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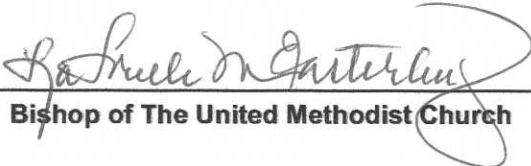
Annual Conference: Baltimore-Washington Date of session: May 30, 2018 (month/day/year)

Question(s) of Law: 1. Must the annual conference's clergy session exclude from its business a portion of the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry concerning candidates for clergy membership insofar as it is based on a policy the Board admitted is not compliant with The Book of Discipline? 2. Must the clergy session exclude from consideration two candidates who acknowledged in writing that they are married to persons of the same gender?

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

Constitution: _____ Book of Discipline: ¶ 304.3

Judicial Council Decision(s): 33, 799, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1352

Signature: 
Bishop of The United Methodist Church

Date: 6/29/18
(month/day/year)

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SYLLABUS OF BISHOP LATRELLE MILLER EASTERLING'S RULINGS ON QUESTIONS OF PRESENTED DURING THE CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON MAY 30, 2018

Introduction

A Clergy Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church (Conference) was held in Baltimore, MD, on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. The Clergy Session commenced at approximately 1:30 p.m.; recessed for dinner and worship shortly after 5:00 p.m.; and reconvened that same evening after worship was concluded. The principal item of business during the Clergy Session was to consider the report of the Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM), including its recommendation on the election of 29 clergy candidates as provisional members or members in full connection.¹

This syllabus addresses two questions of law that were presented to Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling during this Clergy Session, both by the Rev. Mark Gorman. Rev. Gorman presented his first question of law before the Clergy Session recessed for dinner and worship. Rev. Gorman's second question of law was presented after Clergy Session reconvened the same evening, and before Bishop Easterling had ruled on Rev. Gorman's first question. As explained below, Bishop Easterling has concluded that Rev. Gorman's second question of law was intended to, and did in fact, supersede his first question, rendering the earlier question moot. Bishop Easterling rendered her ruling on Rev. Gorman's second question during the Clergy Session, but that ruling and its rationale are also outlined in this syllabus.

Statement of Facts

The facts recited here are relevant to both of the questions of law Rev. Gorman presented to Bishop Easterling.

BOOM's Policy on Human Sexuality

By way of background, in October 2017, BOOM voted to adopt the following Policy on Human Sexuality:

One of the primary purposes of the Board of Ordained Ministry is "to examine applicants and assess their fitness for ministry." We understand the Judicial Council's most recent rulings to encourage a full and thoughtful inquiry of all persons who come before us, using the range of questions and standards found in paragraphs 310, 324, 330 and 335 of the Book of Discipline for provisional membership, Deacon or Elder respectively. We write in response to these rulings' specific mandate to not ignore in the inquiry a candidate's self-disclosure of sexual orientation. We respectfully disagree with these rulings, acknowledging that the following policy is not compliant with the Book of Discipline.

The Board of Ordained Ministry will examine and assess all candidates who come before us. Knowing each of us is a child of God, made in God's image, and a recipient and vehicle of God's grace, we do not view race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or age as a barrier to ministry. We will not consider or evaluate sexual orientation or gender identity nor see them to be sufficient reasons to

¹ BOOM's report to the Clergy Session is appended hereto as **Exhibit A**.

deny a candidate's ability to live up to our United Methodist standards. We will utilize our denomination's expectation of faithfulness in marriage and celibacy in singleness within our examination and expect not only high moral standards but also a strong sense of self-awareness about one's relational life. Our aim is to promote well-grounded, Spirit-led, equipped ministers of the Gospel who live up to the high standards for fitness, readiness, and effectiveness in ministry.

We acknowledge that The United Methodist Church is not of one mind around issues of human sexuality, and affirm the ongoing work of the Commission on a Way Forward. We believe this policy upholds the expectation of a full inquiry and high moral standards of all candidates. It also reflects some of our core values as a Board, including openness to the Holy Spirit, deep listening to one another, and a commitment to justice for all. We affirm the right and responsibility of all Board members to engage in holy conferencing during deliberations and to vote their conscience following a fair examination of all candidates.²

Preliminary Ruling on a Point of Order

Against that backdrop, when the Clergy Session turned to consider the portion of BOOM's report relating to the election of candidates for ministry, the Rev. John Rudisill raised a point of order, objecting that the Board's report was based on a policy for examining clergy candidates that violated ¶ 304.3 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* ("Discipline").³ To assist in ruling on the point of order, Bishop Easterling posed a question to the Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt, asking, "Dr. Hunt, in terms of the examination of the candidates, can you tell us: Were the candidates examined in accordance with the *Book of Discipline*, specifically paragraph 304.3?" Dr. Hunt replied that, insofar as human sexuality was concerned, all candidates were asked, "Are you faithful in marriage and celibate in singleness?" When asked by Rev. Rudisill whether any candidates were asked "if they were practicing homosexuals," Dr. Hunt replied that BOOM asked only "Are you faithful in marriage and celibate in singleness," and further stated that BOOM believed it "did not have sufficient reason . . . to ask the question as [Rev. Rudisill] framed it."

Following an exchange between another elder and Dr. Hunt, Bishop Easterling stated that it was her recollection that "during last year's annual conference there was one person who came to the floor of the conference and self-avowed that that individual was a practicing homosexual." Bishop Easterling then asked Dr. Hunt, "Is that individual in the list of candidates that you have brought forward?" In reply, Dr. Hunt ultimately answered the Bishop's question in the affirmative. "If that is the case," Bishop Easterling stated, "then you didn't need a charge [or] other documentation to inquire as of that candidate with respect to [Judicial Council] Decision 1341 and the other decisions that have been . . . named on the floor of this clergy session as well as the Book of Discipline" Dr. Hunt further confirmed that, consistent with the policy BOOM adopted in October 2017, the candidate the Bishop was recalling had not been re-

² The above-quoted iteration of BOOM's policy is drawn from a posting made in April 2018 on the Conference's website. The full text of that post is appended hereto in full as **Exhibit B**, and it can be accessed at <http://www.bwcumc.org/boom-policy-on-human-sexuality/>.

³ Relevant portions of the minutes of the afternoon and evening portions of the Clergy Session are attached to this Syllabus as **Exhibits C** and **D**, respectively. Audio files of the Clergy Session are also available, and those have been consulted in preparing this syllabus, including to confirm all quoted passages of those proceedings. The audio files have not been transcribed, but copies of the files can be provided upon request.

examined by BOOM following the Judicial Council's rulings in Decisions 1341, 1343 and 1344."

At that point, Bishop Easterling ruled on Rev. Rudisill's point of order as follows:

[W]ith respect to what [Dr. Hunt has] just shared and acknowledged and what I recall of last year's annual conference, I believe that I have to say that this portion of the Board of Ordained Ministry's report is out of order.

Presentation of Rev. Gorman's First Question of Law

Shortly after Bishop Easterling made her ruling on Rev. Rudisill's point of order, Rev. Gorman took the floor and stated that, "[g]iven the seriousness of this situation," he thought it appropriate to ask Bishop Easterling for a ruling on the following question of law, which he also submitted in writing to the Conference Secretary:

On the basis of the policy of the Board of Ordained Ministry for this annual conference reported on April 6, 2018, specifically that policy's candid admission that it is not compliant with The Book of Discipline, and on the basis of The Book of Discipline ¶¶ 604.1, 604.3 and 635.1(b), as well as numerous judicial council rulings, I ask: "Must the annual conference exclude from its business the portion of the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry pertaining to the election of candidates for membership or provisional membership?"

Bishop Easterling did not issue a ruling on this question of law at that time, but announced that she expected to render a ruling before the Clergy Session was concluded. There followed much discussion about various options that might be pursued in light of the Bishop's ruling on Rev. Rudisill's point of order. The possibilities mentioned including having BOOM re-interview the candidates and then report back; having the Bishop interview the candidates; and bringing the candidates before the Clergy Session to be interviewed by the body as a whole. Shortly after 5:00 p.m., Bishop Easterling put the Clergy Session in recess, to allow time for dinner and worship.

Rev. Gorman's Second Question of Law, Following a Further Report from BOOM, and Bishop Easterling's Ruling on that Question

When the Clergy Session reconvened later that evening, Dr. Hunt, as Chair of BOOM, made the following report to the body:

Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry had a chance to meet with all of the candidates prior to dinner this evening. . . . All candidates were given an opportunity to offer information and self-disclosure about any issues that were not brought up in the profiling and examination, particularly as it pertained to human sexuality. No additional information was shared with us.

We do want to share with the body that in the course of [BOOM's] profiling, two of our candidates shared in writing that they . . . are married to persons of the same gender, T.C. Morrow and Joseph Heath. That is the information that we have that pertains to the report.

Immediately after Dr. Hunt concluded his report, Rev. Gorman came to a microphone and stated that, "[i]n light of Dr. Hunt's report, I would move that we remove these two candidates from consideration for this session of the clergy." Upon inquiry by Bishop Easterling, Rev.

Gorman reframed his motion as a question of law, as follows: “Must this session of the clergy exclude these two candidates on the basis of Dr. Hunt’s report and on the basis of The Book of Discipline ¶ 304.3?”

