from different continents by the Council of Bishops. The leadership of the Commission shall be shared among three Commission members: one bishop, to be selected by the Council of Bishops; and one clergyperson and one layperson, one of whom shall reflect the diversity of the church, at least a quarter of its members being under 35 at the time of their appointment. The membership shall include expertise in the areas of theology, ecclesiology, missiology, and organizational management. The Connectional Table shall provide staff support for the Commission.

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their delegates. The Commission shall present its report and any recommendations to the Connectional Table for distribution to the general church at least 230 days prior to the next session of the General Conference, be it called or regular.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

558-OM165-¶602.1d-N

Subject: Local Pastors Vote on Constitutional Amendments

Petition: 20107-OM-¶602.1d
Membership: 66; Present: 46;
For: 39; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/27

Committee Moves to Not Support

Adopted Not Adopted Date /

Brought To Floor by the following delegates:

Girrell, Becca
McAvoy McClain, Effie
Robinson, Randall
Mark, Allison
Hermon, Anish
Dailey, Matt
Riss, Timothy
Lyll, Alka
Holston, Clarinda
Bonneter-Kim, Amanda
Marden, Bonnie
Williams, Jay
Ryde, Helen
Smith, Samuel
Hsu, Michael
Scott, Derrick
Klein, Shandon
Urriola, Ian
Parker, Caleb
Wolverton, Kenneth

Corrections to the Calendar

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Adopted Not Adopted Date /

Moved from Consent Calendar B05 to Consent Calendar B06

Correction Reason: The DCA printing did not include the addition after the language that was struck.

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516-FA76-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #5 (Revised) - The Episcopal Fund

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For: 57; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/27

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517-FA77-NonDis-A-\$

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Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

Correction Reason: The petition was amended in subcommittee and the subcommittee amendment was not submitted.

Non-Calendarred Items Brought To Floor Rule 34(3)

558-OM165-¶602.1d-N

Subject: Local Pastors Vote on Constitutional Amendments

Brought To Floor by the following people:

Girrell, Becca
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 Robinson, Randall
 Mark, Allison
 Hermon, Anish
 Dailey, Matt
 Riss, Timothy
 Lyall, Alka
 Holston, Clarinda
 Bonnette-Kim, Amanda
 Marden, Bonnie
 Williams, Jay
 Ryde, Helen
 Smith, Samuel
 Hsu, Michael
 Scott, Derrick
 Klein, Shandon
 Urriola, Ian
 Parker, Caleb
 Wolverton, Kenneth

