

### III. DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

#### A. ROLL CALL

##### CLERGY

Estella Abel, Emmanuel Acquaaah-Harrison, Ebenezer Aduku, Gabriel Akinbode, Richard N. Allen, Mark Allen, Fred Allen, Richard E. Allen, Jr., Milca Alvarez-Plaud, Esther Amartey-Amarh, Yuri Mizuno Ando, Susumu Ando, Harold Andrews, Anne Annin, Vera Annum, Jessica Anschutz, Samuel Arhin, Emmanuel Asamoah-Amoako, Yoko Asasa, Dale Ashby, Stuart Baker, David Ball, William Barnes, Oliverio Barrera, Delores Barrett, Michael Barry, Walter Barton, Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii, Lynda Bates-Stepe, Stephen Bauman, Glyger Beach, Sheila Beckford, Anthony Beck, Magaly Beltre, Stefanie Bennett, Caroline Berninger, Gordon Bienvenue, Carol Bloom, Brian Bodt, Robert Booth, Kimberly Bosley, Melissa Boyer, Anne Bracket, Elizabeth Braddon, John Brandon, Adrienne Brewington, Gennifer Brooks, John G. Brown, III, Duane Buddle, Karen Burger, Dillon Burgin, Dorothy Caldwell, John Capen, Virginia Carle, Thomas P. Carney, John Carrington, Johnny Ceasar, Susan Chadwick, Jae Chang, Paul Chang, Hikari Chang, Noel Chin, Daniel Cho, Young Cho, Kun Sam Cho, Oon Choi, Byung Chul Choi, Young Choi, In Koo Chung, Ilsoo Chung, Trudy Codd, Ken Coddington, John Cole, Donald Collier, David Collins, Karen Cook, Lorraine Coscia-Ackerman, Ronald Cox, Dorothea Crites, Jody Cross-Hansen, Doug Cunningham, Matthew Curry, Leo Curry, David Czeisel, Wesley Daniel, T. Anne Daniel, Hermon Darden, Eileen M. Daunt, Steed Davidson, Delois Davis, Arlene Dawber, Randy Day, Lorraine De Armitt, Mark Del Giudice, Oscar Destruge, Jacob Dharmaraj, Sarah Diane, Nathaniel Dixon, Prince Donkor, Scharlise Dorsey, Carol Downs, Larry Dunlap, Leslie Duroseau, Woody Eddins, Gordon A.R. Edwards, Robert Emerick, George Engelhardt, Martha Epstein, Joseph Ewoodzie, Peggy Fabrizio, John Fahey, Camella Fairweather, Charles Ferrara, Ariel Ferrari, Alicia Fils-AimeWentler, M. Craig Fitzsimmons, Eric Fjeldal, Paul Fleck, Vicky A. Fleming, Vicki Flippin, Carl Franson, Eileen Freeman, Beverly Furey, Gregg Gabor, Penny Gadzini, Laura Galbraith, Lee Gangaware, Rafael Garcia, Clifton E. Gatewood, John Gerlach, Caroly Gibson, Cathy Gilliard, Sara Giron-Ortiz, Paul A. Godburn, Stephen Goldstein, Tom Goodhue, Sara Goold, Nathaniel Grady, Thomas P. Grissom, Richard R. Guice, Reuben Gums, Eugene Haaf, William Hagerty, Albert Hahn, Juhye Hahn, Sungsoo Hahn, Henna Hahn, Emily Hall, Gia Hall, Hugh Hamilton, Youngsook Han-Kim, Richard L. Hanse, Kristina Hansen, Philip Hardt, Tim Hare, Richard Hayes, Huibing He, Blair Hearth, Eric Henderson, Timothy Henderson, Dolores Henderson, David Henry, Robert Hewitt, Paul Hibbard, Gregory Higgins, Kevan Hitch, Janet Hodge, James Hoffman, Edward Horne, Betty Hosten, Mary Hoynes, Marion Hubbard, Amanda Iahn, Vera Isaacs, Taka Ishii, Roger Jackson, Kent Jackson, Fredric Jackson, Roy Jacobsen, William James, David Jefferson, Tisha Jermin, Ovid Jermin, Sonia Jermin, Seong In Jin, Wongee Joh, Roger Johns, Bishop Alfred Johnson, David Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Cedric Johnson, Robert A. Johnson, Doretta Johnson-Agu, David Jolly, Edwin Jones, Lucy Jones, Marlene Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Lawrence Jones, Winson Josiah,

Kwangwon Jung, Nelson Kalombo, Miyoung Kang, Won Geun Kang, James Karpen, Karen Karpow, Melvyn Kawakami, Tammie-Rae Keeler, Darlene Kelley, Robert Kersten, Kenneth Kieffer, Jay Kim, Joong Urn Kim, Young Shik Kim, Kwang Won Kim, Mark Kim, Moonsook Kim, Dea Hee Kim, Sungchan Kim, Seong Ae Kim, YangHee Kim, Kwang-il Kim, Churl Kim, Jin Kim, Gye Ho Kim, Eumin Kim, YoungKirl Kim, Young-Ju Kim, Chong Kim, Gloria King, Jack King, Elizabeth Klein, Steven Knutsen, Noel Koestline, Cecile Koppmann, Dale Ellen Krazmien, Joseph G. LaLanne, Sara Lamar-Sterling, Raymond Lange, Hector Laporta, Chermain Lashley, Simeon Law, James Law, Enrique Lebron, Dilca Lebron-Mazariego, Lydia Lebron-Rivera, John LeCain, Jongbum Lee, Koonae Lee, Joon Lee, YongBo Lee, Yongyeun Lee, Dai Hoon Lee, Jae Joon Lee, Sungmu Lee, Robert Leibold, Richard Lenz, Bernadette Logan, Hal Low, Thomas MacLeod, Douglas Madlon, Arturo Maine, Cynthia Major, George Mangan, Sandra Mantz, David Mantz, Nilotis Marchan, Luisa Martinez, Douglas McArthur, George McClain, Evelyn R. McDonald, Hope McNeil Williams, Anthony Mecca, Barbara E. Melzer, Lori Miller, Clayton Miller, Herbert Miller, Robert Milsom, Paul Minton, Wendy Modeste, Karen Monk, Jean Montas, James Moore, Ann Morgan, Dorothy M Morris, Beverly Mary A Morris, Harold W. Morris, Sr., Jennifer Morrow, Elizabeth Mortlock, Patricia Mott-Intermaggio, Margaret Mouzon, Sung Moy, Kevin Mulqueen, Barbara Mungin, Delroy Murdock, Debbi Mygatt, Gertude Nation, Linda Kay Nealon, Will Nichols, Maxine Nixon, Samuel Nketsia, Edward Norman, Gerald Norris, Marjorie Nunes, Elliott R. Oakes, Carmen Margarita Ortiz, Gene Ott, Betsy Ott, Randy Paige, Constance Pak, Song Ha Park, Austin Park, Richard Parker, David Parker, Snehlata Patel, Iwy Patel-Yatri, Ann Pearson, Steven Peiffer, Zhaodeng Peng, Patrick Perrin, Terry Pfeiffer, William Pfohl, Narcisse Philips, Stephen Phillips, Joseph Piccirillo, Todd Pick, Jennifer Pick, Denise Pickett, Allen Pinckney, David Piscatelli, Janet Porcher, Willett R. Porter, Laurence Powell, Kenneth Prill, Jason Radmacher, Erik Rasmussen, Camille Regholec, Darlene E. R. Resling, Timothy Riss, Hector Rivera, Luonne Abraham Rouse, John Roy, Richard Ryley, Agnes Campbell Saffoury, Guerschon Saint Ange, St Clair Samuel, Ernesto Sanchez, Raymond Santos, Peggy Ann Sauerhoff, Matt Schaeffer, Barbara Schaffer, John Senkewich, Ferdinand Serra, Lynne Severance, Wesley Shand, William Shillady, Gunshik Shim, Seungho Shin, Jane Sibley, Gainus Sikes, John Simmons Jr., Robert Simpson, Eldon Simpson, Heather Sinclair, Carrie Smallwood, William Smartt, Denise Smartt Sears, Bette Sohm, Milagros Solorzano, Sallie Soltysiak, Sung Mo Song, Robert Sorozan, Ernest Stafford, Wendy Steed, Dee Stevens, Judy Stevens, James Stinson, Cecil Stone, Louise Stowe-Johns, Ian Straker, Charles Straut, Mary Ellen Summerville, Scott Summerville, Alpher Sylvester, Rhonda Taylor, Thomas Theilmann, Judith Thomas, John Thomason, Robert Thompson-Gee, Jennifer Tiernan-Nunno, Godfrey Uche, Joseph Upole, Joanne Utley, Chuck Van Houten, James Van Schaick, Xavier Vargas, James Veatch, Wendy Vencuss, Eric Vernon, Elisa M. Vicioso, Javier Viera, Martha E. Vink, Stephen Volpe, Francis Waite, Russell Waldmann, Robert Walker, Pauline Wardell-Sankoh, Kirtland Watkins, Jeff Wells, Elaine Welsh, William Wendler, Traci West, Ruth Widmann, Jay Williams, John Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Dennis Winkleblack, Julia Winward, Susan Woodworth, Min Seok Yang, Enock Yatri, Rachel Ye Kim, Randolph Yerkes, Ezra Yew, Kenny Yi, Chris Yi, Julia Yeon Hee Yim, HyoungDock Yoo, Hyo Jung (Dawn) Yoon, Christopher Yount, Moshing Yuen, Charlie Yun, Ieva Zadina

