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Agenda for Thursday, May 2

6:30 – 8:00 A.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

- Commissioning of Missionaries

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Mission Bicentennial (15 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

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

- Organization of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Recognition of New Judicial Council Members and those members completing their service
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break

4:00 – 6:10 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- 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 2

DCA Volume 5, No. 8, p. 2250, Additional Nominations for the Commission on the General

Conference, “Dave Uriel” should be “Dave Uriel Rombaoa.”

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Following are the names of those who have died since we were last together. These names were read during worship on May 1 as part of our service of remembering. We honor their memory and give thanks for their faithful service to Jesus Christ and The United Methodist Church. We hold them in our hearts as we commend them to God and the hope of life eternal.

Bishops and Spouses

Bishop William Wesley Morris	Jean Stockton
Julia Wilke	Lucile Wheatley
Eunice Mathews	Bishop Bevel L. Jones III
Bishop Federico J. Pagura was elected in 1969 to The UMC but then became an autonomous bishop when his area went autonomous.	Melvena Nagbe
Louise Baird Short	Mary Ann Hunt
Kathleen Thomas-Sano	Bishop Benjamin Chamness
Bishop Franz W. Schäfer	Bishop William B. Oden
Bishop Emerson Colaw	Mary Jean Russell
Ruth Thomas	Bishop Judith Craig
Gwen White	Bishop Dale White
Bishop Moisés Fernandes	Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks
Thelma H. Newman	Lila Elaine Hicks
Bishop John Wesley Hardt	Linda Carder
Angelina Nacpil	Bishop R. Kern Eutsler
Dorothy S. Lee	Bishop Mike Coyner
Bishop Ruediger Minor	Virginia Clymer
	Sherrie Dobbs Johnson
	Marie Webb
	Betty Boulton
	Ruth Handy
	Bishop John K. Yambasu
	Martha Carson Hardt
	Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn

Ina Schowengerdt

Polly Hodapp

Anne Hearn

Brad Kiesey

Bishop F. Herbert Skeete

Bishop Daniel C. Arichea, Jr.

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel

Bishop Beverly J. Shamana

Jeffrey Swenson

Dania Aben Soriano

Jack D. Middleton

Bishop Wilbur Choy

Marji Tuell

Rose King

Shimba Ntambo

Annegret Klaiber

Bishop John Russell

Bishop Robert H. Spain

Christiana K. Dabale

Socorro Granadosin

Syble Spain

Zoe Wilson

Bishop Marshall (Jack) Meadors, Jr.

Etta Mae Mutti

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

Bishop Melvin Talbert

Lurleen L. Juan

Bishop Thomas Stockton

Bishop João S. Machado

Bishop William Boyd Grove

Bishop Calvin D. McConnell

Bishop Solito K. Toquero

Velma McConnell

Bishop Timothy Whitaker

Judicial Council

Ruben T. Reyes

Delegates

Yed Esaie Angoran

Doudoue Gabriel Basse

Eugene Niagne Lasmé

Susan Elizabeth Brown

Junius Boyd Dotson

Nathan David Stanton

Anna K Kpaan

Cyprus Saye

Chijika Clement Kongolo

Fidele Mpwej Ngandu

Autura Eason-Williams

Turner Arant

Américo Julião Nhassengo

Heath Andrew Husted

Glenn Leland Ethridge

Gypsin Kyenge Nsungu Ilunga

Rebecca Kamwang Mwad

John Herschel Beard

Noriko Yokokawa Lao

Ntshakal Yav

Cornelia Anne Clark

Donna Fay West

Darlene Vancamp Amon

Carl Lee Moravitz

Allen Alvaro

Betty Spiwe Katiyo

Themba Siwela

Clara Zamchiya

John Mark Lawson

Previous Staff

David Atkinson

DeWayne Woodring

Faith Richardson

Beth Steed

Debra Tyree

Leonard Young

Ellen Natt

Mary Catherine Dean

Election Results from May 1

The following people were elected for the Judicial Council, University Senate, Secretary-Designate of the General Conference, and the John Street United Methodist Church Board of Trustees.