After reminding Rev. Gorman to submit his second question of law in writing, Bishop Easterling rendered the following ruling on that question:

[B]eloved, as I shared earlier, typically I have thirty (30) days to rule on a question of law but I can’t wait thirty days to rule on this information . . . that is now before us. The matter that was causing us to not be able to move forward on [BOOM’s] report was the concern that the Board of Ordained Ministry had not done a full inquiry as some believe that the Book of Discipline requires and several of the Judicial Council’s rulings require. The Board met with the candidates, both those for commissioning and those for elders orders, and asked for full disclosure on those matters. No other persons came forward except the two who had already disclosed in writing as a part of their profile that they are married to same-gendered partners. In light of that fact, in light of Decision 1341 by the Judicial Council and several that followed thereafter and the *Book of Discipline* and the Baltimore-Washington Conference rules, I rule, to this question of law, that these two individuals are not able to come forward as candidates either for commissioning or for ordination.

After receiving this ruling on his second question of law, Rev. Gorman made a motion that the body proceed forward with voting on the *other* clergy candidates that had been recommended in BOOM’s report, i.e., all but the two excluded by Bishop Easterling’s ruling. The body approved Rev. Gorman’s motion to move forward with the election of those other candidates, and never took any vote on the two excluded candidates.

Disposition and Analysis

Bishop Easterling’s Ruling on Rev. Gorman’s First Question of Law

The Judicial Council has repeatedly held that bishop may not provide substantive responses to moot or hypothetical questions. See JCD 33, 799. Based on the ordinary usage of the word, a question may be understood to be moot when it has been “deprived of practical significance: made abstract or purely academic.” See <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/moot> (accessed June 27, 2018). In addition, the Judicial Council has explained that to avoid being deemed moot or hypothetical, a question of law must either (1) “be germane to the regular business, consideration, or discussion of the Annual Conference and shall state the connection to a specific *action taken*,” or (2) “the question must be raised during the deliberation of a specific issue of a matter upon which the conference *takes action*.” JCD 799 (emphasis added).

Based on these understandings, the *first* question of law presented by Rev. Gorman during the Clergy Session convened on May 30, 2018, is deemed moot. At the time Rev. Gorman presented that question, the Conference had not yet taken any action on the clergy candidates recommended in BOOM’s report. Moreover, although Rev. Gorman’s first question was germane to an action the annual conference was being *asked* to take *at the time*—namely, to vote on all 29 clergy candidates recommended in BOOM’s report for membership or provisional membership—the annual conference never subsequently

took that action either. On the contrary, following the recess, the focus of Clergy Session's deliberations regarding the clergy candidates changed based on the further report received from BOOM's Chair, Dr. Hunt, which in turn led Rev. Gorman himself to pose his distinct, *second* question of law—a question now tailored to correspond to the facts newly illuminated in Dr. Hunt's post-recess report.

More specifically, whereas Rev. Gorman's first question sought to exclude the *entirety* of that portion BOOM's report "pertaining to the election of candidates for membership or provisional membership," the question Rev. Gorman posed following Dr. Hunt's clarifying report sought only to "exclude . . . two candidates on the basis of Dr. Hunt's report," namely the two candidates that had acknowledged being married to persons of the same gender. Indeed, the record demonstrates that Rev. Gorman himself regarded his second question of law as *superseding* the first, rendering his initial question moot. That is the only reasonable conclusion to draw from the fact that, after receiving Bishop Easterling's ruling on the second question, it was Rev. Gorman who made the motion, subsequently approved by the body, that the Clergy Session should proceed forward with voting on all of the remaining clergy candidates recommended by BOOM.

Bishop Easterling's Ruling on Rev. Gorman's Second Question of Law

As indicated above, Bishop Easterling rendered a substantive ruling on Rev. Gorman's second question of law immediately after it was presented. The rationale for that ruling may be stated succinctly. As the Judicial Council emphasized in Decision 1352—which itself concerned BOOM's prior consideration of one of the candidates excluded here—the opinions handed down in "Decisions 1341, 1343 and 1344 prevent a Board of Ordained Ministry from ignoring statements of self-disclosure about any action that violates any portion of church law as is the case of the candidate who acknowledged that she is a lesbian and married to another woman." Those holdings, which stand as binding interpretations of the provisions of the *Discipline* currently in force, dictate that the two individuals excluded by my ruling, both of whom have acknowledged being married to persons of the same gender, may not "certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church." *Discipline* ¶ 304.3.

PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

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

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

Response from the Dean and the Cabinet.

Conrad O. Link

The question before us as an Executive session is: "are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration?"

Every year, for 38 years, I have heard this question read and answered by the Dean of the Cabinet who offered the official response. When I would hear this question, early in my pastoral ministry, I was hoping and praying that I could live up to the ideals it reflected. I was glad I would never have to answer this question in front of all the clergy and my colleagues. What would I say?

When I got into my middle career, when things were rolling along for me in ministry, I usually just sat quietly, maybe joked with a few colleagues about some of the behaviors and rumors we all heard about various colleagues.

But now, I am Dean of the Baltimore-Washington Conference Cabinet. This is a tremendous honor, but with it comes this question and I am compelled to answer.

The best way to answer this question is with a simple: "No." *All* clergy are not blameless in their life and, no, *all* clergy are not effective or sufficient in their official administration."

Each clergy person -- ordained, commissioned, licensed, and credentialed -- in this Annual Conference is called to the highest ideals of servant leadership as they proclaim the Gospel. We are called to live a life worthy of the Gospel, modeling to those within the faith community and those in the world a life dedicated to the highest standard of morality, integrity, service, obedience, and faith that allows others to see Christ in us. As an old Sunday school teacher said: "You might be the only Bible someone might read" (William Toms).

It is quite possible that some of our clergy/pastors have forgotten their call, not just to preach but to live a life that becomes the Gospel. Increased issues of immorality, lack of integrity, disobedience to authority, and financial mismanagement are becoming all too common. Some of our colleagues have elevated their personal agendas over the agenda of Christ and the Church. Clergy immaturity seems to be on the rise as self-centeredness and self-aggrandizement becomes a mode of operation that works contrary to building the Kingdom of God.

Colleagues: the majority of our clergy are doing well. Perhaps over-stressed, worn out and tired, but faithful to the call. Perhaps some colleagues get side tracked from time to time but, through prayer and proclamation, they return and continue their faith journey. Perhaps some of us, you and I, get tired of the pettiness and silliness that happens in the church. Then, we remember that "there, but for the grace of God go I." We remember we are all children of God. We reclaim grace.

Colleagues: Let it be known that the clergy and pastors of the Baltimore-Washington Conference are not perfect, but they are seeking to be better in the pursuit of faithfulness in word, order, sacrament, service, and witness. Let it be known that these same clergy seek to honor their call by supporting the church, with all their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Let it be known that the clergy and pastors of this historic conference are not perfect, but are forgiven, and that with humility we offer the same forgiveness that we have received to others we meet along the way.

As we focus on the idea of servant leadership, know that your Cabinet stands ready to help and eager to hear the issues and work with you to overcome troubles and anxieties. Together, let us embrace the covenant that has held us throughout the generations, "I am no longer my own, but God's. ... May we ...freely and fully surrender all things to God's glory and service."

And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are ours and we are yours. May it be so. Amen.

18. Who constitute:

- a) The Administrative Review Committee (§636)? (v) requires three clergy in full connection and two alternates.

Clergy in Full Connection

Rev. Marlon Tilghman
Rev. Steve Larsen
Rev. Mary Kay Totty

Alternate Clergy in Full Connection

Rev. Clark Carr
Rev. Loretta Johnson

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

Rev. Jen Karsner	Rev. Paul Johnson
Rev. Norman Obenshain	Rev. Laurie Tingley
Rev. Susan Boehl	Rev. Mary Jo Sims
Rev. Jason Jordan-Griffin	Rev. Lena Marie Dennis
Rev. Bob Wellman	Rev. Lee Ferrell
Rev. Patricia Watson	

- c) The Committee on Investigation (§ 2703)

Clergy Members:

Rev. LaReesa Smith-Horn (BA)	Rev. Teri Cofiehl (WS)	Rev. David Cooney (WA)
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Professing members:

Maxine Jenkins (WA)	Norwood Bentley (WS)
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Alternate clergy:

Rev. John Wunderlich (SO)	Rev. Alfreda Wiggins (BA)	Rev. Michael Bennett (WS)
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Alternate professing members:

Griff Hall (SO)	Kirsten Gullickson (WA)	Brian Gould (BA)
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19. Who are the certified candidates? (§§310, 313, 314) (NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.)

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

NAME	DISTRICT	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DATE CERTIFIED
Alicia Brooks O'Brien	A	St. Andrew of Annapolis	2014
Michael Rigsby	A	Glen Burnie: Messiah	2008 (Certified and transfer North Texas)
John Taylor	A	Pasadena: Faith-Community Coop Parish	2017
Christopher Allen	BM	Baltimore: Mt. Zion	2013
Joel Holmes	BM	Beechfield	2018
Christine Kumar	BM	Liberty Grove	2017
Jorge Moreno	BM	Salem Hispanic	2017
Levon Sutton	BM	Epworth Chapel	2017
Daniel Wood, Jr.	BM	Baltimore: Grace	2012 (Certified South Carolina transferred and certified in Tennessee)
Christopher Barona	BS	Norrisville	2013
Michael Carrington, Jr.	BS	Reisterstown: St. Luke	2017
Katherine Gorman	BS	Mays Chapel	2018
Anissa Johnson	BS	Milford Mill	2015
Matthew Sichel	BS	Hampstead: Wesley	2016
Emily Skorupinski	BS	Street: Emory	2018
Marie Ebersole	CH	Hagerstown: Grace	2010
Helen Ballew	CM	Poolesville: Memorial	2016
Kevin Beall	CM	Bethesda: Damascus	2017
Deborah Burgio	CM	Highland: Mt. Zion	2014
Cristin Cooper	CM	Olney: Oakdale	2017
Miguel Gallegos	CM	Gaithersburg: Epworth	2017
Olivia Gross	CM	Columbia: Locust	2017
David Norton	CM	Highland: Mt. Zion	2018
Melaina Trice	CM	Ashton	2015 (certified and transfer Eastern PA)

