

2005 Rocky Mountain Conference Journal

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

**Renaissance Hotel
Denver, Colorado**

**Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., Presiding
Walter “Skip” Strickland, Conference Secretary**

WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, June 15, 2005 – 7:30 p.m.

OPENING: The 143rd Session of the Oldest Antecedent and the 37th Session since the merger in 1968 of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church, was called to order by Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND MEMORIAL

The Conference convened in the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel, Denver, Colorado for “Growing the Spirit: Journeying with Sorrow toward Joy.” The liturgy of the service was planned and coordinated by the worship subcommittee of the Program and Arrangements Committee. The sermon based on the gospel of Luke was delivered by Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. Participants in the service were retired ministers of the Rocky Mountain Conference: Dave Ferguson, Dick Vickery, John Nieves, Bob Hunter, Marilyn McGraw, Edwina Burton, Patti Vick and Mary Etta Moore. Liturgists were John Blinn and Sharon McCormick. Special music was provided by the Mountain View UMC Praise Team, Head for Home. The offering collected was designated to support the Global AIDS Project.

Those clergy/lay and spouses who were memorialized by Dr. Richard Vickery included: Robert W. Musil, Thomas L. Kleen, Paula Johnston, Esther Fortenbaugh, Orvia K. Schlesselman, LeRoy Oliver King, Margaret Cook Hawes, Virgil J. Lamm, Audrey Clark Rushing, Billie Gates Martin, Francis W. Brush, Helen M. Green, Richard E. Washington, Maurice R. Van Laningham, Jr., Bronston M. Greenwood, Delbert C. Paulson, Paul E. Strohmeyer, and Tyler C. Curtis.

PLENARY SESSION

Thursday, June 16, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING: Scott Finlay, accompanied by Lara Jean O Conner, from Applewood Valley UMC, led the Conference in song.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION: The work of mission in the Rocky Mountain Conference were on display during a parade through the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Conference to order.

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BLESSING OF THE WATER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Burl Kreps and the Conference Lay Leader, Judy Hill, who led the Conference in the Blessing of the Water.

PRAYER: Matthias Krier, Niwot UMC, led the Conference in prayer.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judy Hill, Conference Lay Leader, to show the continuing effort to interface the lay and clergy members.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. had the members of the head table introduce themselves and state their jobs for this Conference. Robert Phillips, Parliamentarian; Walter “Skip” Strickland, Conference Secretary; and Dan Odell, Agenda Chair introduced themselves.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in prayer for Jayne Adams, who was in the hospital.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: On motion it was ordered that the bar of the Conference be all seats in the middle of the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Conference Secretary, Skip Strickland, led the Conference in roll call procedures. Those requesting to be excused from all or part of this session of the Annual Conference (Book of Discipline, Para. 701.7) include:

Lucinda Bates	John A. Lee
Betty Jo Bradford	Joretta Marshall
David Burnett	Linda Barnes Patzke
Christopher Holden Carr	Kenneth G. Plattner
Richard Clair	E. Fred Sullivan
Ora M. Dailey	Carolyn Waters
Carol Lynn Fox	Charles M. Wood
Nikki Johnson	

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing those in attendance at their 25th or more year of Annual Conference. He then invited all to stand according to their years of attendance.

RULES COMMITTEE: Marvin R. Vose presented the report. He explained the Rule for Point of Personal Privilege and also explained updates to the Rules regarding Discipline changes. On motion it was ordered that the “2005 Rules” be adopted as printed in the 2004 Journal.

AGENDA: On motion it was ordered that the Conference agenda printed in the pre-Conference booklet be adopted.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing Bishop Donald Arthur Ott, who briefly addressed the Conference.