Judicial Council

Laity:

Harriett Jane Olson (8-year term)

Molly Hlekani Mwayera (8-year term)

Bill Wadell (4-year term)

Andrew Vorbrich (4-year term)

Clergy:

Angela Brown (8-year term)

Susan Henry-Crowe (8-year term)

Jonathan Ulanday (8-year term)

Øyvind Helliesen (4-year term)

Luan-Vu Tran (4-year term)

Lay Alternates:

Erin Hawkins

Jessica Vittorio

Kent Fulton

Thomas Lee

Thomas Starnes

Laurie Day

Clergy Alternates:

Tim Bruster

Taylor Walters Denyer

Paul Perez

Beverly Wilkes Null

Mark Grafenread

Kate Croskery-Jones

University Senate

Chief Executive Officers of United Methodist-Related Educational Institutions:

Bishop Grant Hagiya

Candace Lewis

Other Positions Relevant to Academic or Financial Affairs or Church Relationships:

Kim Ingram

Lisa Garvin

Secretary-Designate of the General Conference

Aleze Fulbright

The John Street United Methodist Church Board of Trustees

Alan Stapler, Manhattan

Jim Hohenstein, Manhattan

Jay Cardwell, Peconic, New York

Rosalie Bonner, Manhattan

Jackie Landler, Longmont Island City, New York

Ray Rogers, Sea Cliff, New York

Andrew Bain, Brooklyn, New York

Scott Slobodnyak, Manhattan, New York

Sheryl Parkinson, Manhattan, New York

Resident Bishop of the New York Annual
Conference – *ex officio*

GCORR Equity Monitoring Report No. 9

The power of words that stigmatize, marginalize, and diminish the full humanity of people can never be underestimated. When words are codified into rules, policies, and practices of discrimination, harm prevails over love. Equity is about creating access. Actions of the General Conference on May 1, 2024 changed systems, policies and practices that had excluded an entire group of people since 1972.

Within the history of our beloved Church are examples of codified exclusion of groups of people viewed as too dangerous, sinful, weak, impure, broken, unworthy, and/or defective to be fully included in the ministries, leadership, and membership of the denomination. Racism, xenophobia, sexism, and homophobia mark our evolution as a denomination. We acknowledge Indigenous women, children, and men; captured/enslaved African women, children, and men; African Americans; immigrants from many lands; women; and LGBTQIA+ individuals who have been deeply harmed by the Church. Our denomination has evolved to acknowledge active participation in racism, colonialism, xenophobia, sexism, and homophobia, sometimes with apology and repentance, sometimes not.

During Wednesday's Plenary session, an historic event occurred in the quiet act of approving Consent Calendar A05 by a vote of 692-51 (93%). Among the items in the calendar was one that

finally removed the “incompatible with Christian Teaching” language used against LGBTQIA+ people for 52 years. Then the quiet moment erupted into song and celebration. As delegates voted on this impactful legislation, it likely brought about what psychologists refer to as cognitive dissonance, when a person or group holds two seemingly opposing ideas at the same time. When the consent calendar was overwhelmingly approved, removing the incompatibility language from the Book of Discipline, there were moments of deep release and acknowledgment that after 52 years, new freedom is now possible, particularly for the United States and European regions of the UMC. This is one of the ideas in cognitive dissonance. The other is our desire is to maintain a vibrant and genuine relationship among regions worldwide. The 93% affirmation is clear and required votes from all across the worldwide conferences present. Yet, we do not know yet how the decision to remove the language will be received in some Central Conferences and Annual Conferences when delegates and bishops return home. Maintaining unity and strong genuine relationships requires that we understand that regions may process the understanding and impact of the decisions at a different pace over time.

As these discussions and those on the projected changes to the pension program for clergy from the United States, we have observed a greater

diversity of delegates coming forward to speak to the issues. This is an encouraging sign.

Bishop David Wilson, Great Plains Episcopal Area, and first Indigenous (Choctaw Nation and Cherokee heritage) Bishop of The United Methodist Church, challenged delegates to make decisions with a mindfulness of how those choices will affect the next seven generations, not on self-interest. Last evening we rejoiced in the installation of Bishop Tracy Smith Malone as the first Black woman President of the Council of

Bishops. A new day has dawned. Then, as delegates and observers departed the building, a rainbow appeared over the Convention Center, giving hope in the promise of calm after a storm. It prompted one observer to post a devotional scripture on social media:

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Luke 1:78-79 NRSV)

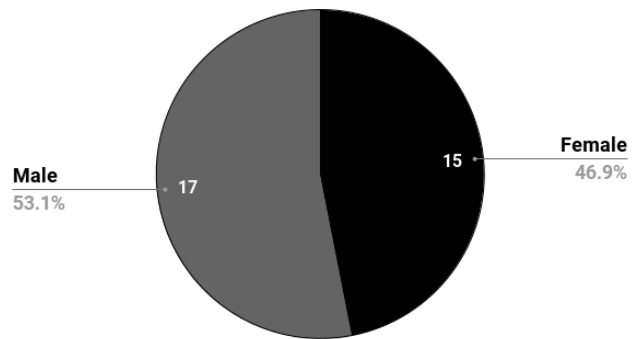
GCSRW Monitoring Report, May 2

Our Wednesday morning worship carried the theme of us all being surrounded by a rich cloud of witnesses. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary General Administration Choir, the sermon by Bishop David Wilson, and the music of the choir from the Philippines all caused us to remember those who have gone before us and who now witness our actions. Hearing Bishop Wilson speak of our “Creator God” allowed us to move beyond gender-limiting language. As the names of the Bishops, spouses of Bishops, and delegates who now watch over us from the other side were read, we were reminded of the great faith heritage that brought us to this day.