Shawn Vollmerhausen	CM	Savage	2017
Susan Bowen	F	New Windsor: St. Paul	2012
Mark Claiborne, Sr.	F	Bakerton: Bethel	2017
Mark Eyler	F	Thurmont: Weller	2018
Dongeun Lee	F	New Windsor: Stone Chapel	2017
Deborah Mooney	F	Calvary Martinsburg	2018
Kristin Weschler	F	Frederick: Trinity	2018
Jeffrey Zalatoris	F	Frederick: Calvary	2017
Tyrone Blackwell, Jr.	GW	Forest Memorial	2018
Ian Collier	GW	National UMC	2016
Tai Courtemanche	GW	Oak Chapel	2014 (transfer W. PA)
Deryl Davis	GW	DC: Foundry	2012
Kevin Highfield	GW	Mt. Vernon Place	2018
Dahlia Leigh	GW	Takoma Park: Grace	2017
Bernardo Lourenco	GW	Simpson Hamlin	2017
Sharon Milton	GW	Emory Fellowship	2018
Renee Richardson	GW	DC: Hughes Memorial	2017
Admire Russell	GW	Good Shepherd	2012
Denise Ryles-McKoy	GW	McKendree Simms Brookland	2018
Bo Hwan Wang	GW	National Korean	2017
Melanie Weldon-Soiset	GW	Van Buren	2017
Roberta White	GW	DC: Hughes Memorial	2012
KeyaRae Yi	GW	National Korean	2017
Bruce Jackson	WE	Lexington Park: Zion	2016
Sarah Lanzi	WE	Leonardtown: First Saints	2015
Joan Turner	WE	Fort Washington: Grace	2015
Rebecca Wessinger	WE	Dunkirk: Smithville	2015

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

NAME	RECEIVING CONFERENCE	DATE ORIGINALLY CERTIFIED	DATE ACCEPTED BY DISTRICT
Hannah Ewald	West Ohio	2015	03-27-18
Israel Suarez	Florida	2011 Florida & 2014 Baltimore Washington	4-17-18

c. Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for **licensed** or ordained ministry?

NAME	DISTRICT	DATE CERTIFIED	DATE DISCONTINUED
Courtney Jones Tryon	WE	2016	2018
Susan Wentzy	GW	2014	04-10-18

(Note: Once a candidate is appointed as FL or PL, they are no longer listed as a certified candidate (except the first year they are appointed when they would need to be listed in 19 and in 20 or 21). Students appointed as Local Pastors (par.318.3) are the only people who are allowed to be listed as a candidate in one conference while being listed as an LP in a different conference. Par.318.3 stipulates that students appointed as local pastors can serve in either a full or part-time capacity.)

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

NAME	DISTRICT	YEAR LICENSED APPROVED
*Jessica Bennett [14]	A	MDIV
*Dennis Crolley [10]	F	MDIV
*Hilary Ann Golden [15]	A	MDIV
*Laura Kigweba James [15]	BM	MDIV

Granderson Jones [00]	BS	LLPS 15 (1.5)
*Narae Kim [16]	CM	MDIV
*Vicki Oliver [16]	F	MDIV
*Brenda Shields [09]	F	MDIV
Emily Skorupinski [18]	BS	MDIV
*Karen Renee Weaver [02]	A	MDIV

21. Who are approved and appointed as: Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded. Indicate what progress each has made in the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those who have completed the five year course of study or the M.Div. (§19.4)? PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v)

a) Full-time local pastors (§18.1) (3/4 v).

NAME (year certified)	DISTRICT	APPOINTMENT	YEARS COMPLETED WITH COURSE OF STUDY
Jorge Moreno [17]	BM	Salem Hispanic	LLPS (4.0)
Stephen E. Smith [05]	BS	Street: Emory	LLPS 05 (3.25)
Joshua Gillen [17]	CH	Hancock: Hancock	LLPS 17
Robert Pierson [16]	CH	Cumberland: Davis/Emmanuel	LLPS16 (.25)
*Charles Riggleman [97]	CH	Oldtown: Oldtown Charge	LLPS 07
Ian Grant Spong [12]	CH	Big Pool: Potomac Charge	LLPS 12 (4.75)
*Dauba Denise Adams [10]	CM	Kemptown: Providence	MDIV
*Richard Wilson Baker [10]	F	Emmitsburg: Trinity/Taneytown: Messiah	LLPS 99
William Ball [16]	F	Martinsburg: Pikeside	LLPS 15 (.25)
*Rex Bowens [99]	F	Frederick: Jackson Chapel	LLPS 99
Scott Clawson [12]	F	New Market: Mt. Carmel/New Market	LLPS 12 (4.5)
John Dean [03]	F	Westminster: Deer Park	MDIV
Debra Marie Linton [08]	F	Frederick: Centennial Memorial	MDIV
Scott Summer [10]	F	Bedington: Bedington	LLPS 10 (3.25)
*Rebecca Lynn Wilson [02]	F	Martinsburg: Calvary	LLPS 03
*Raphael K. Koikoi [10]	GW	Western PA	MDIV
*Alan Hemming [11]	WE	First Saints Community	MDIV

b) Part-time local pastors (§18.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments). (3/4 v)

NAME	DIST	APPOINTMENT	YEARS COMPLETED WITH COURSE OF STUDY
*Brian Berger [15]	A	50% - Ferndale	MDIV
*Christopher Broadwell [16]	A	50% - Annapolis: Cape St. Claire	MDIV
*Caprice Brown [10]	A	25% - Laurel: Community First Coop. Parish	MDIV
*S. Jerry Colbert [06]	A	50% - Annapolis: John Wesley	LLPS 06
Darryl A. Foster [00]	A	75% - Severn: Severn/Delmont	LLPS 04
Gay Green-Cardin [11]	A	50% - Jessup: Asbury	LLPS 10 (3.0)
*Sandra Knepp [16]	A	25% - Odenton: Trinity	MDIV
Marilyn Lewis [17]	A	25% - Lothian: Adams	LLPS 17

Thomas Christopher Long [13]	A	25% - Lothian: Union	LLPS 02 (Asbury)
*Gregory J. McNeil [97]	A	50% - Crofton: Wilson Memorial	LLPS 97
Richard Oursler [11]	A	50% - Dorsey Emmanuel/Wesley Chapel	LLPS 10 (2.75)
*Michael Rigsby [08]	A	50% - Glen Burnie: Messiah	MDIV
*Patricia Turnage [17]	A	50% - Cecil Memorial/Mt. Calvary Charge	MDIV
Melvin Bond [11]	BM	50% - Unity	LLPS 11
Steve Burke [12]	BM	25% - Water's Edge	LLPS 16 (0.5)
Ronald S. Dodson, Sr. [16]	BM	25% - Faith Community	LLPS 16
Scheherazade Forman [16]	BM	25% - West Baltimore	LLPS 16
Anthony Forman [14]	BM	25% - West Baltimore	LLPS 14
Nathaniel Green [05]	BM	25% - Violetville	LLPS 05 (1.50)
Joel Holmes [18]	BM	25% - Beechfield	LLPS 17
*Ashley Hoover [15]	BM	25% - Cherry Hill	MDIV
Richard Keller [12]	BM	50% - Christ	LLPS 11 (4.0)
Christine Kumar [17]	BM	75% - Cowenton-Piney Grove	LLPS 17
Daniel Kutrick [10]	BM	50% - Dundalk Graceland Cooperative Parish	LLPS 11 (4.25)
Terry L. McCain [01]	BM	50% - Elderslie: St. Andrews, Govans Boundry	LLPS 01 (4.75)
Isaiah Redd [15]	BM	50% - Emmarts	LLPS 15
Mary Robinson [11]	BM	75% - Essex	MDIV
*Levon Sutton [17]	BM	25% - Catonsville Emmanuel	MDIV
*Daniel Wood, Jr. [2012]	BM	75% - Baltimore: Grace	MDIV
Barbara Allen [12]	BS	50% - Hampstead: Shiloh-Patapsco Coop. Parish	LLPS 15 (1.25)
Gerald Paul Gautcher [10]	BS	50% - Reisterstown: Deer Park	LLPS 10 (3.5)
*Ernest Lievers [04]	BS	25% - Edgewood/Greenspring	LLPS 04
*Alfred Sipes [15]	BS	50% - Cedar Grove-Bentley Springs-Stablers	MDIV
*Charles Bergen [14]	CH	50% - Berkeley Springs: Berkeley Springs Charge	LLPS 14 (MDIV)
Patricia Bittner [14]	CH	50% - Flintstone: Flintstone Charge	LLPS 13 (1.5)
Lisa Boone [16]	CH	25% - Cumberland: McKendree of Potomac Park & Rawlings	LLPS 16
Vicki Cubbage [16]	CH	25% - LaVale: Park Place	LLPS 12
Albert Deal [11]	CH	25% - Keedysville: Salem	LLPS 12 (4.5)
*Sharon Gibson [98]	CH	25% - Hagerstown: Asbury	LLPS 98
Philip A. King [16]	CH	25% - Great Cacapon: Calvary	LLPS 16 (1.0)
Kenny Mason [13]	CH	25% - Berkeley Springs: Alpine Charge	LLPS 13 (3.25)
Dionne Osuji [15]	CH	50% - Hagerstown: Shiloh	Wesley
Joshua Rider [16]	CH	25% - Little Orleans: Sideling Hill	LLPS 16 (.50)