BISHOP’S VISION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. shared his vision for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ron Meyers, who briefly addressed the Conference.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Dan O'Neill, Conference Treasurer, who presented the report. Dan O'Neill led the Conference in recognizing G. Bruce Maxwell as statistician. Dan O'Neill reported camp bonds have been paid and a bank loan secured. He also recognized Peggy Sewell and her position as a staff member of a General Board. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in appreciation of her also. Barbara Hora of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits was available in Room 305 to help Conference members with projection about their benefits. Vendors from Medco and other health care people were also available. Dan continued his report saying, "Getting healthy is the best way to control our health insurance rates." All personnel were thanked for their commitment and support. A PowerPoint presentation for a new pension plan was viewed. Dan also led the Conference in recognizing the work of the board. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing Barbara Boigegrain, who is the executive of the pension plan, which was recognized as the "plan of the year" with Dan O'Neill, who was acknowledged as the "cover boy."

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ignacio Castuera, Planned Parenthood, who briefly addressed the Conference.

BUDGET: Paul Murphy-Geiss presented the proposed budget amount of \$6,102,112. The vote was taken at a later time in the Conference agenda.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Randall Jessen, who made a point resolving: "Many within the Annual Conference structure would disagree with the position of Planned Parenthood. In the same way as we made apology to Native American Peoples at the 2004 Annual Conference, the declaration that the Colorado Springs Community is out of step with United Methodist Unity is highly inappropriate."

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. cautioned the body regarding applause and reaction to a speaker so as not to create a contentious tone.

TEMPLED HILLS REPORT: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Tim Rieckhoff-Faris who gave the report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Conference Secretary Skip Strickland led the Conference in understanding the Constitutional Amendments brought forth from General Conference. He also instructed the Conference about the written ballot and that there are no abstentions when voting.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. advised the Conference about the white wristbands at the Church and Society: Peace with Justice display. He encouraged all to wear the "ONE" campaign bracelets.

SUPERINTENDENCY REPORT: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced the Cabinet and led the Conference in recognizing and expressing his appreciation for their work. The Bishop led the Conference in recognizing John Thompson who will be returning to the local church. He also recognized Steve Burnett, who served as Dean of

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the Cabinet, and will continue as Dean and serve as the Mile High/Pikes Peak District Superintendent for two additional years. Eric Van Thomas Smith will join the Cabinet and will serve the Peaks and Plains district. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner will leave the Cabinet as of Oct. 1st to serve Harris Memorial UMC in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Bishop led the Conference in prayer for the Cabinet. The Superintendents then presented their reports.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. advised the Conference of the order of the day, that we would move to learning moments. Don Messer introduced M. Kent Millard, who is the guest preacher and Bible study leader this Conference.

RECESS: Following announcements, King Hezekiah Harris led the Conference in prayer and the Conference recessed for lunch.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES Thursday, June 16, 2005 – 2:00 p.m.

The Conference met in various meeting rooms in the Renaissance Hotel, Denver, Colorado for the Legislative Sessions.

WORSHIP Thursday, June 16, 2005 – 7:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Grand Ballroom for an evening worship service with the theme, Inviting God's Presence. Liturgists for the service were United Methodist Women from the Rocky Mountain Conference. Liturgical dancers were UMW under the direction of Dorothy Musil. The scripture reading was from Romans 12:1-2 and was read in Korean, Tongan, and English. Bishop Jeremiah Park delivered the sermon, "Be Not Conformed, But Be Transformed." Music was provided by the Rocky Mountain Conference Korean Clergy Chorale. The offering collected was designated to Camp Joy.

CLERGY SESSION Friday, June 17, 2005 - 8:45 a.m.

GATHERING: The session began with opening prayer by Ron Hodges at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

SETTING THE BAR AND PROCEDURAL MOTIONS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. set the bar for the session and designated those who may vote.

OPENING SINGING: E. Marie Gasau led the session in an opening hymn.

PASSING OF CHARACTER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced the members of the Cabinet and led the session in the Passing of Character.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS REPORT: Jay Rundell, chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, introduced Jane Youtz Riecke who presented the Conference Relations Report and the Business of the Annual Conference as per the Disciplinary Questions.