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Russell Ackroyd, Cecilia Acquah-Harrison, Sarah Adams, Richard Adams, Patricia Adams, Kenneth Ahlers, Matthew Airall, Sue Alexander, Janice Allen, Stephen Allen, Beverly Anderson, Helen Andrew, Dwight Andrews, Charlie Antzak, Patricia Archibald, Marilou Arendt, Rebecca Asedillo, Laura Ashby, Estella Ashton, John Ashton, Barbara Atchison, Lauriston Avery, Bonnie Baier, Sheila Bailey-Jacob, Andrew Bain, Leigh Bak, Jeffrey Baker, Cynthia Barclay, Janet Barr, Christine Barrett, Doug Barry, Anna Bates, Judi Bathrick, Michael Beaudry, Mayte Becerra, Susan Beck, Barbara Becker, Ralph Beepat, Florence Bell, Yinka Belo, Dorothee Benz, Patrick Biglin, Rachel Bird, Jane Bird, Maurice Bishop, Fern Blair, Monique Blount, Diane Bolduc, Kerry Borchardt, Florence Bosworth, Lisa Bosworth, Quintin Brantley, Mary Brevigleiri, Fred Brewington, Susan Brinsco-DeZolt, Maria Briscese, Cassandra Broadus-Garcia, Nadia Brown, Heather Brown, George Browne, Lorna Browne, Evelyn Brunson, Jeremiah E. Bryant, Miriam Buck, Robert Buice, Jimmie Buie, Gloria Burgess, Minerva Burgess, George Burris, Amelia Byer, Helen Cabaret, Jesus Cabrera, Joe Calzone, Christopher Campos, Robert Canora, Beth Capen, Helen Carlson, Wayne Carty, Tracey Chalupa, Kimberly Childs, Amul Christian, Jeanne Christiana, Jason Ciarlante, Paula Clark, Phyllis Clarke, David Clemens, Betty Coalmon, Michael Cobb, Thomas Coddington, Donna Coddington, Daniel Collins, Marie Davis, Camille Davis, Ed Dayton, Patricia Dayton, Janet De Silva, Andrew DeBoer, Richard Deible, Denise Delaney, Marcia Demos, Steven Derby, John Detzel, Paul DeVivo, Michele Dexter, Paul Deysenroth, Garry DeZolt, Glory Dharmaraj, Olga Diaz, Kathryn Dickinson, Darlene DiDomineck, Joan Dion, Jerry Dion, Junior Dixon, Emma Doctor, Lyn Dodillet, James Doe, Sr., Susan Dolce, John Donlon, Sharyn Donzella, John Donzella, Cora Doram, Nancy Doram, John Downs, Carol Doyna, Patricia Dymek, Fred Dymek, Mark Eckert, Ralph Eddy, Sandra Eddy, Barbara Edwards, Frankie Edwards, Leslie Egensteiner, Virginia Eichenauer, Sheree Ellder, Florence Elmore, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, Jeff English, Gail Erdie, Richard Erdman, Jennifer Esposito, Jenny Estremera, Jerry Eyster, Diane Farina, Lucretia Fernandez, Myong-Cha Ferrara, Elaine Fiore, Dennis Fisher, Richard Fliegenheimer, Eunice Flores, Roseann Forde, Geoffrey Fowler, Kim Fowler-Jackson, Judy Fram, Walter Francaviglia, Joseph Franklin, Hortense Freeman, John Fritz, Veronica Fulmore-Darby, Gisele Gachette, Felicita Galarza, Nancy Gamby, Betty Gannon, Charles Gardiner, Sandra Gardinier, Alan Garman, Mazaleen Garvin, Eliza Gatfield, Ruth D. Gathers, Cedric Gayle, Shirley Gerow, Susan Gill, Annie Gillens, Chan Gillham, Noeline Gittens, Diane Giugliano, Ana M. Gonzalez, Holly Beth Gorenbergh, Ethel Grant, Susan Greenfield, Annette Griffith, Clensford Griffith, Melvin Hall, Omar Hall, Ruth Halstead, Purdy Halstead, Karen Hamann, Carmen Hamilton, John E. Hamilton, Janet Hannigan, Kathy Hanse, Cynthia Hansen, Jennifer Harmer, Dolores Joanne Harmon, Patricia Harrington, Wendell Harris, Beverly Harris, Stanley Hartman, Dolores Harvey, Guy Hasler, Barbara Hawley, Janet Healy, Janet Heaney, Nick Henoumont, Virginia Herbert, Debbi Herdman, Deb Hervey, Lois Higgins, Johnella Hill, Ruth Hill, Joyce Hill, Melissa Hinnen, Elaine Hirschberg, James Hisey, George Hoag, Lois Hodlin, Gerianne Hoernes, Christine Hoff, Judy Hoffman, Judith Holcomb, Winnie Holden, Ethel Kay Holt, Arlene Hoose, Christopher Hoppe, Ada Horton, Margaret Howe, William Hubbard, Mark Hubert, Katherine Hulse, Mark Hultman, Robert Hunsinger, Lois Hunt, Katherine Hurley, Bonnie Hyatt, John Ingram, Maria Irish, Joan Isaacs,

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Nancy Williams, Carl Williams, Ross Williams, Jill Wilson, Myrtle Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Marcia Winter, Elaine Winward, Matthew Winward, Cynthia Wright, Francis Yoo, Ruth Young, Michael Zukowski

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Yvonne Applewaite, Jeff Centano, Thomas Collins, Francine Collins, Vanessa Cupid, Robbie Dulaney, Barbara Eastman, Lorna Ephraim, Sally Evans, Gale Godwin, Lynda Gomi, Aldo Grullon, Denise Hamilton, Beverly Kirby, Stella Law, Dorlimar Lebron, Jorge Lockward, Carolyn L. McNair, Alda McCalla, Daphne Moore, Keith Muhleman, Devan Oates, Stephanie Parsons, Beth Patkus, Patricia Perruccio, Heman Persaud, Sharon Petgrave-Cundy, Leslie Reyman, Tashen Robinson, Joyce Rose, Sam Rosenfeld, Dan Roth, Usha N. Satish, Jean Strong, Pearl Thane, Icelin Tucker, Rufina Vergara, Nancy Zukowski

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### GUESTS/OTHERS

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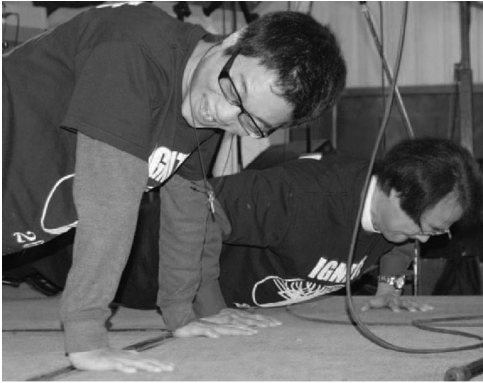
### CLERGY EXCUSED

Glenn Adone, Bruce Anspach, Joanne Arbogast, Michael Barry (Wednesday and Thursday), Arthur Bloom, Barbara Brand-James, Charles Brown, Duane Buddle (Friday afternoon and Saturday), John Calhoun, Bruce Carlson, George Carpenter, John Carr, Sabrina Chandler, Lawrence Charles (Wednesday), Mark Chatterton, Joseph Crockett, James H. Davis, Cynthia Dodd, Jani Darak-Druck, Sherry Driscoll, Kristen Dunn, Richard Edwards, Harold N. Gainer, Roy Grubbs, Clifford Field, Roy Hassel, Arthur Hewitt, John Hill, Lucille Hill, Robert Hullstrung, Neil Irwin, Karen Karpow (Saturday afternoon), Robert Knebel, Carl F. W. Kohn, Kathleen LaCamera, Margaret Laemmel, Bridgette LeConey, Retta Lykins, Lester McGonagle, Richard W. Mellerup, Howard Newton, Gerald Norris, John Olofson, Douglas Osgood, Gail Paul, Andrew Peck-McClain (Friday and Saturday), Emily Peck-McClain, Jack Polin, Robert Rhodes, Richard Rice, Anne Rossini, Kenneth Ruge, Norma Rust, Phil Schnell, Denise Smartt Sears (Thursday morning), Susan Outlaw Stallings, Carolyn Stapleton, Ed Underwood, Jim Van Schaick (Friday morning), Westley Villazon, John Wall, Bernice West, Virginia Wilcox, Joyce Wilkerson

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### LAY MEMBERS EXCUSED

Arrie Brandon, Ruby Branker, Maggie Carr, Inday Day, Diane Hornaday, Ruth E. Owens



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## **B. MINUTES OF THE 212TH SESSION OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

212TH SESSION – JUNE 8-11, 2011

*For Such A Time As This:*

*We are Heart-Warmed United Methodists in Mission*

**Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550**

**BISHOP JEREMIAH J. PARK, PRESIDING**

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### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 2011**

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#### **CLERGY SESSION**

The Executive Session of clergy and lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry was held at the Hofstra University Playhouse at 1:00 P.M., with Bishop Jeremiah J. Park, presiding. This annual meeting considered matters of ordination, character, and conference relations. The first ballot for General Conference delegates was held followed by the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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#### **LAITY SESSION**

Conference lay leader Renata Smith facilitated the session, held at the Arena, convened at 3 P.M. Highlights of this session included worship, welcome to all lay members by their respective district lay leaders, and the presentation of the nominees for General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Each nominee responded to the question, “Why do you feel called to be part of the delegation?”

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### **WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 2011**

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Gathering music by the New York Conference Music Team led by Jorge Lockward.

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#### **OPENING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE BY BISHOP JEREMIAH J. PARK**

Bishop Park opened the 212th Annual Conference at 7:00 P.M. Members were encouraged to prayerfully elect delegates for the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He asked us to elect a diverse delegation that reflects our Conference. Bishop Park gave an overview of the Conference. He greeted all in attendance and led in the singing of the historic Charles Wesley hymn, “And Are We Yet Alive.” Bishop Park offered prayers for this 212th session of the Annual Conference.

Bishop Park introduced Ms. Rosemarie Walker, conference coordinator, who brought greetings and spoke about her vision for her new role.

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS**

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Rev. Dennis Winkleblack, assistant conference secretary, presented the organizational resolutions which were passed. He defined the bar of the Annual Conference session.

### **Recognition of Mr. Robert Miller**

Bishop Park asked for a special moment to honor Mr. Robert Miller, outgoing conference secretary, reminding us that Mr. Miller stepped in at the last minute upon the death of Pastor Gene Smith. Mr. Miller was recognized for his more than four years of service as our conference secretary. The body stood and applauded.

Mr. Miller took a moment of personal privilege and spoke about the blessing of being part of this spirit-filled body. He went on to say that it had been a joy to get to know Bishop Park and the district superintendents. He ended by saying, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart." Bishop Park then led the body in a prayer for Mr. Miller.

### **Election of Annual Conference Secretary**

On behalf of the Bishop and the Cabinet, Rev. Noel Chin nominated Rev. Fredric Jackson to be the new conference secretary; he was elected with shouts of hallelujah. Bishop Park gave a word picture of our new secretary, stating that Rev. Jackson retired last year after 51 years of being a pastor. He has been married for 48 years, has four children and four grandchildren. Bishop Park welcomed Fred as the new NYAC secretary.

### **Conference Rules Committee**

Rev. Vicky A. Fleming, chairperson, brought to the body the Conference Rules of Order and Ruling of Law. The Rules Committee did not propose any changes, but Rev. Fleming moved that where the document reads, "March 15," as a deadline, it be replaced with "six weeks" before the beginning date of the Annual Conference. Motion passed.

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## **CORPORATE SESSION**

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At 7:35 P.M. Bishop Park declared that we were in corporate session.

### **Nomination for the Conference Board of Trustees**

Rev. Patrick Perrin, chair of the Conference Committee on Nominations, proposed Mervyn H. Richards, laity, to fill the position held by Ed Ruppman, for the Class of 2015.

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## **OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

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This worship service engaged a few of the many dimensions and qualities of the "warm heart." In song, word, image, and symbol, we were invited to embark on a soulful pilgrimage of the heart's intimate geography. Rev. Tisha Jermin danced as Emily Nixon, Denise R. Hamilton, Rev. James "K" Karpen and Leslie Egensteiner led the Call to Worship. Rev. Jermin gave a moving summary of how each one had been a witness to mission. The worship leaders processed to "O for a Thousand Tongues

to Sing,” then Bishop Park led us to seek truthful hearts. He began by recounting our heritage of the saints who taught us that personal and social holiness are one. We can have one heart even when we are not of one opinion. We are people in mission to bring the good news of the Gospel to those on the margins of society. We must confess that we have fallen short. Bishop Park led the body in a Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance.

Our dreaming hearts were called forth through the song, “Sing a New World into Being,” and then our discerning hearts were ignited by readings from John Wesley’s Journal and the Book of Acts. Readers were Rev. Vicki Flippin, Rev. Roger Jackson and Rev. Jessica Anschutz. Bishop Park read the Gospel lesson, John 3:16-17. His message, “Blessed Assurance” spoke of the Vision Statement and explained that we are heart-warmed United Methodists in mission. We are heirs of one of the most spiritually exciting movements in history. The Methodist movement was a result of what happened to Wesley on May 24, 1738. Bishop Park stated that if he had to choose the most significant word in Wesley’s conversion it would be “Assurance.” John Wesley knew everything intellectually about preaching faith; that salvation in Christ was freely available to all who believed. He preached Christ and faith to the best of his ability. His faith did not have the conviction of his own salvation. He had serious doubts about his own faith. His assurance came in the least expected way. Wesley went unwillingly to Aldersgate Street and he was struck by Grace. Bishop Park reminded the body that every moment can be a moment of Grace. He asked “when was the last time you were struck by Grace?” When Wesley’s heart was strangely warmed it was a moment of Grace. This moment of blessed Assurance given to him at Aldersgate was a turning point. And the world was no longer the same.

Assurance makes all the difference in the world to people of faith. Quoting Hebrews 11:1 Bishop Park said “faith is the assurance of things hoped for.” Without Assurance faith becomes halfhearted and lukewarm. If we are not totally convinced in what we believe our hearts will be tepid at best and our mission will be self-serving. This is contrary to the Methodist DNA. We are God’s people struck by Grace and there is nothing for which to hide or be ashamed. We are the people of blessed assurance. Bishop Park suggested that we make of a list of our assurances of God’s convictions. What are you passionate about in your relationship with God? Bishop Park reminded the body that “I am God’s beloved. You are God’s beloved. We are God’s beloved. You are loved. You are loved. You are loved.”