John Ampiah-Addison [12]	CM	50% - South Damascus Charge	LLPS 14 (1.25)
Kevin Beall [17]	CM	75% - Bethesda (Damascus)	LLPS 18
Zelda Childs [10]	CM	50% - Christ Columbia	LLPS 11 (3.5)
*Jean Lee [14]	CM	75% - Sunshine Charge	MDIV
T.J. Mount [15]	CM	50% - Araby: Araby CG	MDIV
Samuel Moore [15]	CM	50% - Ellicott City: Emory	LLPS 16 (.75)
Wilhelmina Street [17]	CM	25% - Ellicott City: Mt. Zion	MDIV
*Cathryn Vitek [09]	CM	75% - Bethany	LLPS 14
Shawn Vollmerhausen [17]	CM	25% - Alberta Gary	LLPS 17
Ronald Young [16]	CM	25% - Growing Seed	LLPS 16 (.5)
Mary Buzby [13]	F	50% - New Windsor: New Hope/Westminster: St. James	LLPS 13 (4.75)
Mark Claiborne, Sr. [17]	F	25% - Frederick: Centennial Memorial	LLPS 16
Darrell Davis [17]	F	25% - New Windsor: Middleburg – Uniontown	LLPS 17
Ray Dudley [08]	F	25% - Frederick: Deerfield	LLPS 08 (3.0)
Mark Eyer [18]	F	25% - Sykesville: Brandenburg	LLPS 18
David Fossett [17]	F	25% - Frederick: Hopehill	LLPS 17
Lisa Franzen [16]	F	25% - Martinsburg: Berkeley Place/Friendship	LLPS 16 (.75)
Richard Gibbs [16]	F	25% - Frederick: Walkersville/Mt. Zion/Mt. Pleasant	LLPS 16
Suzanne Jones [16]	F	50% - Frederick: Trinity	LLPS 16
Michael Lida [16]	F	25% - Chestnut Hill: Silver Grove	LLPS 16 (.25)
Robert Orrence [09]	F	25% - Thurmont: Catocin	LLPS 11 (2.5)
Dawn Reidy [16]	F	25% - Bunker Hill: Payne's Chapel	LLPS 16
Charles Rice [16]	F	50% - Frederick: Buckeystown 85	LLPS 16 (2.75)
Blango E. Ross, Jr. [01]	F	50% - New Windsor: Strawbridge	LLPS 05 (2.0)
William Rowley [17]	F	75% - Jefferson: Jefferson	LLPS 17
Scott Sassaman [13]	F	25% - Middleway: Middleway	LLPS 14 (1.5)
Richard Shuman, II [17]	F	50% - Ganotown: Ganotown/Summit Point: Memorial	LLPS 17
Thomas Sigler, Jr. [17]	F	75% - Inwood: Darkesville	LLPS 17
Samuel Tryon [17]	F	25% - Harpers Ferry: Bolivar/Engle	MDIV
Jeffrey Zalatoris	F	25% - Lewistown: Lewistown	
*Gerald Lewis Elston, Sr. [10]	GW	75% - Brightwood Park/Albright	MDIV
Jerome Jones [11]	GW	50% - Church of the Redeemer	LLPS 12
Janice Phipps-Harmon [14]	GW	25% - Emory	LLPS14 (1.25)
Bernard Harris [15]	GW	25% - McKendree- Simms- Brookland CP	LLPS 06 (2.5)
Lucinda Kent [16]	GW	25% - Van Buren	LLPS 18
Robert Starkey [14]	GW	25% - Grace/Fairmount	MDIV
Cindy L. Banks [12]	WE	25% - Shiloh	LLPS 12 (.5)

Jacques T. Banks [09]	WE	25% - Indian Head	LLPS 09 (4.0)
*Roland Matthew Barnes [97]	WE	50% - Carroll Western	LLPS 99
*Charles Michael Blakeley [11]	WE	50% - Accokeek: Faith	MDIV
Kevin Brooks [13]	WE	50% -Charlotte Hall: Mt. Calvary – St. Matthews	LLPS 13 (.25)
*Donald Gene Geller, Jr. [12]	WE	25% - Lexington Park: Community with a Cause	MDIV
*Joan Ann Jones [04]	WE	75% - St. Edmonds	MDIV
*Kermit C.C. Moore [11]	WE	50% - Ft. Washington: Providence-Ft. Washington	LLPS 11
*Lesley Newman-Sewell [15]	WE	50% - Temple Hills: Corkran Memorial	MDIV
*Jeanne A. Parr [10]	WE	50% - Pisgah	MDIV
Sonja Penny [15]	WE	25% - Indian Head: Alexandria Chapel	LLPS 16
Doris Rothwell [15]	WE	25% - Peter's	LLPS 15 (.25)
Sandra Elizabeth Smith [06]	WE	25% - Coopers	LLPS 07 (3.25)
Derrick Walton [12]	WE	25% - St. Inigoes: Mt. Zion	LLPS 12 (1.0)

- c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3,4)? (3/4 v)

NAME	DISTRICT	APPOINTMENT	SEMINARY	HOME CONFERENCE
None				

- d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3) (3/4 v)

NAME	FIRST YEAR LICENSE AWARDED	YEARS COMPLETED IN COURSE OF STUDY
None		

- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§365.4, 367, 368.3)? (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.) (3/4 v)

NAME	DISTRICT	YEARS COMPLETED IN COURSE OF STUDY
None		

22. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (§320.1)? INFORMATIONAL

NAME	DISTRICT	DATE DISCONTINUED
Charles Michael Blakeley	WE	07-01-2018

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

NAME	DISTRICT	YEARS COMPLETED IN COURSE OF STUDY
None		

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

a) Annual Conferences

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DISTRICT	APPOINTMENT	HOME CONFERENCE
Stephanie Bekhor	FE	A	Marley	Desert Southwest Conference
Tori Chante' Butler	FE	GW	Good Hope Union	Texas Conference
Marion Easterling	FE	A	Wesley Grove	New England Conference
William Edward Green	PE	GW	DC: Foundry	Northern Illinois Conference
David Hodsdon	FE	CM	Hyattstown: Clarksburg Charge	Yellowstone Conference
Katherine Ann Paul	FE	WE	Hollywood	North Carolina Conference
Andrew Peck-McClain	FE	F	50% - Emmitsburg: Trinity	New York Conference
Brett Pinder	PE	GW	University of MD and First Hyattsville	Peninsula-Delaware Conference
Mary Ricketts	FE	CH	Smithsburg Charge	Upper New York Conference
Benjamin Brodie Roberts	FD	GW	Foundry UMC	North Carolina Conference
Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads	PD	CH	Manidokan Camp	West Ohio Conference
Troy Sims	FD	GW	Capitol Hill	North Texas Conference

b) Other Methodist Denominations

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	District	APPOINTMENT	DENOMINATION
Richard Black	Elder	GW	Lincoln Park	African Methodist Episcopal
Biak Chhunga	Elder	GW	Rockville: Mizo Fellowship	Upper Myanmar Methodist Church
Sung Hwan Cho	Elder	F	Stone Chapel/Zion	Korean Methodist
Daphne Fraser	Elder	CM	Fairview	African Methodist Episcopal

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DISTRICT	APPOINTMENT	DENOMINATION
John Unger	Ordained	F	Camp Hill-Wesley	Lutheran

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

a) With vote (§586.4b [v])? None

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

NAME	MEMBER CONFERENCE/DENOMINATION	DISTRICT	FIRST YEAR OF AFFILIATION
Christina K. Suerdieck	Virginia Conference	F	2010
Cynthia Zirlott	Virginia Conference	CH	2008

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 40 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 27-39 whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

27. Who are elected as associate members? ¶322 (3/4 v) (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27):

NAME
None

28. Who are elected as Provisional Members and what seminary are they attending, if in school? (under ¶¶322.4, 324, 325) (3/4 v)

a. Provisional Deacons:

- Under the provisions of ¶324.4a, c? (3/4 v) (NOTE: All have completed seminary)

NAME	SEMINARY
Megan B. Blanchard	Wesley Theological Seminary
Tara C. Morrow	Wesley Theological Seminary

- Under the provisions of ¶324.5? (3/4 v)

NAME	SEMINARY
None	

b. Provisional Elders:

- Under the provisions of ¶324.4a, b? (3/4 v) (NOTE: All have completed seminary)

NAME	SEMINARY
Sherwyn Benjamin	Wesley Theological Seminary
Scott Bostic	Wesley Theological Seminary
Patrick Hurder Buhrman	Wesley Theological Seminary
Mi Ja Cho	Wesley Theological Seminary
Christopher Dembeck	Wesley Theological Seminary
Sarah Elliott	Wesley Theological Seminary
James Gosnell	Wesley Theological Seminary
Lynne Humphries-Russ	Wesley Theological Seminary
David Jacobson	Wesley Theological Seminary
Kathryn Mackereth	Wesley Theological Seminary
Robert Ruggieri	Wesley Theological Seminary
Anna Schwartz	Wesley Theological Seminary
Emily Smiley	Duke Divinity
Matthew Tate	Wesley Theological Seminary

- Under the provisions of ¶324.6? (3/4 v)

NAME	SEMINARY
None	

- Under the provisions of ¶322.4? (3/4 v)

NAME	SEMINARY
None	

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

- a. In preparation for ordination as a deacon? (PD) (¶326.1 (v) (Note: All have completed seminary))

NAME	ORIGINAL YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP	SPECIALITY
Kathleen Grace Charters	2014	Medical Ministry to Veterans
Enger Muteteke	2015	
Martina Martin	2016	
Jennifer Kokoski	2017	

In preparation for ordination as an elder? (PE) (§326.2) (v)