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Rodney Noel Saunders and Nani Arning introduced transfers and other Annual Conference and other denomination members.

CLERGY ORDERS, LOCAL PASTORS FALL RETREAT: Marla Kauerz presented a report about the Clergy Orders and Fellowship of Local Pastors retreat.

COVENANT FUND REPORT AND OFFERING: Eun-sang Lee brought information about the Covenant Fund and Bill Selby brought a contribution from the golf tournament.

MEMORIAL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Richard A. Vickery remembered and honored clergy and clergy spouses who died during the past year. See question #52 and “Memoirs” in this Journal.

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jay Rundell, who presented those who are elected for ordination as Elders and as Deacons. See Business of the Annual Conference report.

Jay Rundell introduced Gregory L. Young, chairperson of the Probationary Care Team, who introduced those who will be entered into Probationary Membership and commissioned toward Elders’ Orders in Full Connection. They were approved and welcomed.

Jay Rundell introduced Douglas McKinney, the chair of the division of Deacons, who presented the candidates for Commissioning toward Deacon’s Orders. They were approved.

Jay Rundell presented J. Edward Bollack, Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors who addressed the Clergy Session on behalf of the Local Pastors.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES: Lonnie R. Eakle, Douglas McKinney and James H. Harris, introduced Elders in Full Connection, Deacons and Local Pastors who will be retired.

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF DISCIPLINARY QUESTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. placed the full report before the body and it was adopted.

SENDING FORTH: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judith Davis, who closed the Clergy Session with a prayer.

LAITY SESSION

Friday, June 17, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING: The Laity gathered in the Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom. The theme of the worship service was Come to the Well. Judy Hill, Lay Leader, welcomed the laity and introduced Bishop Donald Arthur Ott. Judy then introduced the Board of Laity, who then introduced themselves individually. The first scripture readings were taken from Matthew and Micah. Each scripture reading was read and then was followed by song. Judy Hill then introduced Dr. M. Kent Millard, who addressed the laity. Music was provided by Emily Dawson Peterson and Olympia Tukutau, accompanied by pianist Margaret Hotze. An offering was taken for the Rod Anderson scholarship fund. Following the benediction by Epeli Tukutau, the Conference recessed for lunch.

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PLENARY SESSION

Friday, June 17, 2005 – 2:30 p.m.

OPENING: Scott Finlay and Lara Jean O’Conner gathered the Conference with music and song.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Conference to order.

PRAYER: Freddie Latham-Durrant led the Conference in prayer.

LEARNING MOMENTS: M. Kent Millard addressed the Conference.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Chuck Cooper, District Superintendent for the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado district. Following a scripture reading and a prayer by Bob Brandt, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Chuck Cooper read the list of appointments.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Glenda Ulmer, District Superintendent for the Utah/Western District. Following a scripture reading and a prayer by Kimberly Henrie, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Glenda Ulmer read the list of appointments.

CHURCHES OF TRANSFORMATION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Dan O’Neill and Ron Hodges, who briefly addressed the Conference.

VOTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Skip Strickland explained the Constitutional Amendments and the ballot voting procedure. Sally Geis shared a point of information as to the structure of Amendment #7. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. gave clarification on who could vote on the Constitutional Amendments. The vote was taken.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR: Richard A. Vickery presented the calendar.