Jesus is the face of God. Bishop Park quoted Henri Nouwen and went on to say that the most amazing truth of God’s love is that God knows all about you and me and still loves us. “God loves you and you cannot do anything about it” — Bishop Park had the body say those words to each other. The assurance of this truth warms our hearts and sets us on fire for God. But, Bishop Park went on, what about people not like us; are they loved by God? It makes a church in love with the world and calls us to be in mission to all the world. Jesus told his disciples to go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. They were to go let all know that we are God’s beloved. Sometimes it is easier, said Bishop Park, to go to the ends of the earth than the end of the block or the end of the pew. We are called to love people whose values and life styles are not exactly like ours. There are persons all around us, even at the end of the pew who are not convinced of God’s love for them. Hear God’s voice — “who will go for us and whom shall we send?” By God’s grace we are heart-warmed United Methodists who have no choice but to respond. What happens in the heart will be connected to the world. There is no holiness without social holiness.

Bishop Park said, “I fear that the people of the United Methodist Church will exist as a lukewarm people; God forbid, it will never happen.” A young person said to Bishop Park, “Someone who is on fire for Christ is not an above-average Christian or an outrageous one but an average Christian.” The sermon concluded with the singing of “Blessed Assurance.”

The prayers of our yearning hearts were led by Renata Smith, Hannah Reasoner, Rev. Dennis Winkleblack and Rev. Ebenezer Aduku. Anchor House was introduced by Barbara Edwards, board member, by telling the body, “We are witnesses to one of God’s transforming miracles at Anchor House.” They received the offering that came from our generous hearts and a joint choir sang a medley of songs after a testimony was given. Rev. William Shillady thanked our Anchor House guests and offered a prayer dedicating our gifts. The benediction was led by Bishop Park followed by the closing song, “We Will Take What You Offer.”

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### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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A training session for using the hand-held voting devices was led by a member of the team who is overseeing the voting process. The results of the first clergy ballot, held during the executive session, were that 40 clergy remained eligible for election. Prior to the second ballot, Bishop Park encouraged us to remember our commitment to multicultural collaboration when we are voting. On the second ballot, the first using a hand-held device, Rev. William Shillady was elected with 43 votes.

The session was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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## THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 2011

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### Gathering Music

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Kieffer, which began, “Oh my God, have you seen today’s agenda?” He then prayed for God’s guidance for the day’s agenda items.

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### GUEST SPEAKER

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Rev. Kieffer introduced our guest lay speaker, Mr. Jerry Eyster. He graduated from Yale and Stamford and has presented many educational programs on John Wesley. He is involved in training lay speakers and is a very energetic speaker. Mr. Eyster began with a Charles Wesley prayer and John Wesley quote, he then brought us the message, “Heart-Warmed United Methodists.” He began with the confession, “I am a heart-warmed United Methodist in mission” and informed us that his father and grandfather were both United Methodist preachers—which meant he heard the great stories of John Wesley growing up. When he returned to Methodism after college, Mr. Eyster became more curious about Wesley. He spoke of Wesley responding to the emotional preaching of George Whitfield. But the difference with the Methodists was not just salvation. Methodists went the next step to reach out to the people and asked them to live the fruit-bearing life of salvation. Mr. Eyster spoke of how Wesley often talked about true religion’s relationship with happiness. Eyster drew a distinction between happiness as a smiling face and “spiritual well-being.” Wesley was, in terms of his religion, a very scientific person, using living experience as a “vital exegetical tool” (John Walsh). He also wrote about the spiritual senses we have in salvation,

like a newborn baby being born and sensing the world. Eyster then brought in Martin Seligman's work on positive psychology, which asks what makes people happy and fulfilled. Eyster reminded us that studies have shown that people who go to church are happier and healthier than those who do not. In positive psychology, there are several kinds of happiness. One is the pleasant life, in which worldly pleasures are held. In this life, according to positive psychologists, are expressions of gratitude. He reminded us that we can either feed the positive or the negative pieces of our nature, and that it takes three positives to counteract one negative. He quoted Paul on happiness (Philippians 4:11-13). The second kind of happiness is the social life. He showed a photo of Eyster's mother and aunt on a school basketball team. His mother could name every person on the team because social engagement on that team was very important to her. Social happiness is so important that studies have shown that loneliness can have the same degree of health implications as smoking. Furthermore, Wesley believed that the individual's happiness was dependent on others' happiness (There is no holiness other than social holiness.). He spoke of the psychological concept of flow, a heightened state of happiness and energy, which has similar conditions to those created in Wesley's small groups. He again quoted Paul (Romans 12:8) to illustrate the point that contributing one's strengths leads to happiness. The third form of happiness is the meaningful life (e.g. J. Wesley, Mandela, and an abolitionist). Thomas Britton (1644-1714), a small-coal man was used as an example. Britton was not limited by his job but found great meaning in providing a space for musical innovation. A key to happiness is also living an authentic life—defined as living the life God would have one live. If any of us want to bring people into relationship with God, we must be credible and authentic in our witness. Wesley showed his authenticity when, asked what he would do if he were to die tomorrow, said he would do exactly what he does every day now—preach, teach, and pray. George Valliant studied leaders and concluded: "Happiness equals love—full stop." Eyster suggested that we as a church need to reclaim happiness, which is part of our tradition. People are seeking happiness, and the church can offer that! Eyster concluded by offering the body a clip from one of his father's sermons, in which he spoke of various experiences being convinced of God's grace and the potential of the church. While on a trip to Europe, he saw Wesley's historic home and the destruction of war. The sermon excerpt was met with applause from the body. Eyster summed up his message by reminding us that heart-warmed, mission, and happiness are all inescapable pieces of our United Methodist heritage, and led us all in affirming, "I am a United Methodist. Hallelujah! Amen."

Following Mr. Eyster's message on happiness, the Bishop felt called to lead the body in the song, "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart." He then thanked God for the ministry of lay speakers like Jerry Eyster.

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## CLERGY ELECTION FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012

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The Bishop invited Rev. Dennis Winkleblack to the podium to explain the election process. Bishop Park offered a word of prayer; the clergy voted for four candidates on the third ballot. No one was elected.

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## LAITY ELECTION FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012

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Rev. Winkleblack reviewed the voting process for the laity's first ballot, asking for each person to vote for five candidates. The names of lay candidates were projected onto the conference screen. Bishop Park asked Conference Lay Leader Renata Smith, to offer a prayer for the laity ballot. Fred Brewington was elected on the first ballot.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Worship leaders entered to the hymn “The God of Abram Praise.” A procession of participants was led by Rev. Tisha Jermin. The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer were offered by Rev. Noel Chin, and the worship team led in a Russian Orthodox response “Trisagion.” This was followed by “A Time to Remember,” in which verses of “The Beatitudes” (TFWS 2155) were led by the music team while Rev. Tisha Jermin offered a moving liturgical dance during the reading of names and scripture. The Rev. Adrienne Brewington and the Rev. Fred Jackson read names of the deceased at the baptismal font, interspersed with scripture readings by Rev. Lee and Mrs. Polly Gangaware. We remember and give thanks for:

### Clergy

William A. Robbins, Ellen Oliveto, Charles A. Melano, Hak Nee Nam, Jodey R. Williams, Henry C. Abiola Bernard, Elemit A. Brooks, Paul Wilson Bowles, Wallace T. Viets, Robert A. Traina, Frank A. Horbert, Sr., Julian Norris Hartt, Albert J. Hillard, Robert Pearsall, R. Marston Speight, Merritt Barnum Queen, Alfred Liberatore, Thomas Irwin Vaughan

### Spouses of Clergy

Sylvia Dietlin Olofson, Margaret Cheeks Oakes, Mary Ellen “Susi” Morrison, Rose Mildred Menninger Richmond

### Widows and Widowers of Clergy

Edna Woodward, Sidney B. Robinson, Doris Carroll, Maryon H. Kelley Hall, Margaret A. MacKenzie, Thelma Allen, Lorla M. Nothdurft, Fannie Ellis Baker Bailey, Charlotte Palmer Randall, Juanita Edwards Mercer, Elinor N. Hartt, June L. Butler, Magdalene Takaro Law, Anita L. Bennett Boeck

### Children of Clergy

Sally Marie Nothdurft Galion, Jonathan W. Speight, Henri Fils-Aime, Katrina Snow, Jocelyn Gilles Day

### Special Remembrance

George Backofen, Shirley Parris

Following the reading of the names the body sang “For All the Saints.” The Gospel lesson, Luke 9:57-62, was read by Guerschon Saint Ange in Haitian Creole and by the Rev. Jeanette Bassinger-Ishii in English. Rev. Adrienne Brewington, district superintendent of the Long Island East District, was the preacher. She reminded us that the people whose names were read have already had their own funerals. What we celebrate today is the work and legacy they left in the house of faith and the way they were similar to the person depicted in a West African grio statue, which she lifted up for the congregation to see. The grio’s role is to remember the story of the community and to travel telling the story of the community so that the people can remember who they are. She said the grio reminds her of who she is fully—wife, mother, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, and descendent of our biblical ancestors. Reading the stories of the Bible is like listening to pieces of family folklore, a treasured practice in her own

family, which is full of griefs! The Rev. Brewington remembers those stories helped her understand who she is. In her mother's words, "Remember, Adrienne, you come from people who are somebody." The biblical stories do the same thing—they help us remember and understand who we are. She recalled the stories of Moses being called to liberate his people, Mary's call to bear a Holy Spirit child, and the gospel folk called to follow Jesus, leaving behind all other loyalties. Then Rev. Brewington wondered what stories we remember that help us understand ourselves. She conveyed stories of acquaintances and churches that follow God as long as they can keep their preferred comfort and loyalties. She asked, "What are we to do when these stories are all too common?" Her answer was a passionate litany of faith stories that we can remember—tales of God's radical call and faithfulness. She then conveyed a story about Rev. Lee and Mrs. Polly Gangaware, when they took an appointment for \$100/wk. The couple struggled even to put food on the table, but they did not complain to the church or to each other. Instead, they sat at an empty table and gave thanks to God. And, as soon as they gave thanks, a church member came by with groceries. God takes care of God's own, she declared. She asked us to add the Gangaware's story and other stories of God's triumph to our family folklore. Her sermon's conclusion was greeted with applause.

After the sermon, Mr. Charles B. Powell, Sr. sang, "You Raise Me Up." The service concluded with Holy Communion. Prior to Communion, Bishop Park asked for a moment of silence in memory of Shirley Parris. Bishop Park and Bishop Alfred Johnson were the celebrants; communion elements were served by teams including members of the Cabinet, lay members, those who would be newly commissioned, newly ordained as elders, and a pastor retiring in 2011, district superintendents and other clergy members. Bishop Park asked for a moment of silence for Rev. Sara Diane Ford's son, Thomas Ford, who passed to our eternal home. The closing hymn was, "Until All are Fed"; it was signed by Stacey Riccardi. The final prayer was led by Bishop Park; the charge and benediction were given by Rev. Brewington.