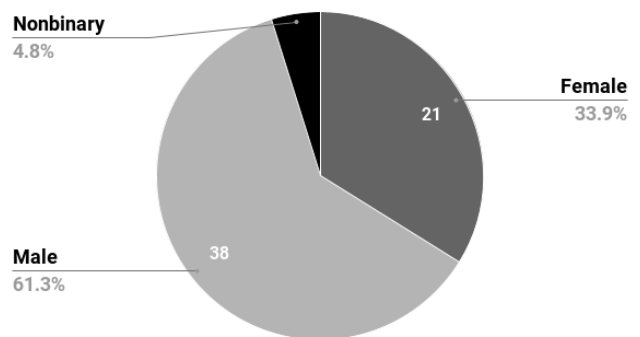
As we moved into the plenary session, we greeted many of our friends from other Methodist denominations. By their presence today, we were reminded of another circle of witnesses born out of our Wesleyan roots, and we give thanks.

The morning saw historic action as the delegates voted to approve the Consent Calendar, and by that action, removed the hurtful language toward our LGBTQ+ siblings from the *Book of Discipline*. That action demonstrated that sometimes the “cloud of witnesses” is as close as the other side of the voting bar of the conference, and even within the bar.

05/01 - Speakers From Stage - By Gender



05/01 - Speakers From Floor - By Gender



Now, this report turns to how we extend our witness by examining the voices that get heard in our gathering during these two weeks. Today we saw a balance of voices who spoke from the platform during the plenary session. At the time of

this submission, 17 males and 15 females had spoken. However, that story continues to be different from the balance of speakers from the floor of General Conference. We have seen the speakers from the floor dominated by male speakers—61.7% of the speakers were male, 33.3% of the speakers were female, and 5.0% of the speakers were nonbinary. We must continue to be more cognizant of how our individual decisions to speak may be preventing another's voice from being heard. We heard a word of invitation from the afternoon's presiding Bishop, Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, who encouraged the body to create space for those who have not spoken yet. Self-

awareness for those who tend to speak often was encouraged. Thank you, Bishop!

A word to those who are presiding: It has been called to our attention the need for those who preside to address all delegates in a uniform manner. On Wednesday, we heard a presider call on speakers, identifying them as "Delegate (last name)." This approach treated every delegate with equal dignity and respect.

As we go into a new day, nearing the end of our time together, let us work hard to guard each person's dignity.

Calendar Items Voted Together

During the morning plenary session on May 1, a motion was made to bundle all remaining calendar items supported by their legislative committee with 20 or fewer votes against, with the exception of items with constitutional impact, items with minority reports, items already moved from a consent calendar, and items that had been requested to be brought to the floor that were not supported by the legislative committee.

The list below was prepared and distributed to delegates at the afternoon plenary session on May

1. Delegates were given the opportunity to review the list and submit a form to remove an item from the bundle with signatures from 20 delegates.

Calendar items 241, 442, and 451 were removed because the plenary had already taken action on them that morning. Calendar items 454, 461, 535, and 554 were removed from the list by request.

All remaining calendar items on the list were bundled and voted together. They were adopted on May 1 by a vote of 606 Yes, 91 No.