Consent Calendar A

I. CONCURRENCE WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENTS (accepted with 80% of members present and voting)

#AC01 – Committee A – **Health Insurance Programs and Funding** – 97% approval

#AC02 – Committee A – **District Superintendent Compensation** – 99% approval

#AC03 – Committee B – **Conference Apportionment Formula** – 95% approval

#AC04 – Committee B – **Conference Apportionment Formula** – 100% approval

#AC05 – Committee B – **Council on Finance and Administration Moving Expenses** – 100% approval

Amend by friendly amendment by addition of the word “incoming” following the words “cost of each” on Line 48

#AC07 – Committee F – **Clergy Pension Plans Funding Concept** – 100% approval

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#AC08 – Committee F – **Funding of Active Clergy Benefits** – 100% approval

#AC09 – Committee F – **Retiree Benefits Programs and Funding** – 100% approval

Friendly amendment by addition of the word “rate” following the words “of the members” on Line 6

#AC10 – Committee A – **2005-2006 Health as Wholeness in Mission Initiative** – 92% approval

Amend by addition of the words on Line 22:

“Furthermore, the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits study the issue of extending this benefit to less than full-time clergy and lay employees, and the Board report their findings to the 2006 Annual Conference.”

Friendly amendments:

Amend by addition of the words “eligible full-time” following the words “to encourage” on Line 5

Amend by addition of the words “www.gbophb.org” following the words “accessed at” on Line 13

#AC11 – Committee D – **Nominations for Episcopal Elections** – 92% approval

Amend by deletion of the letter “s” on the end of the word “questions” on Line 67

#AC12 – Committee G – **Conference Advance Special Process** – 100% approval

#AC13 – Committee C – **New Ministries Development** – 91% approval

#AC15 – Committee G – **Alcohol Use and Abuse** – 100% approval

#AC16 – Committee E – **Support for Verified Voting in Public Elections** - 90% approval

Editorial amendments as follows:

Strike the words “Colorado” and the comma following on Line 5

Strike the comma after the word Utah on Line 6

Strike the word “the” following the word “Wyoming” on Line 6

Substitution of the words “Encourage the use of” for the word “All” on Line 12

Substitution of the words “with that” for the words “be required to” following the words “voting machines” on Line 12

Substitution of the words “Encourage the use of” for the word “All” on Line 43

Substitution of the words “with that” for the words “be required to” following the words “voting machines” on Line 43

Deletion of the Lines 66-70

Amend by substitution of the word “within” for the words “that constitute” following the words “the states” on Line 6

#AC20 – Committee G – **Global AIDS Fund** – 87.8% approval

#AC21 – Committee E – **Special Camping Apportionment** – 89% approval

#AC24 – Committee G – **Mission Awareness Sunday** – 95.4% approval

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#AC30 – Committee C – Discontinuance of Korean United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, CO

Discontinuance of Antelope Springs United Methodist Church, Snyder, Co. – 100% approval

#AC31 – Committee C – Candidacy Assistance from Local Church – 91% approval

Amend by addition of the word “declared” following the words “responsibility to support” on Line 2

II. PETITIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENT(S) (lacks 80% concurrence or non-concurrence by those members present and voting)

#AC06 – Committee F – Commission on Equitable Compensation Annual Recommendations – 79% approval

Amend by friendly amendment by addition of the words “in the local church” following the words “and appointed to full time service” on Line 7

Amend by friendly amendment by addition of the words “in the local church” following the word “service” on Line 13

#AC14 – Committee C – Cost of Clergy Introductions – 79.5% approval

#AC17 – Committee E – Science Education – 55.8% approval

Amend by deletion of the word “science” following the words “the content of” on Line 3

#AC18 – Committee A – Condemnation of use of Torture by American Military and Intelligence Agencies – 58% approval

A replacement petition was presented to the Legislative Session A and then the following amendment passed with 75% approval

“Amend by substitution of the words “to afford the same standard of protection to all detainees that is dictated for prisoners of war by” following the words “United States of America to” on Line 57

#AC19 – Committee D – Building Projects and Religious Values – 77.5% approval

#AC22 – Committee D – Relocation of Conference Offices – 77% approval

CONSENT CALENDAR B NON-CONCURRENCE

#AC23 – Committee B – Economic Consideration in the Apportionment Formula – 16% approval

#AC22 – Relocation of Conference Offices – Aaron Gray, Legislative Chair, presented the petition. On motion it was ordered that Petition #AC22 be adopted.