**Clergy and Lay Ballots** — No one was elected.

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## CORPORATE SESSION

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### Report of Conference Board on Finance and Administration

The Rev. Tim Riss, president, opened with a few church finance jokes. He then reminded us that we present the budget early because of conference rule 33. The Conference needs \$16,756,040 to fund its mission. Clergy pension expense is expected to be \$3,588,644. The pension expense is apportioned to local churches based on the participant's salary, multiplied by 125%; if the church provides a parsonage or the housing allowance, if any. This is multiplied by 17.4%, which is billed to the churches. He showed a chart describing the distribution of pension costs among the local churches. Rev. Riss explained how the health insurance expense of \$4,825,632 is apportioned; 90% is paid by the churches and 10% by the pastors. Each church with a pastor working at least ¾ time is charged a uniform rate. The rate for 2012 is estimated to be 90% of \$14,448. Pastors would be required to pay \$1,445. Shared ministries' expense: \$8,708,669 projected, including 37% clergy support, 30% administration, 25% World Service and conference benevolences, and 8% other. The formula to calculate apportionments was explained, including the fact that membership does not affect apportionment amounts. Clergy pension apportionment is dependent on compensation by the local church. Main features of the proposed 2012 budget include: Active clergy health insurance

estimated to go up by 7.5% next year (low by industry standards), and shared ministries apportionment recommended to go up by 1.3%. There are two resolutions that will affect the 2012 budget: camping and retreat ministries, and conference insurance. He also reminded us of the purpose of apportionments: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by supporting local church ministries and extending local church mission and outreach. He quoted Psalm 24:1 and closed by thanking Bill Shillady, the Camping and Retreat Ministries Governing Board, the Board of Trustees, the Cabinet (especially Bishop Park's leadership in guiding difficult situations), Ernest Swiggett, who took the time to consult CF&A this year, and Ross Williams. He then named the members of CF&A as they stood. The body thanked them with applause. Bishop Park affirmed that CF&A has done a lot of hard work in these difficult financial times and offered thanks to God for their ministry, asking the body to stand and express appreciation with another round of applause.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS

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Rev. Ian B. Straker, Chairperson, provided directions for the legislative sections:

### Session locations:

Section 1 Ministries of Witness—Plaza Room

Section 2 Connectional Ministries—Multipurpose Room

Section 3 Ministries of Advocacy—Student Center Theater

Section 4 Leadership Ministries (Commissioning)—Cultural Center Theater

Section 6 Administration—Greenhouse

Section 5 Care and Support of Our Clergy (Pastoral Compensation) and Section 7 Shared Ministry (Conference Budget)—Arena

### Announcements and Grace

Bishop Park invited Rev. Dr. Gennifer Brooks to come forward as a personal privilege. She moved suspension of the rules, which was allowed by the body. Rev. Brooks reminded us that Shirley Parris, lay leader of the conference for 8 years, had surgery last year and died. Because she wasn't an official member of the Conference at the time, her name will not appear in the Conference Journal. She moved that a resolution be considered in section 6 to add her name. This was approved by the body. Bishop Park also asked the body to pray for Rev. Richard Rice, having surgery. Bishop Park announced that there will be a time for prayer for Rev. Richard Rice and others who need special prayer during Conference. Grace for the noon meal was offered by Ms. Marva Usher-Kerr.

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9, 2011

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Legislative Sections met as indicated above.

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## THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 2011

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Gathering Music was provided by the Conference Music Team.

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## BLACK COLLEGE PRESENTATION AND OFFERING

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Ms. Veronica Darby introduced Usha N. Satish, a summer intern who is at Bennett College for Women and an active United Methodist. Ms. Satish spoke of the difference between being who you are and what people want you to be. Bennett College assisted her in discerning her identity. She expressed appreciation for the 11 historically black colleges. She said that the United Methodist Church through the Black College Fund had been very important to her.

Bishop Park said that the NYAC has paid more than 100% for the General Church Apportionment for the Black College Fund for 7 years. He invited people to give generously. Rev. Leo Curry said a prayer before the offering.

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## JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENT

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The celebration began with a joyous procession with the Conference Music Team playing “Freedom,” a South African song. There was a short animated film on retirement. Rev. Dr. Luisa Martinez read from Leviticus 25 on Jubilee. She and Rev. Virginia “Ginny” Carle engaged in a dialogue on retirement, referring to the Spanish word Jubilacion which speaks of renewal and new life, forgiveness and a new beginning. The year of Jubilee also means a time of resetting, when one trusts God in a new way. It is a time when one may return to one’s family and roots, or perhaps be asked by the Bishop to be appointed again. It is an opportunity for renewal and new opportunities.

The body sang, “The Year of Jubilee is Come” with the affirmation, “retire, rejuvenate and live.”

The retiree class was introduced by Rev. Eumin Kim — 18 pastors representing 503 years of service. This group included four present or former district superintendents, a clergy couple and his own father, Rev. Joong Urn Kim. He spoke of the patience and support of the spouses during all the years of ministry. The body offered applause in appreciation for their ministries

Video clips of the retirees were shown and each clergy person and their spouse came forward to receive a special gift. Our honored retirees are the Reverends Fred A. Allen, Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii, Magaly N. Beltre, Wilbert Taylor Bradley, Byung Chul Choi, George C. Engelhardt, Mary M. Hoynes, Takayuki Ishii, Roy E. Jacobsen, Ovid L. Jermin, Johnny R. Johnson, Joong Urn Kim, Betty LeGeyt, Janet Porcher, Josephat Rungu, Raymond Santos, Jane McCulloch Sibley, and Dennis R. Winkleblack.

Giving thanks and glory to God, they spoke of appreciation for their ministries: working with young people and keeping up with them over the years, nurturing of congregations, giving glory and honor to God, spouses who were their best supporters and critics, those who called them into ministry, seeing Jesus in the street, the multi-faceted olive branch of the church, congregations who were faithful in mission and embraced others, the encounter of Jesus with Martha and Mary (both parts of ministry), seeing people come to Jesus Christ, serving on the Cabinet, family support, the support of colleagues, inspiring lay people who are active in ministry, collaborative discipleship ministry, Conference staff, Bishops, justice and peacemaking ministries, helping people find God and having other people help them find God, being with lay people who showed the way of the coming Kingdom, genuine stewardship, serving those in need in one’s own home.

The Reverends Megaly Beltre, Jane Sibley and Ovid Jermin led a reading by all retirees on Moses affirming that though we don't know what is in store for us, we know God is with us. The congregation joined in words of affirmation and blessing. Bishop Park led a prayer to God, the rock of their salvation and prayed for strength and the spirit of Jubilee that they might be blessed to be a blessing in the years to come.

The congregation sang "In the Midst of New Dimensions," affirming God's grace and glory forevermore.

**Clergy Ballot #4 & Laity Ballot #3** — No one was elected.

**Laity Ballot #4** — Jorge Lockward and Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt were elected as delegates to General Conference.

**Clergy Ballot #5** — Adrienne Brewington was elected as a delegate to General Conference.

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## CORPORATE SESSION

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Convened at 8:37 P.M.

### Report of Trustees

Ms. Joyce Palevitz, president of the Conference Trustees, introduced the Trustees: Rose Walker, Jorge Lockward, Koonae Lee, Joe Piccirillo, Ginny Carle, John Carrington and Cabinet Liaison Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii. Last year at Annual Conference, approval was granted for the merger of two churches in New Rochelle (Christ and St. Luke's). The resolution was not entered in the Conference Journal for 2010; it will be printed in this year's journal and a copy available at the Conference Center. The Conference office kitchen has been renovated and allows for good hospitality. Joyce Palevitz moved on behalf of the Trustees that the address of the Conference Center Fund remove the former address, Bryant Avenue, to a generic address wherever the Conference Center is located (Resolution A). The body adopted this resolution. Joyce Palevitz moved a resolution on behalf of the Trustees that the Conference Center mortgage be refinanced at a lower rate to save some \$20-25,000 in interest (Resolution B). The body adopted this resolution. Joyce Palevitz moved a resolution on behalf of the Trustees that the Conference treasurer be authorized to make changes regarding insurance subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, up to and including terminating the Conference-sponsored insurance program for local churches and any other properties participating in the program (Resolution E). The NYAC currently offers a voluntary program whereby member churches can obtain automobile, property, and casualty insurance through the conference. Only 104 of the approximately 475 churches of the NYAC currently participate in the program which adversely impacts its financial viability. The NYAC has for several years incurred significant unbudgeted costs to run the program due to shortfalls of collections from participating churches. Such unbudgeted costs have negatively impacted the Conference's ability to carry out the programs and ministries that have been budgeted. Churches would be permitted to remain in the program provided they pay or get their own insurance within the next six months. If churches cannot pay for insurance, they can apply to the Conference for relief. The purpose of this is to make it transparent through CF&A when payments are made on behalf of churches. The resolution was passed. It was recommended that Mr. Lawrence McGaughey continue to serve as Conference chancellor. His work was affirmed over

many years and the recommendation was approved. Ginny Carle, trustee, was affirmed for her role in the sale of two abandoned properties.

Members of the Camping Task Force joined the Trustees on the stage. They brought two resolutions to the Conference affirming vital camping and retreat ministry in the Conference. The Trustees affirmed the following resolutions: One resolution is to enable a mortgage on Camp Quinipet (Resolution C on page 128 of the Preliminary Reports). The resolution was passed.

A second resolution authorizes the Camping Task Force to lease all or part of the property at Camp Epworth to non-Methodist groups and to utilize the property in non-traditional ways such as timbering or selling the property, in whole or part (Resolution D on page 129 of the Preliminary Reports). There is no time frame for these choices. It was stated, although not in the resolution, that the camp would not be sold without approval by the Cabinet, CF&A, Conference Trustees and the Camping Task Force. The resolution was adopted as printed.

**Trustee Election** — Mervyn H. Richards was elected Trustee, Class of 2015.

### **Corporate Resolutions**

District Superintendent Rev. Noel Chin brought a resolution for the Chartering of the Morningside United Methodist Church (Resolution F). The resolution was approved.

Rev. Noel Chin brought a resolution for the Chartering of BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church (Resolution G). The resolution was approved.

Rev. Noel Chin brought a resolution from the New Rochelle United Methodist Church (Resolution H), to use proceeds from a property sale for ministry. The resolution was approved.

Rev. Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii, NY/CT district superintendent, presented a resolution for the discontinuance of Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church (Resolution I). Whereas the Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church located in Putnam County, NY, was founded in 1835 and has had a long and proud history, and whereas the Charge Conference of the Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church voted on February 12, 2011 to discontinue the church; and Whereas the consent of the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building has been granted; Therefore be it resolved that the Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2011 and that the Trustees of the NYAC of the United Methodist Church be authorized to dispose of all property, including real estate, and settle all outstanding debts of the church with the remainder of any funds to be given to the Conference New Church Growth and Development Fund. The resolution was approved.

The Bishop asked the body to express their appreciation for the ministry of the Trustees.

The Corporate Session ended at 10:10 P.M.

**Clergy Ballot #6** — No one was elected.

The evening session was adjourned with a prayer by the Bishop.

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## FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 2011

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### Gathering Music

Bishop Jeremiah Park called the session to order at 8:30 A.M. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Kenny Yi, district superintendent.

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### BIBLE STUDY

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Rev. Kenny Yi introduced our Bible Study Leader, Rev. Dr. Randolph Nugent. His focus was “Mission in Our Day.” Mr. Raymond Chad offered a musical rendition of “People Need the Lord.” Rev. Dr. Nugent began by asking, “How will we acquire new ways to be in mission.” It is a new way to recover what it means to be in mission in our day—what we think about mission and how we do mission. People have become antithetic to the organized church. Commercialize the tools to receive maximum benefit while at the same time causing irreparable damage to the church in mission. People listen to TV and hear anyone proclaim anything about a text and sit there devoid of human contact. Response is not possible. Once those words are out there you cannot call them back; for this reason Bible Study is a hope for the growing mission of our day. The text for this day was Matthew 28:16-20. The testimony of women brought the disciples to the place where the commissioning happened. This testimony provided a clue to the beginning of our missionary journey. “Acompañamiento” gives an insight into the mission of our day. This is a call to be together with, to be with Jesus, to show the face of the suffering Christ in our day; it is a call to redemption. If these women had not accompanied Jesus along the way who would have been given the call. Mission in our day calls for orthopraxis of love—that which leads to right action. Right action is as important as right faith. Mission in our day calls us to work out the greatest commandment to love one another in the great commission, “go.” With whom have you been in accompaniment lately? In our missionary history we have always accompanied people on their journey. In the 1940’s when we entered war against the Japanese and they were held illegally in concentration camps, you went with them. You went with the Native Americans as they went on the “Trail of Tears.” Rev. Nugent spoke of many other ways we have accompanied people on their journey. It was the United Methodist Women and the Women’s Division that established work with those in Appalachia. The major characteristic was the accompanying. So we must accompany again in the flesh. Where are the places today that call us to accompany others?