Potential Consent Calendar

Calendar Item #	DCA Page	Petition #	ADCA Page	Subject/Sujet/Assunto/Sujets	# Votes Against
17	1992	21062	1577	Clarifying Central Conference Adaptability of Theological Texts	14
				Clarifier l'adaptabilité des textes théologiques à la Conférence centrale	
				Esclarecer a Adaptabilidade dos Textos Teológicos da Conferência Central	
				Kurafanua Kubadlika kwa Maandishi ya Theologigye ya Mukutano Mukubwa	
232	2099	20053	223	New Social Principle on Guns and Gun Violence	19
				Nouveau principe social sur les armes à feu et la violence armée	
				Novo Princípio Social sobre Armas e Violência com Armas	
				Kanuni mupya ya kijamii ku Violence ya Mabunduki na Bunduki	
233	2099	21016	1311	Sustainable Practices for Annual Conference Sessions	17
				Pratiques durables pour les séances de la Conférence annuelle	
				Práticas Sustentáveis para as Sessões da Conferência Anual	
				Mazoezi Endelevu kwa Vikao bya Mukutano wa Kila Mwaka	
234	2099	20986	1367	Resolution on the Protection and Equity for Hispanic/Latino Clergy	19
				Résolution sur la protection et l'équité pour le membre du clergé hispanique/latino	
				Resolução sobre a Protecção e Equidade para os Clérigos Hispano-Latinos	
				Azimio ya Ulinzi na Usawa kwa Wachungaji wa Kihispanique/Latino	
235	2099	20985	1366	Resolution for a Better Church: Strengthening the Work of Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural Ministry	12
				Résolution pour une meilleure église : Renforcer le travail du ministère interracial et interculturel	
				Resolução para uma Igreja Melhor: Fortalecer o Trabalho do Ministério Inter-Racial/Intercultural	
				Azimio ya Kanisa Bora: Kuimarisha Kazi ya Huduma ya Ukabila/Benye Binaweza Tumika mu Culture Zote	
239	2099	20167	621	ALL BELONG: Expansive Ministry Contexts	13
				TOUS SONT MEMBRES : Contextes de ministère expansif	
				TODOS PERTENCEM: Contextos de Ministerios Expansivos	
				BOTE APPARTENANT: Contextes ya Ministere yenye inaongezeka	
241	2099	20346	881	COSROW Support for Central Conference Women	11
				COSROW : Soutien des femmes dans les conférences centrales	
				Apoio da COSROW à Conferência Central Mulheres CGEPM	
				Musaada ya COSROW ku Banamuke ba Conférence Centrale	
243	2100	20411	944	Immediate Family Definition	11
				Définition de la famille immédiate	
				Definição de Familiar Imediato	
				Ufafanuzi wa Familia ya Karibu	

Potential Consent Calendar

Calendar Item #	DCA Page	Petition #	ADCA Page	Subject/Sujet/Assunto/Sujets	# Votes Against
244	2100	20417	947	Reporting Church's Progress on Facilities Becoming Carbon Neutral and/or Having Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions	13
				Compte rendu des progrès de l'église relativement à la quête d'un bilan neutre en carbone et/ou d'un niveau d'émission zéro dans ses installations	
				Comunicar o Progresso da Igreja relativamente às Instituições que se tornam Neutras em Carbono e/ou com Emissões de Gás de Estufa Líquidas Zero	
				Kuriporti Maendeleo ya Kanisa Juu ya Vifaa vya kuwa carbon Netral na/au kuwa na Uzalishaji wa Gesi Nyeusi ya Zero	
245	2100	20413	944	Annual Carbon Footprint and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Audit for Local Churches	14
				Audit annuel de l'emprunte carbone et des émissions de gaz à effet de serre dans les églises locales	
				Auditoria Anual da Pegada de Carbono e Emissões de Gases de Estufa para as Igrejas Locais	
				Utaratibu wa ukuguzi wa kaboni kila mwaka na ukaguzi wa uzalishaji wa gesi chafu kwa makanisa ya kienyeji	
247	2100	20928	1656	Make Current the Readmission After Termination Process	13
				Mettre à jour le processus de réadmission après suspension	
				Atualizar o processo de readmissão após o processo de conclusão	
				Fanya Busomaji wa Sasa Baada ya Processus ya Kukomesha	
442	2177	21087	1359	Remove Disaffiliation Agreement	12
				Supprimer l'accord de destitution	
				Remover o Acordo de Desfiliação	
				Tosha Makubaliano ya Mugawanyiko	
445	2177	20121	395	Building a Fully Inclusive Church	18
				Bâtir une Église pleinement inclusive	
				Construir uma Igreja Totalmente Inclusiva	
				Kujenga Kanisa Entièrement Inclusive	
446	2177	20122	396	Building a Fully Inclusive Church	18
				Bâtir une Église pleinement inclusive	
				Construir uma Igreja Totalmente Inclusiva	
				Kujenga Kanisa Entièrement Inclusive	
447	2178	20123	396	Building a Fully Inclusive Church	20
				Bâtir une Église pleinement inclusive	
				Construir uma Igreja Totalmente Inclusiva	
				Kujenga Kanisa Entièrement Inclusive	