#AC14 – Cost of Clergy Introductions – Jim Oliver, Legislative Chair, presented the Petition.

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DIVISION OF THE HOUSE: Handi Jo Dolloft-Holt called for Division of the House on #AC 14.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: Richard A. Vickery clarified that Petition #AC23 is a non-concurrence petition on the consent calendar.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR: On motion it was ordered that the Consent Calendar be adopted.

#AC19 – Building Projects and Religious Values – delayed due to Conference not having copies.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Lyle Hamilton, guest to our Conference from the Yellowstone Conference, addressed the Conference with an invitation to Bishop Warner Brown, Jr.'s trip entitled, "Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey," a cruise off the Mediterranean Sea.

VOTE REPORT OF DIVISION ON PETITION #AC14 - 343 in favor, 152 against. On motion it was ordered that AC14 be adopted as amended. Substitute the word "charge" for the words "local church" on Line 1.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Kerry Greenhill, Coordinator of the Bishop's Young Adult Initiative, and Brian Riecke presented a video explaining the purpose of the Initiative.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Richard A. Vickery, chair of the Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Foundation, briefly addressed the Conference and introduced the new director.

PRAISE AND PIZZA: Brad Laurvick invited the body to the worship service sponsored by the youth and young adults of the Annual Conference and gave instructions about the order of worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Skip Strickland gave announcements.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Pam Breitweiser, Lay Leader, read scripture and offered prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Brenda Lear, District Superintendent for the Sunshine District, read the appointments.

RECESS: Jess Rainwater offered grace.

WORSHIP

Friday, June 17, 2005 – 5:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the Grand Ballroom for the Youth and Young Adult Pizza and Praise Worship service. Marie Gasau led the Conference in song. The worship included a Love Feast and participants sharing in small groups. A heart of colors was presented with a variety of youth participating. Scripture readings included Luke 14, 1st Corinthians, and Mark 28. A Reader's Theatre expressed the need for "Growing the Church". A collection was taken.

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PLENARY

Saturday, June 18, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING: Todd Roberts and Lara Jean O’Conner led the Conference in music and song.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called the Conference to order.

PRAYER: John Tomlinson led the prayer.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. received a calendar celebrating 50 years of women’s ministry. It was noted that they were available at Cokesbury. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. encouraged all to purchase one.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Referring to theme of this Conference, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. announced that Caleb Jonathan Carr was born at 1:59 a.m. on June 18th. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and parents are the Rev. Chris and Charlotte Holden Carr.

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judy Orecchio, who led the Conference in recognizing children in childcare during this session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. The children gave a short presentation. The Bishop led the Conference in recognizing the children.

EVALUATIONS: Ron Hodges instructed the Conference in the completion of the evaluation form.

INVITATION: Ron Hodges informed the Conference that its next session will be held at the Denver Tech Center – Marriott on June 21-24, 2006. He noted that we would be rotating dates with the Yellowstone Conference.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Eric Van Thomas Smith led the Conference in a tribute to outgoing District Superintendent Steve Burnett, who was honored by participants in the audience with masks of his face. John Dietz and Kathy Chittendon, Lay Leaders, led the Conference in scripture and prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Eric Van Thomas Smith as the new District Superintendent. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Eric Van Thomas Smith read the list of appointments for the Peaks and Plains District.

CORRECTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. noted a correction for the Wyoming and Northeast Colorado District appointments concerning Dr. Liliwa Robledo, who will now be Officer in Charge and President of Harris Memorial College.

BOARD OF STEWARDS: Nancy Fay Boswell and Kline Kelly gave the report.

LAITY REPORT: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judy Hill, Conference Lay Leader, who gave the report.