The mission of our day, God’s mission, is programs whose characteristic is human and personal; they need to be sustained over long periods of time. Mission in the digital age does not have long-term capacity; it is defined by our bandwidth. Have you not seen how people walk with their vision fixed upon them? The digital age has changed the way we think and act. It has affected our life. There are telling matters, that these are only short-term. Many of these gadgets pass a fundamental shadow over mission. A lot of the information that comes to us is negative. It forces constraints upon us, an out-of-touchness. In a digital-age, news reports only last for six days because then there is a new event. We have to struggle having a relationship with what happens six days before. This violates a missionary principle of maintaining connection over a long period of time. At least we have to give attention to the hopeful message. These instruments are very problematic for us. Going into the digital age, many decisions are being made by machines instead of people. Our mission is to elevate human life and dignity.

What about mission? Can we continue to do what we have done? What has been said about the digital age eliminates the need for mission by the church. But we have been called to be the human form of Jesus the Christ and to share that with the world. Companies are finding more ways to have machines do the work and the executive gets more salary when that happens. It is about accumulating more. I want more than what my neighbor has. This call, this commission is not new. It exists in a specific time for a specific reason. What is not known in our digital age is the commission but our own heart, our own passion, our Christ and the power to us to reemphasize, to reinforce the basic aspects of this commission.

With whom do we do mission? Rev. Nugent told of his experience in the Congo. When they arrived they were greeted by members of the UMC of the Congo. They had nothing but they were present and on the scene. God is a missionary God. Genesis 15:6 was Rev. Nugent's scripture for God being in mission. God requires a Holy People. Mission is mandatory to do what God intends for people in the world. The idea of nations being blessed can be found in Genesis, and in Sirach. Why do we do what we do under the name of mission?

How do we do mission? God, salvation, and the need for holy people are three things we must follow. Holy people to express, receive, or carry out the mission is what God intends. It is a matter of obedience, gratitude, and love. Rev. Nugent addressed the "what" of mission. Human contact is not to be sacrificed even if it is the most costly factor to us. Personal and human interaction and contact are the means by which God conveys salvation. There is nothing to replace the God who came in human life and experience and calls us to intensify human contact in mission. Mission is not only from here to there but also there to here. Philippians 2:7 is about Christ emptying himself and becoming a slave. In doing mission with youth we have to think about when and how they gather. Mission suggests they are gathering in different places, not in the churches. These groups are diverse. Rev. Nugent suggested that young people become the missionary force of the church. We have to prepare our young children to be bearers of the word. You have to prepare them about the meaning of life and mission in our day. Given the demographic shifts of our young people, they are not peripheral, they are the center. Rev. Nugent said we need to be a 24-hour church if you want to reach young people. We have to find a diversity of gender, ethnicity, race and sexual orientation. This is not difficult for young people to comprehend. In the digital age people become victims of numbers and the ugliness of homelessness and hunger are not seen. Above all, in this digital age we must be fully aware that we cannot define that which is infinite. Mission in our day must be a representation of the incarnate Christ. If you don't humanize mission it is like sending a kiss through a messenger; something is lost in the translation.

Bishop Park said that Rev. Nugent's message, "Mission in Our Day," is all about God, salvation and the holy people for the transformation of the world. Bishop Park invited everyone to rise and sing, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

The Bishop introduced those on the dais with him: Ms. Beth Capen, parliamentarian and a member of the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church; Rev. Dennis Winkleblack, assistant to the Bishop, Ms. Renata Smith, Conference lay leader; Rev. Fred Jackson, Conference secretary, and Rev. Evelyn McDonald, assistant secretary.

## CORPORATE SESSION

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The bishop offered a prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide the voting process.

**Clergy Ballot #8** — No one was elected.

**Clergy Ballot #9** — Tim Riss and Constance Pak were elected as delegates to General Conference.

**Clergy Ballot #10** — No one was elected.

### Religion and Race Monitor Report

The report was presented by Ms. Roena Littlejohn. The purpose of the monitoring project is to see how effectively minority people participate. Some 230 clergy have completed the training to date. Two training events are scheduled for LIE (October 18 and 19), LIW (November 1 and 2). During the clergy session there were 39 male and 39 female speakers, 32 Caucasian, 23 African American and 14 Asian. Yesterday there were 353 speakers: 118 Caucasian females, 26 African American and 2 Hispanic spoke, and 207 males who spoke (121 Caucasian, 29 Asian, 53 African-American and 4 Hispanic).

She asked members of the Commission on Religion and Race to stand. A token of appreciation was presented to Bishop Park for his courageous leadership in this area and for supporting the Commission. Bishop Park gave great thanks for the diversity of the NYAC which is willing to get together to build the beloved community. He reminded us that a resolution was passed a few years ago that all clergy receive training on anti-racism. Our conference is making a major effort in this area. We are indeed a beloved community of hope.

### Commission on the Status and Role of Women

The report was given by Rev. Judy Stevens. During Annual Conference the Commission monitored institutional discrimination which places men over women, an often invisible expression of our Conference's culture. Rev. DaleEllen Krazmein presented for COSROW. She thanked people for the affirmation of women but raised two points: in the camping ministry and insurance discussions on the Conference floor 12 men and 3 women were recognized even though there were 12 women with raised yellow cards. The male personal pronoun was used excessively in worship to express humanity in one of the Bible studies. This was disappointing, as for many years the Conference has used inclusive language.

Bishop Park said he is so glad that colleagues are committed to equality so that all people make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### United Methodist Publishing House

The report from Cokesbury was brought to the body by Christopher Jannot. The Cokesbury store in Teaneck closed. He commended our Conference for being the "singingest" and most worshipping Conference. Cokesbury has been challenged by the economic times. Ministry Matters website is being developed (see MinistryMatters.com and join for free). Many free resources are online and there is an opportunity to

chat on issues of common interest. Mr. Jannot affirmed that Cokesbury wants to be supportive of our ministry.

**Laity Ballot** — Bishop Park prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide the election. No one was elected.

**Laity Ballot** — Marva Usher-Kerr was elected as a delegate to General Conference.

**Laity Ballot** — Rashid Warner was elected as a delegate to General Conference.

### ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR MEMORIAL LIST

A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Gennifer Brooks to add the following names to the Memorial List of those recognized during the Service of Remembrance: Thomas Ford (child of clergy) and Shirley Parris (special recognition). Motion carried.

### CORPORATE SESSION

**Clergy Ballot #11** — No one was elected.

The body sang a rousing version of the song, “This is the Day.” The Bishop expressed his appreciation of the Conference Music Team, which was acknowledged by the body.

**Clergy Ballot #12** — No one was elected.

**Clergy Ballot #13** — Noel Chin was elected as a General Conference Delegate.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The first elected lay person will lead the delegation: Frederick Brewington, Jorge Lockward, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, Marva Usher Kerr, and Rashid Warner. Clergy, elected in order are: William Shillady, Adrienne Brewington, Timothy Riss, Constance Pak and Noel Chin.

### Report of the Conference Lay Leader

Ms. Renata Smith, Conference lay leader, invited members of the Board of Laity to join her on the stage. She thanked Shirley Parris for advising her to always have prayer in her ministry as Conference lay leader. She thanked the Board of Laity for having God’s transforming power in their lives and for their stewardship which allowed them to work well together. She thanked Ann Pearson for her visionary guidance and the meals she prepares at the Conference Center. She thanked Bishop Park for his gracious concern for her and gave thanks for his God given positive partnership with the laity, listening, sharing his vision, speaking at length about the call to action and reminding the laity that laity have already been called and commissioned by God for service. Even when a picture may not look so bright he always has a note of hope. She also said that the cloud of witnesses includes the Lay delegates who continue to serve despite the uneven terrain of ministry, saying that God sees and affirms all who serve. She introduced Conference Director of Lay Speaking, Mr. Peter O’Neill.

Peter O’Neill said that from the earliest years of Methodism lay speaking was a foundation and is very much alive in all the 6 Districts. Lay Speakers are eager to

serve, are well informed, and committed to witness through caregiving and spoken communications. They continue to refine their skills through training. They are called to serve as the lay leadership of our churches through all aspects of church life and ministry. Lay Speakers will recommend to the General Conference 2012 to rename “Lay Speaking Ministries” to “Lay Servant Ministries.”

An example of Lay Speakers in mission is their response to support the water project in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. NYAC has exceeded its goal by raising to date, over \$6,000. Because of a national matching grant this will provide safe drinking water for over 100 families in Haiti.

Renata Smith recognized many of the laity who have been an inspiration to her in her journey as a disciple. She said that a sign of spiritual vitality is highly engaged laity. The Wakefield Grace Mountain Movers pray for people on the phone on Tuesday nights and bring hope to callers. This is sustained, going on for over 10 years. She also pointed out a prayer team composed of clergy and laity who prayed for all 78 churches in the LIE district. It is through God’s spirit that the mountains we face are removed.

She said that a year ago a lay person wanted to commit to a ministry. She lifted up Elaine Winward who started a servant prayer ministry at Jesse Lee Memorial UMC in CT, offering multiple forms of healing prayer. She said a leader must be a servant in a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are best able to make disciples of Jesus Christ when we are disciples of Jesus Christ. This is sustained by prayer, Bible study, and worship.

Ms. Smith said it is important that Lay Members of the Annual Conference work on a strong report to churches when they return home; do not just speak about the difficult struggles such as the camping ministries at Camp Epworth; instead, invite people to use Camp Epworth.

It is not by might and power, but it is by God’s spirit that the mountains in our personal lives, churches, districts, conference and the global church will be removed.

We are all God’s children, ministers and all agents of God for the transformation of the world. Thanks be to God for the devoted, fruitful clergy and laity of the New York Annual Conference.

### **Report of the Cabinet**

Bishop Park recognized members of the Cabinet and thanked them for their service. He introduced Rev. Betsy Ott and Rev. St. Clair Samuel as new district superintendents. He said that the Cabinet is “his church” where they share their lives and journeys together and are so blessed by what God has in store for them through their common life. He gave thanks for the deep gift of the Cabinet. The body applauded showing its support of the Cabinet.

Rev. Ken Kieffer brought the report from the Cabinet to the Conference body. He spoke in a way that was both humorous and heartfelt, noting that to be good on the Cabinet you must be good with acronyms: VIM, SPR, CEU, CPP, CRSP, NYAC of The UMC and the NRSV. It is easy to be a preserver of the institution and not proclaimers of the resurrection. It is essential that we stay committed to God’s Bible. As he drives his car he listens to the Bible on a CD; it has made him a better person.

He reminded us that we have assets of more than 1 billion dollars. Why then are we in a scarcity mode in our churches. We need to be better stewards of that which we have been given. We need to let go of churches that are out of date and sometimes even possibly unsafe. We need to reallocate our resources to be best used in our ministry. He said that the Buildings and Locations Committees will be active in the districts working on reallocation of old buildings and new ministries.

We were told that clergy are unhealthy and need to attend to exercise and healthy eating. “Donuts are not a sacrament, people,” he said to general laughter. He advised clergy to do regular sports and exercise. He spoke of the importance of being a non-anxious presence which changes the temperature in a room and can help a church. He commended Bishop Park for being a non-anxious presence who puts his unshakable trust in God even in the face of challenges.

He said that he checks his emails at night to make sure all is well in his district.

Superintendent Kieffer said that guaranteed appointments now hamper our ministry. He said that we must hold clergy to accountability in ministry so as not to offer a guaranteed appointment to someone who is ineffective...the bar we set for our clergy must be high enough to be called United Methodists. We need to expect excellence in all areas of all of our pastors.

All church newsletters are read: One church feeds 150 hungry persons every week. Another newsletter reported a ministry to a woman and her child living in a shelter which allowed the family to relocate in the parsonage; the church supported them financially and with love. One church has a team of volunteer lawn mowers so that they can use the funds on ministry, not landscaping a huge lawn. Another congregation helped bring eye glasses to Haiti. A church had a pasta dinner to raise funds toward huge dialysis expenses for a child. All this gives hope. Jesus gives hope.