Potential Consent Calendar

Calendar Item #	DCA Page	Petition #	ADCA Page	Subject/Sujet/Assunto/Sujets	# Votes Against
448	2178	20124	396	Building a Fully Inclusive Church	20
				Bâtir une Église pleinement inclusive	
				Construir uma Igreja Totalmente Inclusiva	
				Kujenga Kanisa Entièrement Inclusive	
449	2178	20142	404	Building a Fully Inclusive Church	19
				Bâtir une Église pleinement inclusive	
				Construir uma Igreja Totalmente Inclusiva	
				Kujenga Kanisa Entièrement Inclusive	
451	2178	20199	509	Administrative Services	12
				Services administratifs	
				Serviços Administrativos	
				Huduma ya Utawala	
452	2178	20940	1447	Compensation for Extension Ministries Not to be Published	11
				Indemnisation pour les ministères spécifiques à ne pas publier	
				Compensação para Ministérios de Extensão que não será publicada	
				Mushahara kwa Huduma za Vulgurisation Azitachapishwa	
454	2178	20173	623	Chastity instead of "Celibacy"	19
				« Chasteté » au lieu du « célibat »	
				"Castidade" em vez de "Celibato"	
				Chasteté badala ya "Célibat"	
459	2179	20657	920	Counsel for Complainant	19
				Avocat(e) du plaignant	
				Aconselhamento para o Queixoso	
				Ushauri kwa Malalamiko	
460	2179	20352	916	No Compensation for Judicial Council Members or Alternates	16
				Pas de rémunération pour les membres ou suppléants du conseil judiciaire	
				Sem Compensações para os Membros do Conselho Judicial ou Suplentes	
				Hakuna Compensation ku Bajumbe ba Conseil ya Mahakama ao	
461	2179	20357	918	Clarify Role of the Judicial Council as Related to Judicial and Administrative Appeals	20
				Clarifier le rôle du Conseil judiciaire en lien avec les appels judiciaires et administratifs	
				Clarificar a Função do Conselho Judicial relativamente aos Recursos Judiciais e Administrativos	
				Clarifier Rôle ya Conseil ya Mahakama ngizi inahusina na Mahakama na Appels ya Utawala	

Potential Consent Calendar

Calendar Item #	DCA Page	Petition #	ADCA Page	Subject/Sujet/Assunto/Sujets	# Votes Against
462	2179	21054	1610	Clarity for Church Conference Authority	13
				Clarté pour l'autorité de l'assemblée de circuit	
				Clareza para a Autoridade da Conferência de Igreja	
				Uwazi kwa Mamlaka ya Mkutano wa Kanisa	
464	2180	20419	1021	Next Generation UMC #7-Candidacy	20
				Candidature n° 7 EMU de la prochaine génération	
				IMU da Próxima Geração N.º 7 – Candidatura	
				Kizazi kijacho UMC #7-Uraia	
535	2235	20730	208	Revised Social Principles-161 and 162	15
				Principes sociaux révisés-161 et 162	
				Princípios Sociais Revisitos – 161 e 162	
				Kanuni Révisés za Kijamii-161 na 162	
536	2235	21090	1245	Aging in the United States: The Church's Response	2
				Vieillessement aux États-Unis : La réponse de l'Église	
				Envelhecer nos Estados Unidos: A resposta da Igreja	
				Kuzeekeya mu États-Unis: Wajibu ya Kanisa	
548	2237	20716	978	Local Discernment of Marriage and Wedding Services	16
				Discernement local des services matrimoniaux et de mariage	
				Discernimento Local de Cerimónias de Casamento e Matrimónio	
				Utambuzi Local ya Huduma za Ndowa na Harusi	
549	2237	20315	982	Building a Fully Inclusive Church	12
				Bâtir une Église pleinement inclusive	
				Construir uma Igreja Totalmente Inclusiva	
				Kujenga Kanisa ya Entièrement Inclusive	
554	2237	20897	1637	Granting Sacramental Authority to Deacons in Their Ministry Setting	18
				Accorder une autorité sacramentelle aux diacres dans leur cadre ministériel	
				Conceder Autoridade Sacramental aos Diáconos no Seu Ambiente de Ministério	
				Kutoa Mamulaka ya Kisakramenti kwa Mashemasi katika Ma cadre ya Huduma Yabo	
556	2238	20471	1042	Retain Annual Conference Authority in Recognizing Ordination	12
				Conserver l'autorité de la Conférence annuelle en matière de reconnaissance de l'ordination	
				Manter a Autoridade da Conferência Anual no Reconhecimento da Ordenação	
				Boresha Mamlaka ya Mukutano wa Mwaka katika Kujua Udhhibiti	