UNITED METHODIST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Ben Sarafino, from the United Methodist Federal Credit Union, who briefly addressed the Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing Heather Wilson, who represented the Western Jurisdictional United

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Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) Advance for Christ Church. She briefly addressed the Conference.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jay Rundell, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, who introduced those to be commissioned toward Elders Orders and Probationary Membership: Charles Sheldon Cram, Samuel Wayne Jones, Carol Lillie, Stephanie Lynn Munoz, Tommy W. Peacock. He also introduced those to be ordained as Deacons: Diana S. Boulter, Deborah Hull, Ann McClellan, and Sandra Stewart.

BALLOT RESULTS: the ballot results for the Constitutional Amendments were announced.

Amendment	Yes	No
I	568	10
II	545	31
III	551	18
IV	515	60
V	538	34
VI	555	21
VII	281	295
VIII	521	49

BUDGET VOTE: Paul Murphy-Geiss moved adoption of the budget.

SUSPENSION OF RULES: Richard A. Vickery made a motion to allow for a raised hand vote on the budget rather than ballot vote. On motion it was so ordered.

BUDGET VOTE: On motion it was ordered that the 2006 budget be adopted in the amount of \$6,102,112.

#AC06 – Commission on Equitable Compensation Annual Recommendations – Dennis Shaw, Legislative Chair, presented the report. Bishop Brown ruled an amendment made by Jon K. Laughlin, “out of order.”

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE: Sandi Johnson called for Division of the House on the amendment from Lynn Evans concerning #AC06.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: N. Claire Childress stated that Aung San Suu Kyi is the only recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize while in prison. She is under house arrest in Burma. Her 60th birthday was June 19th and is called a global day of action calling for her release. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. asked Claire to lead the Conference in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Skip Strickland announced that in keeping with the good health advisory, the elevator in the parking garage is broken.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: T. Steve Burnett introduced Darlene Woods and Jim Oliver, Lay Leaders, who read scripture and prayer. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced T. Steve Burnett, the new District Superintendent. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and T. Steve Burnett read the appointments for the Mile-High/Pikes Peak District.

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DIVISION OF THE HOUSE RESULTS FOR #AC06 – The results of the vote on the Lynn Evan’s amendment was 207 for, and 261 against. Motion defeated.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION: Steve Warren called for the question. On motion it was ordered that the vote be taken #AC06.

#AC06 – Commission on Equitable Compensation Annual Recommendations – On motion it was ordered that AC06 be adopted as amended.

Amend by deletion of the words “for those without a parsonage and \$28,162 for those with a parsonage,” on Lines 8 & 9.

Amend by deletion of the word and number “and 60%” on Line 10.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called for order of the day and introduced M. Kent Millard, who led the Conference in a learning moment.

RECOGNITION: Ron Hodges and Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in appreciation to M. Kent Millard for his contribution to this Conference as a guest speaker. They presented him with a gift.

RECESS: Following a prayer by Susie Aikman, the Conference recessed for lunch.

PLENARY

Saturday, June 18, 2005 – 2:30 p.m.

GATHERING: Todd Roberts and Lara Jean O’Conner gathered the Conference with music and song.

PRAYER: David McKinney opened the afternoon with prayer.

RECOGNIZING RETIREES: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Jim Harris and Lonnie Eakle, who introduced the 2005 retirees: Donald Bailey, Mary K. Barbee, LeRoy F. Bratton, Gary R. Conover, William A. Davis, Thomas E. Dunn, Carol Lynn Fox, C. Elliott Graves, Jin-Hwa Hong, R. Michael Hubbard, Wesley Kendall, Raymond E. Logan, C. Mack Lovvorn, James E. Luallen, Dennis W. Sillaman, Sandra C. Stephens, Claire Zilm. Deacons in Full Connection who retired were Rita Jean Basham, Dorothy Creager, Judith Davis, and Betty Kendall. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in expressing appreciation for their almost 500 years of service to the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. recognized the work of Gilbert Caldwell, Jr. in this Conference as he leaves this area. Bishop Brown presented an award entitled “Gilbert Caldwell, Champion for Justice.”