Bishop Park gave thanks that we have such servants with spirit and love of the church.

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## RECOGNITION OF MRS. PARK

Marilyn Wakefield, representing the Episcopacy Committee, expressed how much they appreciate Mrs. Lisa Park. Mrs. Park looked back over the past year and remembered the wonderful God moments shared together in the NYAC – dedication of a new sanctuary, prayer room, fellowship hall, worship. The past year has been grace-filled with a healthy amount of challenges. She and Bishop Park celebrated their 37th anniversary this year. She spoke of a grandchild who said, “I’m so happy.” Mrs. Park said, “Me too!” Bishop Park said, “I love you!” Applause all around.

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## EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park. Resident Bishop of the New York Area, brought his message to the body. He spoke of the Call to Action Project to address four areas – developing principle leaders; creating new places for worship; revitalizing existing ministries, and increasing ministry with the poor. He said we must deal with declines in baptisms, professions of faith, aging of congregations, etc. The Call to Action Project collected data from 32,000 churches. The goal is to redirect the flow of energy and intention of resources to intense commitment to vital congregations effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The goal is to focus on sustaining vitality and having dramatic performance expectations for all areas of the church, and

having strong leadership to adopt new understanding. The Council of Bishops expects results in all areas. We will measure worship attendance, small groups, number of disciples doing outreach and amount of money given to mission and ministry.

There may be many activities but little fruit. There is a concern that there may be too much reliance on statistics, yet we must measure with numbers even though numbers cannot tell the whole story. We must focus on results, outcome, impact and fruitfulness.

The bishops will be held accountable including lowering the ages of congregations. We have a serious age problem. One bishop said, "The average age of United Methodists is close to 60." Getting younger people to carry on the Methodist Christian way is important. Make younger people your number-one objective. Let them claim our church as their church now! The purpose of this Saturday's program at Annual Conference is to welcome young people. A vital church will always seek every opportunity to connect with young people. Of 32,000 churches in the USA, 5% are highly vital and growing; they share 16 "drivers of vitality." These drivers of vitality include pastoral leadership, small group ministry, worship and lay leadership. All congregations will receive a congregational plan and it is his expectation that all churches will commit to the drivers of vitality. All churches must keep their vitality alive.

We are called to have a new culture of organization, and a way of measuring cultural change. Transformation happens when the culture of the church changes. Making disciples is a means for the transformation of the world. He proposes a culture change to increase the number of vital congregations. Focus on outward, radical hospitality to serve others outside the church. When a church says they are warm and friendly they often mean they are friendly to people in the church and those like them. We must be hospitable to people not like us. How many will find our churches as advertised, "Open hearts, open minds." This defines who we are. Our church exists to serve the community as well as the congregation. Hospitality can make it or break it; we cannot have a take it or leave it hospitality.

We have to move from a culture of low expectancy to high expectancy. Expectations influence results. Jesus expected to reach not just Jerusalem, but the whole world. People must have a clear understanding of expectations. Leaders must lead so others can follow. Lay leaders and preachers were expected to adhere to the faith. Membership in the church is a serious business. Wesley said, there was no room in the church for "almost Christians" and we must strive for the highest perfection.

We need to move from a building-maintenance culture to a mission culture. Stewardship is a huge challenge in our church. We must recover the joy of giving. People will want to join us joyfully when we are in mission. Mission is who we are and why we are in ministry.

There is a need for reignited passion for the reign of God. God is doing new things among us. At the Conference level more congregations are being developed. Last year there were 6 new congregations. This Conference we will commission 10 more Vision Bearers. We are receiving two newly chartered UMC's this year: BrokenBuilders and Morningside. At the local church level a small church in NY was to close but the church was given new life by lay speakers who preached for one year. The following year the church was able to pay for repairs, open regularly, receive a new pastor, pay apportionments, and make a difference in their community. A church in Connecticut is expanding in mission with a weekly soup kitchen; providing a place for women to work; providing meals and making sleeping bags for homeless people, and sending people on missions, etc. Thirty percent of whatever is given through wills and bequests.

is given to mission. In Long Island a small church has moved to full time ministry and there is an emerging vibrancy. A church in New York City gained many, many new members committed to growing in faith and engaging in mission.

God's Holy Spirit is engaging us to say, "The church can be better than this." Change is not an option for the church. We have evidence that God is doing new things among us. The day is coming when a vital congregation is the rule in the NYAC not the exception. God is with us. Shout the victory now. God will continue to raise up heart-warmed people to serve in mission. We are those people.

### **Announcements and Grace**

At 12:10 P.M. announcements were made and grace for the noon meal was offered by Rev. Evelyn McDonald.

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## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10, 2011**

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### **Gathering**

At 1:40 P.M. Bishop Park convened the session with the hymn, "Standing on the Promises." He then prayed for the members of the Annual Conference.

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## **CORPORATE SESSION**

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### **Reports from Board of Pensions & Health Benefits**

Rev. William Shillady, chair of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, brought a brief overview of the work of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (See the report in the Preliminary Reports, pages 66-83). "Change is Coming!" is the theme of the report. We are about caring for those who serve, that the retirees who gave 583 years of service will have the benefits they need. William R. Neuert, III died on March 30th, he was our representative with the GBOPHB. It is a tumultuous time. We have come out of our silos to begin dialoguing with CF&A and the Cabinet. In Chinese, crisis means danger and opportunity. The benefits budget of the Annual Conference now exceeds \$10.6 million per year. Unfunded retiree medical liability is \$47.2 if current Medicare Supplement program continues as is. The cost of the plan next year will be \$14,448 dollars per clergy person; a 7.5% increase from this year. A church's portion will be \$1,084 per month (\$13,008 per year) and the clergy portion will be \$120/month (\$1,440 per year); this includes funding for a benefits administrator. In 2012, the Past Service Pension Rate will increase to \$556 per years of service for participants in the pre-1982 plan. This 2% is fully funded by our pre-1982 fund. \$550,000 to \$600,500 will be given by the Board to the ministerial line item of the shared ministry budget. The retiree health benefit cost will go down by 2%. The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) will be 17.4% (3% CPP, 3% Defined Contribution for Pension, and 11.4% for Defined Benefit for pension). As a group, clergy are unhealthy. The NYAC health plan assists clergy in moving toward wellness. Rev. Shillady read a letter from a clergy couple who received financial assistance from Ernst and Young, a free service. The Virgin Health Miles was presented by Rev. Kent Jackson; sixty-six participants signed up to walk 38 miles in 7 days, representing the distance from the Conference Center to the Annual Conference site. Eighteen completed the goal of 38 miles; 5,305,862 steps were walked by the 66. Ron Coleman is our new NYAC conference

liaison with the General Board. We need to keep our benefits accessible, adequate, affordable and sustainable for the future.

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### **CLERGY AND LAY VOTING FOR JURISDICTIONAL DELEGATES**

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Directions were given by Rev. Dennis Winkleblack. Our rules for electing clergy to Jurisdictional Conference allow for all of those not elected as GC delegates and all who did not ask for their name to be removed as eligible for election. Paper ballots were distributed and collected.

**Laity Ballot #1** — Roena Littlejohn elected.

#### **Nominating Report**

Rev. Patrick Perrin, Chair, presented the Conference Nominating Report (See the updated report in the 2011 Conference Journal). Rev. Perrin presented the changes received with a request to complete the correction form for any additional changes. The Nominating Committee report was approved.

**Laity Ballot #2** — No one was elected.

**Clergy Ballot #1** — No one was elected.

#### **Report of Legislative Sections**

Rev. Ian Straker gave thanks to all of those who worked hard in leading the Legislative Sections and preparing the green sheets. Stephanie Parsons and Barbara Eastman were thanked for their technical expertise. All section leaders were thanked. All Items from the Consent Calendar with the exception of the conference budget will be on one Calendar. All items from Section 1, 1001-1009, Section 2 2001-2028, Section 3 3001, 3003, 3004, 3007, 3008, 3010, 3011, 3013, 3018, 3021, 3027; Section 4 4001-4008, Section 5, 5001-5003; Section 6 6001-6011; Section 7 7001. Our attention was called to Item 6012: Resolution regarding Shirley Parris. It was moved to adopt all Consent Calendar items, approved. Rev. Tim Riss moved to lift Items 5001 and 5002 from the Consent Calendar because they have budgetary implications; they were removed. A motion was presented by Rev. Gennifer Brooks that when the budget is presented it is with 5001 and 5002 as consent items. This would suspend the rule that the budget is presented by itself. Motion passed. Consent Calendar with corrections was accepted.

**Clergy Ballot #2** — No one was elected.

**Clergy Ballot #3** — Edward Horne elected.

**Clergy Ballot #4** — Kun Sam Cho elected.

**Clergy Ballot #5** — No one was elected.

Rev. Dr. Gennifer Brooks moved to suspend the rule, allowing us to not report the names of those who receive less than 10 votes. Adopted.

**Clergy Ballot #6** — Kenneth Kieffer elected.

### **Report of Legislative Section 3: Ministries of Advocacy**

Rev. William Pfohl, chair, addressed Item 3002: NYAC Justice for Our Neighbors (NYAC-JFON) Immigration Project. He presented the reasons it was brought before the body, requesting that its budget be fully funded. Rev. Pauline Wardell-Sankoh clarified the budget request. She stated it is a line item in the budget. In the last 10 years this program has served over 7,000 undocumented individuals. The original proposal passed without amendment.

A motion was made to suspend the rules to keep speakers to two minutes. Adopted.

Petition 2011-AC301 —“In Support of the Retired Bishops’ Statement” was presented. Bishop Park cautioned the body to be careful to choose language that adequately expresses our feelings. It was adopted.

Petition 2011-AC302 - “Aligning UMC Investments with Resolutions on Isreal/Palestine” was presented. Attempt to amend failed. Petition adopted.

**Laity Ballot #3** — Kevin Nelson, Natassia Velez and Chan Gillham elected.

**Laity Ballot #4** — No one was elected.

**Laity Ballot #5** — Robert Hunsinger elected.

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### **LAITY BALLOT FOR JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE ALTERNATES**

The Bishop stated that the next three persons who received the most votes will be Jurisdictional Conference alternates; Maria Maine, Darlene DiDomenick and Richard Nicodemus were elected.

**Clergy Ballot #7** — No one was elected.

**Clergy Ballot #8** — Evelyn McDonald elected.

**Clergy Ballot #9** — No one was elected.

Announcement regarding tomorrow’s plans: Some 1500 additional United Methodists will be joining us for a “Mission Celebration.”

**Clergy Ballot #10** — No one was elected.

**Clergy Ballot #11** — No one was elected.

Clergy Spouses led the Conference in singing “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” and offered a blessing.

**Clergy Ballot #12** — No one was elected.

Between ballots a new member of the Annual Conference expressed appreciation for Bishop Park’s leadership. The body expressed its appreciation of Bishop Park.

**Clergy Ballot #13** — Luisa Martinez-Buck elected.

The Bishop announced the body would meet tonight following the Ordination Service.

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### **CLERGY BALLOT FOR ALTERNATE JURISDICTIONAL DELEGATES**

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David Henry, Judith Stevens and Stephen Bauman were elected.

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### **Announcements and Grace**

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## **FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 2011**

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### **CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY: COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION**

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The service opened with words of greeting and a prayer from Bishop Jeremiah Park. He introduced our guests: Bishop Violet L. Fisher, Bishop F. Herbert Skeete, Bishop Alfred Johnson, Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, dean, Drew Theological School and Rev. Dr. Hongi Kim, president, Methodist Theological University. Following the introductions the 30-voice choir from Methodist Theological Seminary sang two anthems. Rev. Eileen Daunt presented the following individuals for licensing as local pastors: Michael H. Barry, Jr., John Q. LeCain, Paul R. Meador, and Susan Woodworth. “You are hereby authorized to serve as a local pastor in the congregation,” proclaimed Bishop Park. The body responded with prayer and the refrain, “Gracias, Señor,” a hymn composed by Jorge A. Lockward. Persons to be commissioned, ordained or recognized were presented by Renata Smith and Rev. Kun Sam Cho.