NAME	ORIGINAL YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP
Sandra Phillips	2012
Linda Yarrow	2013
Laura Markle Downton	2014
Dana Maurice Jones	2014
Andre' Briscoe, Jr.	2015
Michael Cantley	2015
Sherri Comer-Cox	2015
Lemuel Dominguez	2015
Kyle Durbin	2015
Michael Parker, II	2015
Jessica Statesman Hayden	2015
Carissa Surber	2015
Patricia Abell	2016
Lillian Boyd	2016
Alexis Brown	2016
R. Lorraine Brown	2016
Sandra Hetz Burchell	2016
Mark Groover	2016
Brenda McIlwain	2016
Taysie Phillips	2016
Irance Reddix	2016
Daniel Breidenbaugh	2017
Alison DeLeo	2017
Walter D. Jackson, III	2017
Heerak Kim	2017
Tommy M. Murray	2017
Kathleen M. O'Hern	2017
Heather Olson	2017
Monica E. Raines	2017
Evelyn Rivera	2017

b. Provisional deacons who became provisional elders? (v)

NAME	ORIGINAL YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP
None	

c. Provisional elders who became provisional deacons? (v)

NAME	ORIGINAL YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP
None	

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS (PD or PE)	ORIGINAL YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP	PREVIOUS CONFERENCE OR DENOMINATION
Ronald Fleming-Triplett	PE	2014	Pentecostal/Apostolic

30. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§347.6):
(v) **A person's orders may be recognized when they are transferring their membership into your annual conference from another Christian denomination. A person who is listed in Q.30 must also be listed in either Q. 31 a or b, depending on the transfer status.**

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Denomination
None		

31. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27):

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS (PD or PE)	DATE RECEIVED	FORMER DENOMINATION
None			

b. As local pastors (§347.3)? (v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS (FL or PL)	DATE RECEIVED	FORMER DENOMINATION
None			

32. Who are elected as members in full connection? (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27. **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 33-34 or 36, unless the clergy's orders from another denomination were recognized on question 30 in a previous year.**) (3/4 v):

a. Deacons

NAME	SEMINARY
Leo Yates, Jr.	Wesley Theological Seminary

b. Elders

NAME	SEMINARY
Giovanni Arroyo	Wesley Theological Seminary
Nicholas Bufano	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Joey Heath-Mason	Wesley Theological Seminary
Beth Hutton	Wesley Theological Seminary
Elizabeth LeMaster	Wesley Theological Seminary
Brenda Lewis	Lancaster Theological Seminary
James McSavaney	Wesley Theological Seminary
Laura Norvell	Wesley Theological Seminary
Katharine Saari	Wesley Theological Seminary
Dawn Stewart	Wesley Theological Seminary
Reginald Tarpley	Howard University School of Divinity
Heath Wilson	Wesley Theological Seminary

33. Who are ordained as deacons and what seminary awarded their degree? Or, if their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies?: (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27)

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

NAME	SEMINARY
Leo Yates, Jr.	Wesley Theological Seminary

b. Transfer from elders? (§309) (3/4 v)

NAME	SEMINARY
None	

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

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

NAME	SEMINARY
Giovanni Arroyo	Wesley Theological Seminary
Nicholas Bufano	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Joey Heath-Mason	Wesley Theological Seminary

Beth Hutton	Wesley Theological Seminary
Elizabeth LeMaster	Wesley Theological Seminary
Brenda Lewis	Lancaster Theological Seminary
James McSavaney	Wesley Theological Seminary
Laura Norvell	Wesley Theological Seminary
Katharine Saari	Wesley Theological Seminary
Dawn Stewart	Wesley Theological Seminary
Heath Wilson	Wesley Theological Seminary

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

NAME	SEMINARY
None	

35. What Provisional Members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§364)? (v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	YEAR PREVIOUSLY DISCONTINUED
None		

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	PREVIOUS STATUS
None		

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	YEAR RETIRED
None		

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	PREVIOUS CONFERENCE	DATE OF TRANSFER
Donna Lee Nelson	FE	NW Texas Conference	06-30-2018

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	PREVIOUS METHODIST DENOMINATION	DATE OF TRANSFER
None			

40. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference? (See note preceding Question 27. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.)
INFORMATIONAL

a. Deacons in full connection.

NAME	MEMBER CONFERENCE
None	

b. Elders in full connection.

NAME	MEMBER CONFERENCE
None	

41. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.) INFORMATIONAL

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	NEW CONFERENCE	DATE OF TRANSFER
Jennifer Webber	FE	Texas Conference	06-30-2018

42. Who are discontinued as provisional members (§327)? (Indicate credential)

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE
None		

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE
Kecia Ford	PE	12-27-17

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE
None		

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§327.7)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE
None		

43. Who are on location?

a. Who has been granted honorable location (§358.1)? (Give date when this action became effective. Record Charge Conference where membership is held):

(1) This year? (v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP	DATE EFFECTIVE
None			

(2) Previously?

NAME	Year originally granted	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP	District	Year of Most Recent Report
Robert C. Warren, Jr.	1967			
William Dorsey Young, III	1970	Columbia: Christ	CM	
Lewis M. Buckler	1971	La Plata: La Plata	WE	
Douglas Dewhirst	1971			
Paul W. Galvin	1972			
Douglas E. Harton	1972			
James H. Fields, Sr.	1973			
R. Allen Streett	1974			
Alexander M. Tickner	1974			
G. Paul Carr	1975			
Aubrey Linville Leomer	1975			
James Davis Palmer	1976	Washington: Dumbarton	GW	
Howard K. Congdon	1978			
S. Edward Ferrell, Jr.	1978			

Edwin Graham	1978			
Luther H. Martin	1978			
Allen Powell	1979			
William E. Ravenscroft	1979	Hagerstown: Otterbein	CH	
Richard Ernest Hagenston	1982			
Richard Earl Schwinger	1983	Glenelg	CM	
Franklin Earl Smith	1985			
Lyle Edward Wilson	1987	Friendship: Damascus	CM	
Steven Lee Bowman	1987	Bel Air: Bel Air	BS	
James Michael Easterday	1987	Hagerstown: Otterbein	CH	
Eleanor White Jones Hawse	1988	Clarksburg: Clarksburg	CM	
Nelson McGill Pittinger	1988	Frederick: Calvary	F	
Ronald Ralph Runkles	1988	Mechanicsville: Mt. Zion	WE	
Ralph Erskine Wilson, III	1988	Parkville: Arnolia	BM	
Melvin James Fair, Jr.	1991	Owings Mills: Pleasant Hill	BS	
Kristen Johnson Aiken	1994	Washington: Foundry	GW	
Miriam Hope Jackson	1996	Gaithersburg: Epworth	CM	
Richard L. Blucher	1997	Washington: Foundry	GW	
Richard Perry Bowman	1997	Washington: Dumbarton	GW	
Wendy Starr Flegal	1999	Washington: Dumbarton	GW	
Carolyn Sue Bray	2002	Friendship: Friendship	A	
Carol Armstrong-Moore	2003	Washington: Chevy Chase	GW	
Kathryn L. Preston	2005	Baltimore: Mt. Vernon Place	BM	
Vincent R. Liburd	2005	Rockville: Rockville	GW	
Suzanne Weber	2007	Washington: foundry	GW	
Wendy Shenk-Evans	2008	Washington: Christ	GW	
James Lucas	2010	Crofton: Community	A	
William Wan	2011	Rockville: Faith	GW	
Robert Barton	2014	Mechanicsville: Mt. Zion	WE	
Drew Phoenix	2014	DC: Dumbarton	GW	
Lauren Heather Lay	2015	Hughes: Wheaton	GW	

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

NAME	APPOINTMENT	YEAR ORIGINALLY GRANTED LOCATION
None		

c. Who has been placed on administrative location (§359)? (Give date when this action became effective. Record Charge Conference where membership is held. Indicate credential.):

(1) This year? (v)

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
Jacob Young	07-01-2018	

(2) Ad Interim Administrative Location? (v)

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
None		

(3) Previously?

NAME	YEAR ORIGINALLY PLACED	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP	YEAR OF MOST RECENT REPORT
None			

44. Who have been granted the status of honorable location-retired (§358.3)? (Record Charge Conference where membership is held.)

a. This year? (v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	YEAR HONORABLE LOCATION ORIGINALLY GRANTED	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
None			

b. Previously?

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	YEAR HONORABLE LOCATION ORIGINALLY GRANTED	CHARGE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP	DISTRICT
Robert McKinley, III			Crofton: Community	A
Wilson Edward Neighoff			Baltimore: Hiss	BM
Thomas P. Roberts	RE 07/01/08		Huntingtown: Patuxent	WE

45. Who have had their status as honorably located and their orders terminated (§358.2)? (v) (Give date when this action became effective. Indicate credential.)

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	PRIOR CLERGY STATUS
None		

46. Who have had their conference membership terminated? (Give date when this action became effective. Indicate credential.)

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

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	PRIOR CLERGY STATUS
D. Matthew Poole	10-27-2017	FE

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

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	PRIOR CLERGY STATUS
Philip Wogoman	May 31, 2017	FE

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

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	PRIOR CLERGY STATUS
None		

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

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	PRIOR CLERGY STATUS
None		

e. By trial (§2713)? (v)

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	PRIOR CLERGY STATUS
None		

47. Who have been suspended under the provisions of §362.1d, 2704.2c or §2711.3? (Give effective dates. Indicate credential.) INFORMATIONAL

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE	CLERGY STATUS
None		

48. Deceased (List alphabetically in the spaces provided): INFORMATIONAL

a) What associate members have died during the year?