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE AWARDS: Ron Hodges, Director of Mission and Ministry, led the Conference in recognizing the following:

Road Runner Award	Joyce Hudiburgh
Small Church Award	McClave UMC
Conference Camping Award	Gary & Sharon Conover
Harold C. Knudsen Historic Preservation Award	Edna Rollerson

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2005 Native American Ministries Committee Award	Maxine Travis
Peacemaker Award	Steve Walden
Lifetime Peacemaker Award	Rev. Harold Rickard
Dr. J. Alton Templin Development Award	Scott UMC Edna Rollerson Rev. Eric Smith
UM Committee on Relief Awards	Green Mountain UMC Hope UMC Phillips UMC St. Luke UMC St. Paul UMC

BISHOP'S AWARD: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in remembering Ethel Roth, who is ill during this Conference session. He then presented the 2005 Bishop's Awards to Mary Knutson FUMC – Johnstown; Clarence Williams of Epworth UMC; and Brad Laurvick, File Clerk of the Denver Area Episcopal Office. They each received a certificate and medallion.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Janet Lynn Forbes used a moment to honor and recognize Minnie Brown, wife of the Bishop. Mrs. Brown briefly addressed the Conference, and sang the hymn "Because He Lives."

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing the work of Jayne Adams, Executive Assistant, Denver Area, who had been ill recently. The Bishop gave her flowers. Jayne briefly addressed the Conference.

#AC19 – Building Projects and Religious Values – Aaron M. Gray, Legislative Chair, presented the report. On motion it was ordered that AC19 be adopted.

#AC18 – Condemnation of Use of Torture by American Military and Intelligence Agencies – Ginny Bettendorf, Legislative Chair, presented the report. Matt Lopez proposed an amendment. Cathy Wehr called for the question by written ballot on the original petition. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. said we needed to deal with the Lopez amendment brought before the body first.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS: Skip Strickland, Conference Secretary, gave instructions for the travel vouchers.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Skip Strickland, Conference Secretary, recognized the secretarial staff at this Annual Conference: Johnny Arrington, Alane Currier-Griggs, Sandi Dillon, Lynn & Greg Greenhalge, and Michele Odell.

THE UNITED METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. introduced Judy Davis, who presented the Conference with a check in the amount of \$7,342.46 from the United Methodist Publishing House, which is to be deposited for Central Conference Administration.

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EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. led the Conference in recognizing those youth helping at the microphones during the sessions.

#AC18 CONTINUATION – The amendment was presented to the body on the video screens. The amendment was defeated and Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. called for the vote on the original petition.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE: Charles Cockett called for Division of the House on AC18.

#AC17 – Science Education – S. Phillip Covert, Legislative Chair, presented the report. Philip Pauli, petition presenter, spoke concerning the petition before the Conference.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION: Dick Vickery moved the previous question. AC 17 passed as amended. Delete the word “science” following the words “the content of” on Line 3.

DIVISION RESULTS FOR #AC18: 351 votes cast, 199 for and 152 against. On motion it was ordered that Petition AC18 be adopted as amended.

APPEAL OF A DECISION OF LAW: During the regular business session, a written appeal for a Decision of Law was submitted to Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. regarding a ruling upon an amendment to AC06 by Jon K. Laughlin.

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDING REGARDING 2004 ADOPTED STRUCTURE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. advised the Conference regarding the process of the Judicial Councils review of the Structure of the Conference adopted at the 2004 session. Before the report of the nominations committee, the Bishop informed the body that, “Our nominations report could not be redone revolving around structure. If we waive this format under the new structure, we’re going to need to adopt it both ways so when the decision is made, we will be properly in order.”

NOMINATIONS REPORT: Phil Tarman, Nominations Chair, presented the report. On motion it was ordered that the report be adopted as amended.