Rev. Elizabeth Braddon read the names of the candidates for **provisional deacon and elders**.

#### **Provisional Deacon**

- Jennifer Tiernan Nunno

#### **Provisional Elders**

- Sheila Michele Beckford
- Paul Andrew Fleck
- Wongee Joh
- Bernadette Logan
- Jennifer Lynn Pick
- Hwan Chris Yi
- Hyo Jung Dawn Yoon

Rev. Eileen Daunt presented to be recognized as **associate members** of the Annual Conference:

- Carol A. Downs
- Thomas S. MacLeod

Rev. Vicky A. Fleming read the names of **candidates for ordination**:

### Elder's Orders

- Ebenezer Aduku
- Jessica Lynn Anschutz
- David R. Czeisel
- Vicki I Flippin
- Roger Jackson
- Kwangwon Jung
- Gertude Victoria Nation
- Narcisse Cherie Philips
- Carmen Denise Pickett

Rev. Fleming presented to be recognized as a **full member** of the New York Annual Conference:

- Rev. Cathy S. Gilliard

Bishop Park examined these candidates and then introduced the preacher for the evening, Bishop Violet L. Fisher. The first lesson from Isaiah 61:1-2 was read by Ms. Wendoly Marte and the Gospel lesson was read by Rev. James W. Moore. The Conference Music team sang, "Yes," as the anthem. Bishop Fisher had a resounding message, "Turn the Page!" To all those on stage Bishop Fisher said, "It didn't just start here. The bishop gives you the authority, but God gives you the anointing. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," she proclaimed. God has sent us here to heal the brokenhearted. They need the church to be the church!: At the end of her sermon the body responded by standing with shouts of "Hallelujah," and "Amen," and then sang "This is a Day of New Beginnings." After commissioning and recognition of associate members the body responded with "Gracias, Señor." Following laying on of hands and prayer for elders and recognition of the transfer of orders the body sang "We Are All One in Mission." Rev. Janet Hodge spoke about the Ministerial Education Fund, the recipient of the evening's offering. Following the doxology we were dismissed with a blessing from Bishop Park and Rev. Vicki I Flippin, a newly ordained elder. We rejoiced through song by singing "To God Be the Glory."

(Following the Ordination Service, Bishop Park called the Conference to order at 10:30 P.M.)

### Report of Legislative Section 3 continued

Item 3009, Petition #2011-AC305 Resolution: "Ban High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines" was presented by Rev. Pfohl. Resolution adopted.

Item 3012, Petition 2011-AC308—"Ministry to the Marginalized: Welcoming LGBT People into NYAC" was presented. The resolution was adopted. Rev. Gennifer Brooks proposed to have two speeches for and against, 2 minutes per speech. It was adopted.

Item 3014, #2011-AC310—"Assault on the Working Class: Solidarity with Working People and Their Unions" - Mr. Richard Nicodemus proposed an amendment to the resolution "AFL-CIO, urging their continued support, defense, and extension of both public sector employees' and private sector workers' rights. (Page 50 line 37 & 38). The amendment is adopted. The resolution as amended passed.

Item 3015, petition #2011-GC301. Rev. Milsom proposed to deal with the following Items regarding marriage equality, as one—3015, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24. This

was adopted. A vote to reconsider did not pass. A point of order was raised about whether the body had voted on the petitions. The Bishop asked the body to confirm passage of the petitions as a group, and a majority supported the Bishop's position.

Item 3025, Petition #2011-GC311—"General Church Ethics Policies" was presented. Resolution passed.

Item 3026, Petition #2011-GC312—"Expand the Mandate of GCORR" was presented to the Legislative Section without an indication of what the General Conference would be asked to do. The petition lacks reference to the *Discipline*, for these reasons a vote was not taken. The resolution was not adopted by the plenary session.

"Resolution in support of the 'Brookfield's Declaration' and United Methodist Women in Sierra Leone" (Corporate Resolution J) was presented by Mary Ellen Kris and adopted by the body.

The body was dismissed with prayer and directed to return at 8:30 A.M.

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## SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 2011

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### Gathering Music

Bishop Park called us together as we sang, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Opening prayer was offered by Mr. Peter O'Neill, Conference Director of Lay Speaking.

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### CORPORATE SESSION

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#### Report of Legislative Section 5: Care and Support of Our Clergy (Pastoral Compensation)

Rev. Craig Fitzsimmons directed us to the Preliminary Reports (pages 66-80) for the report of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits. Adopted Item 5001 Board of Pension and Health Benefits. We were instructed to see the Preliminary Reports pages 83-85. Resolution 5002 Commission on Equitable Compensation, with amendment, was adopted.

#### Report of Legislative Section 7: Shared Ministry (Budget)

Rev. Ed Horne presented the Conference Budget (Pages 103-114 of the Preliminary Reports), with changes. Item 7001 Council on Finance and Administration was presented as having passed with amendments in committee. The budget was passed. Item 7003 regarding Camping and Retreat Ministries was referred to CF&A. Preliminary 2012 Budget NYAC Pensions and Health Benefits (HealthFlex) were presented by Rev. Horne; our pension plan and HealthFlex are really apportionments. Paragraph 613.1 of the *Discipline* was read by Rev. Tim Riss and stated that this is a budget which should be adopted. The Pension and Benefits budget was adopted. This was the first time Sections 5 and 7 met together; it worked well. Bishop Park asked the body to express its appreciation for people working in these areas.

Rev. Ian Straker announced the body completed the work of Legislative Sections.

## Report of Religion and Race Monitoring

Roena Littlejohn reported 24 Asian clergy, 1 female lay person, 25 African Americans, 8 males (7 clergy and 1 lay), 17 females (9 clergy and 8 lay), 50 Caucasian males (35 clergy and 15 lay); 22 females, (13 clergy and 9 lay) addressed the body.

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## READING OF APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEAN OF THE CABINET

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Bishop Park spoke about the serious and sacred task of making appointments. Each district superintendent read the new appointments. This is a highly challenging process. Bishop Park shared that he learns so much from the district superintendents. He spoke about Rev. Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii and Rev. Noel Chin completing their service as superintendents. The new dean of the Cabinet is Rev. Jim Moore. Bishop Park acknowledged the clergy and the laity, and then led us in a prayer.

Receipts from the offerings presented during Annual Conference: \$5,166 for Anchor House; Black College Fund \$4,018 and the Ministerial Education Fund \$4,985.

## Report of City Society

Wendell Harris, president of the board of United Methodist City Society, said the Society is partnered with more than 200 congregations. The theme of the Annual Report is "Growing in Christ." He reflected on where we are today and the evidence of growth (see pages 93-103 in the Preliminary Reports) He spoke of their programs: Anchor House, UM Center of Far Rockaway and the partnership with many other programs. Camp Olmsted has undergone a number of renovations. The conference was to be mindful of using this facility. The City Society presented \$535,000 to 60 churches. Capital loans and direct support were given in the amount of nearly \$800,000. Trudy Grove, chief financial officer, presented the financial report. The consolidated reports are provided in the annual report and on page 101 in the Preliminary Reports. For the last few years there was a deficit. For the very first time in 2010 there was a slight surplus of \$37,000. Income increased by 60% and expenses decreased by 20%, thus program funds increased. Revenue for 2010 was \$1,289,000 and expenses \$1,252,000. Two churches paid their ecclesiastical mortgage in full; Grace Lindenhurst and First UM of Uniondale. April Callendar shared the children's programs in Camp Olmsted. Over 2200 youth in 2010 were served by programs offered by the City Society. These children showed academic improvement and more confidence. Head Start: 130 children were supported 15 churches served 1000 children at day camp and schools. Sleep Away Summer Camp program provides boys and girls, 6-13, with many opportunities. Last summer over 200 children enjoyed a camping experience. The retreat facility is open year-round; four-hundred more people came last year. The Society would like to obtain more grants to fund programs. Rev. William Shillady, general secretary, stated that we are a mission partner in the metropolitan area. All it takes, according to Mark 4, is to scatter the seed. The City Society has been doing more with less. We are no longer in ICU but are in rehab as we continue the journey to physical stability. He thanked all the churches who responded to their appeal last year. In the last three years giving increased from \$85,500 to \$136,000, a 66% increase. Seeds are planted through scholarships. Rev. Javier Rivera, chair of the scholarship committee, announced the scholarship winners which were not in the printed report: Full-time seminarians (\$4,000): Lori Hartman, NYTS and Carole Painter, New Brunswick;

Part-time seminarians (\$175 per credit hour up to \$3750): Avis Davis Ellison, NYTS and Victoria Kittoe, NYTS; College students (\$2,000): Natalia Alvarez-Plaud, Hofstra, Brendon Samuel, Howard and Patricia Wong, Penn State. Trudy Grove was thanked for 40 years of service to the City Society and the Annual Conference. Bishop Park talked about the powerful gift City Society is to us.

### **Report of the United Methodist Frontier Foundation**

Rev. Keith Muhleman, president and executive director, of the Frontier Foundation presented the report. The Foundation is attempting to lead the conference into a culture of giving and create a stewardship society. It is ready to help us invest in order to receive a life-time income. Even though the market is fluctuating, the Foundation's performance was good by the end of 2010; a reasonable gain occurred which allowed those who have funds invested with them to do more ministries. Currently it manages money for 500 churches and two conferences. Over three million dollars was paid to their partners for operating funds, capital needs and ministries, while managing over 31 million dollars for churches and individuals. The Foundation is striving to provide a secure financial future for its partners. It weathered the 2010 dull market and continues to maintain a socially responsible investment policy. Stewardship education is important to the health of the church. Stewardship is money and ministry. We have a very successful New Consecration Sunday campaign. It has been successful in helping people provide meaningful ministry. Building endowments in local churches will ensure their future. Annual finance seminars are offered to new clergy, and are partnered with Connectional Ministries in sponsoring an annual series of tax seminars. The UM Frontier Foundation was formed to help us achieve healthy financial futures. Stewardship grows out of a relationship to God and our commitment to discipleship. We have been entrusted to do something for someone else, not for profit but for those who have not yet heard the message of Jesus. The board of the UM Frontier Foundation is here to help us meet spiritual growth and financial needs and looks forward to the future where peace and grace are not just a benediction but a way of life.

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### **INTRODUCTION OF VISION BEARERS**

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Rev. Kenny Yi introduced the Vision Bearers. Rev. Albert Hahn spoke of encouraging churches to add extra worship services. There were six new Vision Bearer churches since last year; 10 new Vision Bearers along with their ministries were introduced. Oscar Destrüge spoke of the wonderful ministry that is happening at La Gracia and the campaign to drop the "I" word.

Rev. Yi spoke of the ways churches have supported the Vision Bearers. The United Methodist City Society, Park Avenue UMC and others became partners to support Vision Bearers with \$1.6 million. Rev. Bill Harding reported that the Maspeth UMC in Queens was burned down, merged with the UM Church of Glendale in Queens and then gave the property to the Conference in support of the Vision Bearer initiative.

### **Vision Bearers of Class of 2011 are:**

Millie Rivera-Velez:	St. Paul Hispanic Ministry at Middletown and Goshen UMC
Oscar Destrüge:	La Gracia (Hispanic Ministry) at Bridgeport
Joseph Lalanne:	Haitian Ministry at Springdale UMC/Stamford
Maria Maine:	South Bronx Hispanic Ministry at La Resurreccion UMC
Ilsoo John Chung:	Chinese Korean Ministry at Flushing

Aslam Daniel:	Indo-Pakistani UMC at First Jamaica UMC
Susanna Kuntour:	Ghanaian Ministry at Far Rockaway
Donglong John Young:	Flushing Chinese Mission UMC
Andrea Smith:	Children and Young Adult Ministry at Grace UMC of Brooklyn
Jason Harewood:	Young Adult Ministry at Hempstead and Uniondale UMC

Bishop Park thanked all those who are partners in this movement of God. Floral Park UMC gave a donation for this ministry. Rev. Kristina Hansen stated August 15, 2011 is the application deadline to be a new Vision Bearer. The journey begins with a commitment to attend 10 training classes. The Vision Bearer Task Force members were acknowledged by Bishop Park; he led us in prayer with a blessing for the Vision Bearers.