Active:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

Retired:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
James W. Diggs	08-17-1934	03-07-2018
Dennis Dorsch	08-02-1944	03-30-2018
Lloyd Charles McClarren	12-04-1934	02-08-2018

b) What provisional members have died during the year? (Indicate credentials.)

Active:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

Retired:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Marion J. G. Bowman	12-05-1935	07-22-2017 honorable location retired

c) What elders have died during the year?

Active:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

Retired:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Calvin Crosson	05-25-1921	07-04-2017
Roby Harold Eastridge	02-17-1925	02-09-2018

Emmanuel Gitlin	11-09-1922	06-13-2017
Clifford L. Harrison	09-16-1927	02-11-2018
Kenneth S. Jones	08-17-1919	09-29-2017
Paul Southwell Jones	08-03-1917	10-06-2017
Leon C. Kess, Jr.	12-09-1929	12-22-2017
Harry A. Ledgard	11-17-1935	12-27-2017
Douglas M. Logan	04-23-1942	07-20-2017
Martin L. McKenney, Jr.	05-12-1933	11-10-2017
Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr.	07-18-1936	06-10-2017
William C. Miller	03-03-1934	08-19-2017
William Thomas Miller	05-01-1928	10-31-2017
Mary Brown Oliver	01-01-1934	09-05-2017
Colin A. Phillips	06-13-1947	12-01-2017
Diane L. Rainey	02-27-1945	09-10-2017
Ruth C. Ross	05-21-1921	05-08-2018
Linda Louise Shafer	07-24-1953	06-27-2017 Honorable location since 1995
Alva D. Tice	05-23-1926	07-14-2017

d) What deacons have died during this year?

Active:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

Retired:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

e) What local pastors have died during the year?

Active:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

Retired:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Leander H. Anske PTLP	08-31-1934	10-28-2016
Lucius Ross, Jr. PTLP	12-15-1948	06-16-2017

f) What Certified Lay Ministers have died during the year?

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

49. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (§§331.8, 346.1)? (List alphabetically; indicate annual conference where appointed. Indicate credential.) INFORMATIONAL

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	CONFERENCE WHERE APPOINTED	APPOINTMENT	DATE
Adam Briddell	FE	Oregon-Idaho Conference	First UMC of Eugene	07-01-2015
Michelle Chaney	FE	Virginia Conference	Centreville UMC	08-01-2016
Robin Johnson	FD	Western North Carolina	Altamont-Jonas Ridge	07-01-2017
Ginger Ray Medley	FE	Florida Conference	Poinciana UMC	07-01-2017
Enger Muteteke	PD	Greater New Jersey	Grace Union, Winslow & Elm UM Churches	07-01-2018
Robert Schneider	FE	New England Conference	First UMC of Littleton	07-01-2010
Kevin Smalls	FE	Detroit Conference	Hope	06-01-2016
Jacqueline Jones-Smith	FE	Florida Conference	Christ UMC	07-01-2016
Vicky Starnes	FE	Peninsula Delaware Conference	Epworth	04-01-2013
Perry Williams	FE	Oklahoma Conference	St. Paul's	06-01-2014

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

Name and Number of Years Charge Conference

a. Voluntary (v)

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§353.2a3 (v))

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
Laura Markle Downton	PE	01-19-2017 (1)	Foundry	GW
Nicole Houston	FE	07-01-2016 (2)	Severna Park	A

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (§353.2a3 (2/3 v))

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
None				

(3) Family, 5 years or less (§353.2b3 (v))

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
Chiew Len Teo	FD	05-01-2016 (3)	Good Shepherd: Silver Spring	GW

(4) Family, more than 5 years (§353.2b3 (2/3 v))

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
None				

(5) Transitional (§353.2c) (leave granted for up to 12 months) (v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
Al Hammer	FD	05-10-2018	Glen Mar	CM

b. Involuntary?

(1) Involuntary Leave (§354)? (2/3 v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
None				

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
None				

51. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§351)? (v) (Give date when this relation became effective; indicate credential.)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
None				

52. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (§356)? (v) (Give effective dates:

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	CHARGE CONFERENCE	DISTRICT
Robert Brennan	FE	07-01-2016 (2)	Martinsburg: Calvary	F
Lee Brewer	FE	11-01-2017 (0)	Hughes	GW
William Green	FE	07-01-1997 (21)	Ellicott City: Glen Mar	CM
Katherine Heflin	FE	04-01-2009 (10)	Frederick: Calvary	F
Margaret Wood Hodges	FE	03-01-1999 (19)	DC: Dumbarton	GW
Paul Papp	FE	04-01-2018	Jarrettsville	BS
Elizabeth Jane Richards	FE	11-01-2006 (11)	Damascus: Damascus	CM
Theresa Robinson	FE	04-01-2014 (4)	St. Paul's Praise & Worship Center	BM
Sheldon M. Reese	FE	04-01-2016 (2)	Perry Hall	BS
Leo Rodriguez	FE	06-30-2016 (2)	Salem-Baltimore Hispanic	BM
Ingrid Wang	FE	09-01-2016 (2)	Pasadena: Pasadena	A
Mamie Williams	FE	12-31-2014 (3)	Lincoln Park UMC	GW

53. What Members in full connection have been retired (§357): (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, (v); under §357.3, (2/3 v)

Deacons **READ NAMES ALOUD FOR RECOGNITION**

a. This year?

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Arthuree Wright	06-30-2018 Mandatory

b. Previously?

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Ruth Bell	11-01-2003
John William Bennett	01-01-2011
Judith Lee Ann Brown Birch	12-31-2008
Richard Lee Buckingham	06-30-2017
Susan Carns	07-01-2015
Linda Coolbaugh	01-01-2012
Limja Huh Gim	07-01-2014
Gertrude Greene	07-01-1998
Sharon Leinert Mills	07-01-2009
Lynn Nulton	07-01-2012
Stella S. Tay	07-01-2014
Jacquelyn Thorpe	07-01-2008
Andrea Titcomb	07-01-2006

Elders READ NAMES ALOUD FOR RECOGNITION

a. This year?

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Harold P. Atkins	07-01-2018
Reg D. Barss	07-01-2018
Susan Brown	07-01-2018
Marianne Brown	07-01-2018
Gail Button	07-01-2018
Robert D. Carter	07-01-2018
Terri R. Chattin	07-01-2018
Lysbeth Cockrell	07-01-2018
David S. Cooney	07-01-2018

Frances C. Dailey	07-01-2018
Mary Ellen Glorioso	07-01-2018
Marianne S. Grabowski	07-01-2018
Bruce A. Jones	07-01-2018
Charles Parker	01-01-2018
Saroj S. Sangha	07-01-2018
David Shank	07-01-2018
James Skillington	07-01-2018
Kent Tice	01-01-2018
Kenneth S. Valentine	07-01-2018
Robert Wellman	07-01-2018
Judy Young	12-01-2017

b. Previously?

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Kwame Abayomi	12-31-2006
Ann Adams	11-16-2011
Clark Aist	07-01-2004
George Aist	07-01-2004
JoAnne Alexander	07-01-2014
Edison Amos	07-01-1994
George Anderson	07-01-2001
Edwin Ankeny	07-01-2004
James Archibald, Jr.	07-01-1996
A. David Argo	01-18-2013
Helen Armiger	07-01-2016
Ann V. Atkins	07-01-2015
John Baker	07-01-1991
Maria Andita H. Barcelo	07-01-2014
R. Kay Barger	07-01-2010
Edward Bauman, Jr.	07-01-1992
Harry Baxter, Jr.	07-01-2003
Janet Lee T. Becker	07-01-2015
Susan Beehler	07-01-2003

Paul Benjamin	07-01-2010
Donna Hennessey Bennett	07-01-2012
William Bice	07-01-1997
Bruce Birch	07-01-2009
Winifred J. Blagmond	12-30-2009
John M. Blanchard, Jr.	07-01-2016
Ernest Bortner, Jr.	07-01-1989
Sharon Bourgeois	07-01-2008
Kenneth Bowen	07-01-1997
Walter Bowers, Sr.	07-01-2000
William Boyer	07-01-2005
Robert Braden, Sr.	06-07-1985
Emora T. Brannan	07-01-2011
Allan Broadhurst	06-12-1987
Robert Brookman	08-04-2006
Byron P. Brought	07-01-2010
Arlester Brown	07-01-1991
Gregory Brown	07-01-2007
John Roger Brown	05-27-2015
Kenneth Earl Brown	12-31-2011

Thomas Brunkow	07-01-2006
Donald L. Burgard	07-01-2009
Cynthia H. Burkert	07-01-2017
Roger Burtner	07-01-1990
Henry G. Butler, Jr.	07-01-2016
Eugene Byrne	02-15-2007
Lynn Cairns	07-01-2006
Curtis Campaigne	07-01-1988
John Howard Campbell	03-01-2013
Kim K. Capps	07-01-2012
Roger John Carlson	07-01-2013
Vernice Carney	07-01-2006
Arlene Carr	07-01-2002
Shirley Carrington	07-01-2004
David Carter-Rimbach	07-01-2007
Jack Cassel	07-01-2000
Richard Chambers	07-01-1989
James Chance	07-01-2005
Bruce Chapman	07-01-2017
Lon Chesnutt	07-01-1997
Kiyul Chung	02-02-2015
Eva L. Clark	09-04-2012
Raymond Clements, Jr.	06-12-1987
Margaret H. Click	07-01-2014
Richard Closson	01-01-1990
Harry Cole	07-01-2001
Mary Jane Coleman	07-01-2005
Carmen Collette	06-01-2013
Ronald L. Collier, Sr.	07-01-2011
Mary W. Conaway	07-01-2015
Thomas Connor	07-01-2007
Reynold Connett	07-01-1988
Joseph A. Conte	07-01-2016
Robert Conway	07-01-2006
Janet Cornelius	09-15-2008
Merle Correll	06-16-1982
Linda Coveleskie	07-01-2008
Richard Craig	07-01-2012
Diane A. Crider	07-01-2002
Robert Crider, Jr.	07-01-2005
Vicki S. Curry	07-01-2011
Glen W. Dameron	07-01-2013
Tunde Davies	07-01-2011
Clarence Davis	07-01-2006
Harold Davis	06-20-1979
Richard Davis	07-01-2006
Jackson Day	07-01-2008
Sally Day	07-01-2005
George F. DeFord	07-01-2011
Peter L. DeGroote	07-01-2009
Wayne A. DeHart	07-01-2010
Edwin DeLong	07-01-2005
Sandra E. Demby	07-01-2012