CELEBRATING APPOINTMENTS: Kunle Taiwo and Diane Werta, Co-Lay Leaders, read scripture and prayed. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and Nobuko-Miyake Stoner read the appointments for the Metropolitan District.

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE: Janet Lynn Forbes led the Conference in the blessing of the Bishop.

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. expressed his appreciation to all the people who assisted him during this Annual Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Conference Secretary Skip Strickland gave announcements and moved for adjournment of the 2005 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Conference was adjourned sine die following the ordination service.

RECESS: Following a prayer by Ramon Robledo, the Conference recessed for dinner and the Ordination service.

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CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY DINNER

Saturday, June 18, 2005 – 5:30 p.m.

The 2005 retirees, their families and friends gathered in the Stapleton Room in the Renaissance Hotel, Denver, Colorado for the Celebration of Ministry dinner. Jim Harris opened with welcoming words. Judy Davis gave the invocation. Jim Harris introduced the retirees present and Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. presented certificates and pins. Those in attendance were: Mary Barbee, LeRoy Bratton, Jin Hwa Hong, R. Michael Hubbard, Wesley Kendall, C. Mack Lovvorn, James Luallen, Dennis Sillaman, Sandra Stephens, Claire Zilm, Rita Basham, Dorothy Creager, Judy Davis, and Betty Kendall. Those who retired in absentia were: L. Donald Bailey, Gary Conover, William Davis, Thomas Dunn, Carol Fox, Elliott Graves, and Raymond Logan. Mack Lovvorn gave the benediction.

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMING, COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

Saturday, June 18, 2005 – 7:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvened in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church for a service of Ordination. Scripture was read, and the message was delivered by Dr. J. Philip Wogaman. Music was provided by the Chancel Choir of Trinity UMC, directed by Judith Mitchell and accompanied by Jim Ruth. The offering collected was designated to Clergy Candidate Support.

CONFIRMING OF LOCAL PASTORS: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. confirmed, Qamaruzzaman Bhatti, Sandi Dillon, Douglas Lathrop, Brian Oliver, Charlene Smythe, Teri Todd, Thomas Towns, and Laura Whitmore.

COMMISSIONING OF PROBATIONARY MEMBERS FOR THE ORDERS OF ELDER AND DEACON: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. commissioned the following towards Deacon's Orders: Denise Bender, Karen Lungu, Miriam Slejko, J.C. Sowers, and Sarah Steidtman. Elder's Orders: Burry Bessee, Joel Kershaw, Paula Latu, and Annie Rigo.

ORDINATION AS DEACON IN FULL CONNECTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. ordained as Deacons in Full Connection: Diane S. Boulter, Deborah Hull, Ann McClellan, and Sandra Stewart.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. ordained as Elders: Charles Sheldon Cram, Samuel Wayne Jones, Carol Lillie, Stephanie Lynn Munoz, and Tommy W. Peacock.

PASSING THE TORCH: The torch was passed by Mack Lovvorn, representing the newly-retired elders to Stephanie Lynn Munoz, representing the newly-ordained class.

RECESS: The Conference dismissed with a blessing. A reception given by Trinity United Methodist Church immediately followed the service.

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ADDITIONAL REPORT:

Totals for the offerings at the 2005 Annual Conference session:

Bridge of Love - \$6,778.87 (bills and checks) and \$4,032.77 in coin (weighing in at 532 pounds) for a total of \$10,811.64

Wednesday night Memorial Service (and subsequent gifts to this offering) – Global AIDS - \$1,663.51

Thursday night (and subsequent gifts to this offering) – Camp Joy – \$1,874.91

Friday AM clergy session – Covenant Fund - \$4,216.95

Friday AM lay session – Rod Anderson Lay Scholarship Fund - \$997.41

Friday night (and subsequent gifts to this offering) – Youth / Global AIDS - \$1,579.76

Saturday night – Ordination / Ethnic Seminarian - \$2,147.26

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