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## RECOGNITION OF THE GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL DELEGATIONS

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Bishop Park called for the delegates to come forward and be recognized by the body.

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## RECOGNITION OF STAFF

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Bishop Park called upon Ross Williams to introduce the staff. The body expressed its appreciation for the Conference Center Staff.

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## RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATION

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Rev. Beverly Morris presented Ms. Deborah Kolacki to the body for certification as a professional Christian educator. She was approved by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries and our Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for this role in the church. The Bishop led the body in prayer and invited all to welcome her ministry.

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## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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**Conference Merit Awards** were presented by Rev. James “K” Karpen to Emma Rose Sanborn, attending Dickinson College; Emily Peck-McClain, attending Duke Divinity School; Betty Lynn Gannon, attending Drew University. Rev. K Karpen presented the New York Education Society Scholarships to Fellows: Julia Madden (pending), Rachel Elizabeth Barber, Kimberly Elizabeth Brown, Leah Miranda DeLeon, Carla Esther Phillips, Samuel Rodney Phillips, and Amanda Yau, NYES Scholars were: David Irons, Victoria Kittoe, Preet Korani, Justin Cecil Thompson-Gee, and Roy Joseph Grubbs. NYES Book Grants were awarded to: Marci Dillion, Deonne Beverly John, Jelani Magloire, and Andrew Yau.

The **Gloster B. Current Scholarship**: Rev. John Carrington enlightened the body on the history of Gloster B. Current’s life and ministry. \$22,084 was received and invested with the UM Frontier Foundation. As of March 31, 2011 there was a balance of over \$ 23,000 and \$10,500 has been presented in scholarships. The Gloster B. Current Scholarship was presented by Rev. John Carrington to Miss Sussha Nathaniel (attending Lehman College and a member of Calvary UMC, Bronx), and Miss Elizabeth Martin (attending the University of Connecticut and a member of Golden Hill UMC, Bridgeport). Today is the last time the members of the scholarship committee will report to us but the scholarships will be given out through another committee. Rev. Carrington asked that we give thanks for all who have served on this committee.

The **Denman Evangelism Awards** were presented by Rev. Sandra “Sandy” Mantz to Julian Ashong, youth; Paul Bernabe, Jr., laity; and Rev. Zhaodeng Peng and Rev. Qibi

She, clergy. Paul Bernabe, Jr. does evangelism as Bikers for Christ; his pastor Tony Beck accepted the award for him. Julian Ashong received the first youth award; Rev. Nunes accepted the award. Revs. Peng and She are a clergy couple and pastors of Tian Fu UMC in Brooklyn. He was a professor in China and then studied at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Rev. Qibi She was dean of a seminary in China. In three years their church became self-supporting and they now have baptized over 1,000 members and routinely baptize 50 young adults a month. Last year 500 people were baptized and the congregation is passionate about making disciples for Christ. Rev. Peng spoke to the body. The church has 100 young people who are with us today as their guests. The work of Paul Bernabe, Christ Church Beacon, goes beyond the local church. Paul is an inspiration through the many ways he brings the Gospel. Julian Ashong, First and Summerfield UMC in Bridgeport, is a native of Ghana, and has used technology to reach people, he will be 18 years old in September. The next chapter in church leadership—"can you please give me food?"; "I cannot afford to feed my people" are two phrases I hear when volunteering. I am inspired by the words of Gandhi who said, "You must be the change you want to see." Rev. Mantz said there were many wonderful nominations this year. 1 Peter 3:15 was read as her closing remarks.

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### CELEBRATION OF CHARTER CHURCHES

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Rev. Noel Chin introduced our new Chartered Churches: BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church, Manhattan and Morningside United Methodist Church, Manhattan. Rev. Paul Moon and Rev. Mark S. Kim and their members came forward. Rev. Kim, pastor of Morningside UMC spoke about the ministry of this growing church and the wonderful privilege to be chartered as a new church. They were birthed in September of 1983. This English Language Ministry is one of the oldest, second-generation English-speaking Korean-American churches. The Korean Methodist Church and Institute supported them over these many years. Rev. Kim spoke of those who have supported him in this journey: Rev. Koonae Lee, Rev. Sung Su Hang and Rev. Paul Chang as senior pastors, Rev. Carol Cox and Rev. Noel Chin, District Superintendents and Bishops Lyght and Park. Rev. Kim spoke of his thankfulness for all of the members. It is becoming a multicultural church with an ages ranging from infants to early 50's. In 2004 they took on a new name and changed their Sunday School location to Morningside Heights. They are in mission locally and internationally. "This is not our work but the Holy Spirit working in and through us; to God alone be the Glory. Acts 13:36 spoke that it is not the older generation's job to do the ministry that the younger generation is called to do." They celebrated their 25th year last September. A video of their mission trip to Piedra Negra was shown to the body.

Rev. Paul Moon, pastor of BrokenBuilders UMC presented their story. He celebrated that BrokenBuilders is now an official UMC church. It began 3 years ago with empty pews. He gave thanks to all who have helped him in this journey. Before BrokenBuilders, he was an associate pastor at a 5000 member church. It was going well and then he felt the nudge that God said to plant a new church. Isaiah 60:1 was a verse he read one morning. No one showed up in the first year. One young woman showed up who kept coming back. One day she said, "Why aren't you asking me to bring my friends to church?" After moving five times they now have a community center in the middle of Manhattan with two Sunday Worship services and over 100 members. They have baptized 50 members whose average age is 27. A video was shown about BrokenBuilders UMC. Rev. Noel Chin expressed appreciation for the Church of the

Village who welcomed BrokenBuilders as a sister congregation. Members of both communities are serving the greater church.

Bishop Park said the word that comes to his mind is “wow!” Rev. Kim and his wife, Christina is expecting their first child. He shared a YouTube video of Carrie Underwood singing “How Great Thou Art,” and then the body sang it. Bishop Park led us in prayer

Adjournment for lunch followed announcements by the Conference secretary.

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11, 2011

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### CELEBRATION OF MISSIONS

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The celebration began at 1:00 P.M. with Punjabi dancing and the procession of banners. After the parade of banners a troupe danced before the body. Bishop Park recited our mission statement and said, “This is who we are. This is our focus. We are heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.” He summarized the events of the morning and recognized our two new congregations. He said that mission is the most attractive entry point for young people. He then led us in prayer.

Bishop Park introduced Mr. Thomas Kemper, the general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries. The Board has programs and people in more than 126 countries. Bishop Park informed the body of the marvelous works of Mr. Kemper. Mr. Kemper addressed the body by recapping his 15 months as General Secretary. He spoke about The UMC response to disasters and its mission throughout the world. Last year the NYAC gave \$700,000 to UMCOR and we have six teams going to Haiti. The Board’s priority, stated Mr. Kemper, is ministry with the poor. This is the United Methodist way and this is evident in Haiti. He showed the body a video, “Ministry with the Poor,” which is part of ministrywith.org. Mr. Kemper shared four examples of The UM Church in ministry with the poor; they were from all around the world. The UM Church is the only faith-based agency in the world in partnership with business and professional sports; known as “Nothing but Nets.” Fifty new churches have started in communities where the nets were distributed. This was not the original intent, said Mr. Kemper, but it happened in Sierra Leone. In Mongolia a hospice ministry was the way into the people’s heart. The movement there is a people’s movement for it is a church OF the poor. Evangelism was done through the testimony of the laity and it was taken into the people’s homes where house churches were begun. Mr. Kemper went on to say that we need to be aware of the forces that keep people in poverty. John Wesley is our example of going beyond the church walls to be with the people.

Deborah Jenkins, president of UMW, introduced the face of United Methodist Women in the New York Annual Conference. She talked about who the UMW are and their focus on women, children, and youth. The vice-president, Susan Kim introduced the officers then Ms. Jenkins introduced Harriett Jane Olson, deputy secretary. She informed the body of various ministries of the UMW: One is a respite place for mentally disturbed children; UMW in Pakistan funded a school for girls of all religious traditions. Isabelle Thorton College is another ministry in India; she began a small school which is now a university. Remarkably, the student government president is a young woman from the lowest cast of Indian culture. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are missionaries. Ms. Olson thanked us for passing the resolution in support of the Brookfield Declaration and the United Methodist Women in Sierra Leone.

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## THE PUSH-UP CHALLENGE

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Bishop Park did his push-up challenge. The body counted out loud as he completed 130!! We were asked to contribute \$1 for each push-up with the money going to The Bishop's Partners in Mission fund.

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## THE MISSION CELEBRATION

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Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie introduced the Celebration in Mission by showing a tape of our work in Biloxi. All the volunteers in mission were invited to the stage and honored. Una Jones, assistant general secretary of Mission Volunteers and Conference Relations of the GBGM and a member of the New York Annual Conference, addressed the celebrants. The Youth Ambassadors from the mission to Cambodia were recognized from the 2010 trip. A youth, Christopher Blair, from the 2011 team spoke. Donna Jolly and Gillian Prince are the adults behind the scene. Donna informed the body that any youth 15-18 years of age is invited to apply to be a youth ambassador. The churches receiving 12, 14 and 18-carat Gold Awards were invited to the stage. The Annual Conference recognized the three churches receiving the 24-carat Award: Trinity, Windsor, CT; Babylon, NY, and Wakefield Grace, Bronx, NY. Bishop Park led the Litany of Blessing for the Gold Award recipients. Bishop Violet Fisher then addressed the body regarding her heart and mind for mission.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 213TH SESSION OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The next session of the Annual Conference was set for June 6-9 2012 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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The Conference was adjourned by Bishop Park on June 11, 2011 at 3:55 P.M. with prayer and the hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

SATURDAY, 6/11/2011



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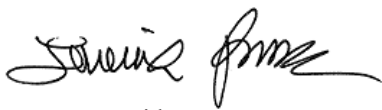
## C. NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES

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### CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

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This is to certify that the foregoing minutes are a complete and accurate rendering of the proceedings of the 211th session of the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church (the forty-third session of The United Methodist Church and the forty-seventh since reunion with the New York East Conference after 115 years of separate existence), held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, June 8-11, 2011, and, as such, the printed records with related data incorporated by reference have been adopted by the Annual Conference as its official record.



President



Secretary

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### CERTIFICATE OF CONSECRATION

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This is to certify that at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York on Friday, June 10, 2011, pursuant to the election of the New York Annual Conference, I commissioned as follows:

#### COMMISSIONED AS PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

**Elder Track:**

Sheila Beckford

Paul Fleck

Wongee Joh

Bernadette Logan

Jennifer Pick

Hwan Chris Yi

Hyo Jung Dawn Yoon

**Deacon Track:**

Jennifer Tiernan Nunno

#### COMMISSIONED AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Carol A. Downs

Thomas Stephen MacLeod

#### RECEIVED LICENSE FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

Lynn Daniel-Peterson

Milagros Solorazano

Ed Dayton

Fred Loving



**Jeremiah J. Park**  
**Presiding Bishop**  
**Hempstead, New York**

**June 10, 2010**

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## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

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This is to certify that at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York on Friday, June 10, 2011, pursuant to the election of the New York Annual Conference, I ordained, as follows:

### ELDER'S ORDERS AND FULL MEMBERSHIP

Ebenezer Aduku  
Jessica Lynn Anschutz  
David R. Czeisel  
Vicki I Flippin  
Cathy S. Gilliard  
Roger Jackson  
Kwangwon Jung  
Gertude Nation  
Narcisse Cherie Philips  
Carmen Denise Pickett



Presiding Bishop  
Hempstead, New York

June 10, 2011