Mark A. Derby	07-01-2014
Timothy Dissmeyer	07-01-2007
James L. Ditto	07-01-2010
Diane Dixon-Proctor	07-01-2018
Carroll Doggett, Jr.	07-01-1988
Herbert L. Doggett	01-01-1989
Patricia C. Dols	10-08-2012
Vicki M. Dotterer	07-01-2014
Susan Duchesneau	07-01-2010
Betty Preston Dunlop	07-01-2009
Marian Dunmore	07-01-2008
Kenneth R. Dunnington	07-01-2013
George G. Earle, Jr.	07-01-2014
Walter G. Edmonds	01-01-2013
William Ehlers	07-01-1990
Howard Ellis	07-01-1989
George Ennis	07-01-2008
Henry Ernst	07-01-1995
Iris Farabee-Lewis	07-01-2017
William Casper Farrady	10-01-1991
Kenneth R. Fell	07-01-2015
Claire L. Fiedler	07-01-2016
Douglas Fox	07-01-2011
Robert Fringo	03-01-1996
Lawrence Frye	07-01-1999
Robert Funk	07-01-1998
G. Sylvester Gaines, Sr.	07-01-2016
Albert Galloway, Jr.	01-01-2003
Lowell Garland	07-01-1991
Lillian Geib	07-26-2008
Jack George	07-01-2002
Darryl Gill	07-01-2007
Loren Gisselbeck	07-01-1997
Elsie May Gladding	01-01-2009
Linda J. Glassbrook	07-01-2014
Arthur Gleckler	07-01-2000
Karen Gould	07-01-2005
Gerald Grace	07-01-2016
Richard Gordon Gray, Jr.	07-01-2011
Sandra M. Greene	07-01-2014
James M. Greenfield	07-01-2009
G. Edward Grove	09-01-2009
John Grove	07-01-1996
Carroll Gunkel	07-01-2002
James Hainley	07-01-2002
Carlee Hallman	07-01-1996
Susan Halse	07-01-2015
Edgar Hammersla	07-01-1988
William Richard Harden	07-01-2011
Lyle Harper	07-01-1995
Charles L. Harrell	10-01-2012
Stanley Harrell	07-01-1997
Mae Etta Harrison	12-01-2013

Alfonso Harrod	07-01-1993
Charles Harvey	07-01-1994
Charlotte A. Hendee	07-01-2012
Hal Henderson	07-01-1996
Eddie Henry	07-01-2007
William Herche	07-01-2017
R. Olin Herndon	07-01-2000
Robert D. Hershberger	07-01-2012
Barry E. Hidey	07-01-2017
Theodore D. Higby	07-01-2013
David Highfield	07-01-2007
Bernard Hillenbrand	07-01-1995
Hosea L. Hodges	01-01-2012
Richard Hogue	07-01-2007
William Holmes	07-01-1998
G. Robert Hottinger	07-01-2008
Kenneth M. Humbert	07-01-2013
Darcy R. Hunt	07-01-2016
James M. Hunt	07-01-2011
Robert Hurley	06-12-1987
Mary Ellen Huzzard	07-01-2012
Diana L. Hynson	12-31-2011
Hattie Jackson	07-01-2006
Linda Jacobus	07-01-2005
Chi Bon Jang	07-01-2010
John Jennings, Jr.	07-01-2008
B. Jody Jessup	07-01-2010
Alta Jewell	07-01-2005
Richard Jewell	07-01-2016
Roger Johnson	06-12-1987
Victor Johnson	07-01-2006
Hattie Johnson-Holmes	07-01-2016
Calvin Jones	07-01-1994
Joye Jones	07-01-2016
Richard Karpal	07-01-1996
Clarence Kaylor	07-01-2000
Arthur Kent	07-01-1985
Paul Choonam Kim	05-16-2010
Raymond Kingsborough	07-01-1988
Robert Kirkley	07-01-2000
Jeanne Klauda	07-01-2006
Kathleen H. Kohl	07-01-2017
David Kolda	07-01-2003
Lamar Kopp	07-01-1989
Mary E. Kraus	07-01-2009
Diedra Kriewald	07-01-2007
Richard A. Kroll	07-01-2012
Norman Kuehnle	06-12-1987
Ronald R. Kurtz	07-01-2012
August Lageman	07-01-2005
Edwin Langrall	07-01-1991
Ludwig Lankford	07-01-1999
Ellis Larsen	07-01-2001

Neva Leatherwood	08-01-2002
John Lebo	07-01-1996
Michael Leftwich	07-01-1996
Janice E. Leith	07-01-2014
Frank Leslie	07-01-1996
G. Douglass Lewis	07-01-2002
Weller Lewis, Jr.	06-12-1987
Diana Ley	07-01-2008
Charles Lightner	07-01-1999
Donald Llewellyn	07-01-1993
Don Lowe	07-01-2000
Anders R. Lunt	07-01-2010
Ernest D. Lyles, Sr.	07-01-2017
William Kenneth Lyons, Jr.	07-01-2008
Brenda Mack	07-01-2017
Burton Mack	07-01-2008
Vera L. Mitchell Mallett	09-29-2011
James Manning	07-01-1998
Evelyn H. Manson	07-01-2005
Robert Manthey	07-01-2004
Susan Marseilles	07-01-2006
Sherrin Marshall	07-01-2016
Donna J. Martin	07-01-2009
Mildred Martin	07-01-2007
Earl Mason	07-01-2016
Eugene Matthews	07-01-2008
Mapipi Isaac Mawokomatanda	07-01-2012
Jesse Mayes	07-01-2005
Mary Marcia Mayor	07-01-2016
Lloyd B. McCanna	07-01-2014
Harold McClay, Jr.	07-01-2005
Ralph McCulloh	07-01-2007
Richard K. McCullough	07-02-2011
Robert McCullough	10-01-2000
Mary Sheila McCurdy	07-01-2010
Michael A.H. McKinney	07-01-2011
Daniel McLellan, Jr.	07-01-2007
Jacquelyn L. McLellan	07-01-2017
Galen Menne	07-01-2004
Walter E. Middlebrooks	07-01-2011
Perry Miller	07-01-2003
Roderick J. Miller	07-01-2017
Curtis Mitchell	07-01-1992
Robert Mitzel	06-20-1986
Douglas Moore	07-01-1993
Ernest Maynard Moore	07-01-1985
Howard E. Moore	07-01-2015
L. Katherine Moore	07-01-2017
Kathryn B. Moore	01-01-2003
Raymond T. Moreland, Jr.	07-01-2010
Laura Lee C. Morgan	08-01-2009
Calvin S. Morris	07-01-2012
Richard J. Mortimore	07-01-2015

Albert Moser, Jr.	07-01-2012
Brindice Munoz-Rivera	07-01-2009
David C. Myers	07-01-2013
Nancy S. Nedwell	07-01-2015
James Nenninger	07-01-2008
Lawrence Neumark	07-01-2008
Marilyn Cheryl Newhouse	07-01-2017
Jeffrey Odom	07-01-2008
Fritz Outlaw	07-01-2009
Lovell Parham	07-01-2000
Conrad D. Parker	07-01-2011
Willie Parker	07-01-2008
Ann Parker-Offer	07-01-2006
Robert Eugene Paulen	07-01-2003
Constance Paulson	07-01-2008
Davis Peck	07-01-1992
Anne Perry	07-01-2003
Gene Perry	07-01-1993
Kristina J. Peterson	07-01-2011
W. Louis Piel	07-01-2006
Larry Plymire	07-01-2000
Ralph Posey	07-01-1994
Robert Poynter	06-12-1987
Patricia Pride	07-01-2009
Charles Proctor	07-01-2007
Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz	07-01-2005
Joe Rainey	07-01-2006
William Raker	07-01-2000
Leonard Ranson, Jr.	05-29-1975
Hallie Reeves	07-01-2006
Clayton Rhodes	07-01-1996
L. Patrick Ricker	07-01-2017
Carl Rife	07-01-1999
Sang Ro	11-01-1995
Clarence Roark, III	07-01-1996
J. David Roberts	07-01-2014
W. McCarl Roberts	07-01-1995
Mary Roberts	07-01-2008
Stephen D. Robison	07-01-2016
Robert Rodeffer	07-01-1998
Bernadette M. Ross	07-01-2014
Barbara Sands	12-31-2008
Victor E. Sawyer	07-01-2014
John Schildt	07-01-2004
Laura L. Schultz	07-01-2014
Richard Schulze	07-01-2008
Henry Schwarzmenn	12-01-2002
Roberta Scoville	07-01-2008
Joan Senyk	11-01-2000
Joe Sergent	07-01-1996
Donald Shearer	07-01-1981
Wilson Shearer	07-01-1996
John Shirkey	07-01-1993

Louis Shockley	07-01-2015
Walter Shropshire, Jr.	07-01-2003
Linda Silbaugh	07-01-2007
Charles Simms	09-01-1999
David W. Simpson	07-01-2016
Richard Simpson	07-01-2003
Mary Jo Sims	09-01-2013
Mark L. Smiley	12-31-2014
Errol Smith	07-01-1999
Gaye Smith	07-01-1999
Helen Smith	07-01-2016
John Smith	07-01-2002
LaRessa C. Smith-Horn	07-01-2017
Dean J. Snyder	07-01-2014
Hayden Sparks	07-01-1996
Kelly S. Sparks	07-01-2011
Susan A. Spears	07-01-2010
Kathy J. Spitzer	07-01-2014
Beverly Stang	07-01-2007
Luther Starnes	06-15-1984
Thomas Starnes	07-01-1994
Jay Stearns	07-01-2001
Richard E. Stetler	07-01-2010
Anne Ross Stewart	07-01-2009
Charles Stewart	06-12-1987
Edward Stewart	07-01-2008
Donald Stewart, Jr.	07-01-2004
Gerald E. Stone	07-01-2010
Ann Strickler	07-01-2016
David Stum	07-01-2006
E. James Stutler	07-01-2010
Earl Sulmonetti	07-01-1995
Diane Summerhill	07-01-1999
Peter Yoon Sun	07-01-1997
Henry Swain	01-01-1990
Carolyn R. Swift	07-01-2009
Carl Synan	07-01-2006
Michael P. Szpak	07-01-2014
Deborah Tate	07-01-2016
Julian Tavenner	07-01-1993
Sandra Taylor	12-01-2013
Ernest W. Thayil	07-01-2002
Arthur D. Thomas, Jr.	03-01-2017
Henry Thompson, III	07-01-2006
Richard Douglas Thompson	01-15-2005
Vernon Thompson	07-01-1992
Terrence Thrasher	07-01-2013
Roland J. Timity	07-01-2005
Gary Trail	07-01-2001
Mary Trail	07-01-2004
Man Tso	07-01-2005
Dennis Upton	07-01-2007
Wayne Upton	01-01-2007

Rebecca Vardiman	07-01-2017
Richard Vieth	07-01-1993
Maurice Vineyard	07-01-2000
Edward Voorhaar	07-01-2008
John Walker	07-01-1994
Ronald L. Ward	07-01-2009
Ruth Ward	07-01-2006
Linda Warehime	07-01-2016
William H. Warehime, Jr.	01-01-2014
James Warner	07-01-1999
Harold Watson	07-01-2000
Warren Watts	07-01-2008
Franklin Ways	07-01-2004
Nancy Webb	07-01-2012
Clifford C. Webner	07-01-2017
George Weitzel, Jr.	07-01-2008
Edwin H. Welch, Sr.	07-01-2015
Kenneth Welliver	07-01-1997
David M. Wentz	07-01-2015
Leslie Werner, Jr.	07-01-2004
Jarrett Wicklein	07-01-2006
Alfreda L. Wiggins	07-01-2011

Pauline Wilkins	07-01-2002
Jeremiah G. Williams	07-01-2011
John Williams	07-01-1998
Marceo M. Williams	07-01-2010
John Wogaman	07-01-2002
Charles Wolfe	07-01-1994
Owen Womack	07-01-2000
Mary K. Worrel	07-01-2014
Edwin Wray	07-01-2001
Daniel L. Wright	07-01-2014
Harold B. Wright, II	07-01-2016
Marion Monroe Wright	07-01-2012
Obie Wright, Jr.	07-01-2009
Catharine Anne Yarbrough	12-31-2008
Carol C. Yocum	07-01-2011
Dennis E. Yocum	07-01-2012
John R. Yost	07-01-2017
Jean Young	07-01-2002
William Zinn	07-01-2000
Darryl C. Zoller	07-01-2009
John Zsitnik	08-05-2008

54. What associate members have been retired (§357): (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (**Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, (v); under §357.3, (2/3 v)**)

a. This year?

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
None	

b. Previously?

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Harry L. Burchell, Jr.	07-01-2014
William Jack Bussard	07-01-2011
Bonnie Campbell	07-01-2013
Laverne Clipper-Thomas	02-01-2006
Fidel Compres	02-01-2013
Louis Emerick	07-01-1988
James H. Farmer	07-01-2014
John Francis Footen	10-29-2010
Charles Wayne Frum	07-01-2017
JoeAnn Turner Harrod	07-01-2013

Kenneth Jackson	06-20-1986
Oliver Jennings, Sr.	07-01-1999
Vivian Martin Jones	07-01-2006
Lewis Keene	07-01-2002
Orlando Kibbe	07-01-2001
Lloyd Marcus	07-01-1997
Roberta Matthews	01-01-2005
Maurice Moore	07-01-2000
Francis Rinker	07-01-2002
Keith Schukraft	07-01-2016
Charles Joseph Shacochis	10-01-2012
Alfred Statesman	07-01-2002

55. What Provisional Members have been previously retired (§358, 2008 *Book of Discipline*): (Indicate credentials.)

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Donald Atkinson	07-01-2001
Glenda Condon	07-01-2006

Linda W. Healy	12-01-2010
Eloise Newman	07-01-2011
Marjorie Ellen Taylor	07-01-2006
Jean Weller	07-01-2012
Gertie Williams	07-01-2004

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

a. This year? INFORMATIONAL

NAME	Status	DATE EFFECTIVE
John Drury Bragg, Sr.	PTLP	07-01-2018
Paulette Jones	PTLP	07-01-2018

b. Previously?

FULL TIME LOCAL PASTORS RETIRED

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Joseph Bradshaw	03-01-1995
Donnie Jane Cardwell	01-01-2010
Helen Stafford Fleming	07-01-2010
Frederick N. Iser	07-01-2011
Arthur F. Justice	07-01-2010
Judith Kelly	07-01-2012
Roosevelt Oliver	07-01-2008
Maria Rivera	07-01-2016
Charles Slaugh	07-01-2011
Stephen White	07-01-2008

PART TIME LOCAL PASTORS RETIRED

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
Harvey Bane	07-01-2007
Glenn O. Barrick	07-01-2017
Patricia Berry	07-01-2017
Leroy W. Boldley	07-01-2016
Walter M. Bosman, Jr.	11-01-2014
John M. Brooks	07-01-2017
C. Lee Brotemarkle	07-01-2011
John Close	07-01-2016
Edward Conaway	07-01-1998
Ruth G. Dixon	07-01-2015
Ellin M. Dize	10-01-2008
M. Douglas Fraim	07-01-2002
Bruce C. Frame	07-01-2014
Nancy L. Green	07-01-2016
Edward L. Hall	07-01-2017

George Harpold	07-01-2001
Charles Henry	07-01-2008
Mary Louise Holley	07-01-1999
Elza M. Hurst	07-01-2014
Bertha Johnson	07-01-1989
Rollins Johnson	07-01-2006
William Kercheval	07-01-2003
George Lambros	09-19-2002
David Lewis	07-01-2002
John E. Lewis	07-01-2014
Richard D. Lindsay	07-01-2016
Joanna Marceron	07-01-2016
James S. Mason, Jr.	07-01-2001
Robert McDonald-Walker	07-01-2010
Sheril Merki	07-01-2004
Margaret Moon	07-01-2008
Irene Pierce	07-01-1999

John Potts, Jr.	01-01-1984
Frederick Price	07-01-2015
James Pugh	07-01-2016
Faye Reddinger	07-01-2000
Doris Ridgely	07-01-1999
Rebecca Riley	07-01-2008
Richard Shamer	07-01-2012
Gary Sieglein	07-01-2014

Bertha Sigler	07-01-2006
Donald Wayne Sloan	06-30-2015
Mabel E. Smith	07-01-2017
Charles H. Stevenson	07-01-2016
Judith Stone	09-12-2011
Barry Lynn Taylor	07-01-2009
Daniel Taylor	07-01-2012
Robert Whiting	07-01-2006

57. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference: 1039

a) By appointment category and conference relationship?

(NOTES:

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

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

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

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

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (¶331.1c, 339) (76, 77b)	11	255	1	38	3	16	92
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (¶331.1a, b) (77a)	7	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	4	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxx xxxxx xxxxx	Xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1a, c) (76a)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	28	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	4	0	1	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1b, c) (76b)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	6	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	0	0	0	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1d) (76c)	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	18	xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx	2	0	0	0
appointments to Attend School (¶331.3) (78)	1	1	0	0	0	Xxxxx Xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)	1	8	1	0	0	Xxxxx Xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)	0	1	0	1	0	Xxxxx Xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)	1	0	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Sabbatical Leave (51)	0	0	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx

On Incapacity Leave (52)	0	12	0	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
On Transitional Leave (50a5)	1	0	0	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxx xxxx	xxxxx xxxxx	xxxxx xxxxx
Retired (53, 54, 55)	14	422	1	6	22	10	50
Total Number, Clergy Members	36	751	7	51	25	27	142
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	1039						

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

<i>Clergy Demographics</i>														
Categories	Deacons in Full Connection		Elders in Full Connection		Provisional Deacons		Provisional Elders		Associate Members & Affiliate Members with Vote		Full-time Local Pastors		Part-time Local Pastors	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Asian	0	2	22	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Black	0	3	95	68	0	2	11	9	7	5	3	1	37	25
Hispanic	0	0	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Native American	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	10	20	359	181	0	5	9	18	12	1	16	5	56	22
Multi-Racial	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*	10	26	487	264	0	7	22	29	19	6	20	7	93	50
Total	1039													

PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

(¶635.2u, *The Book of Discipline*)

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

Note: CE – Christian Education; YM – Youth Ministry; EV – Evangelism; SF – Spiritual Formation; OAM – Older Adult Ministry; CRM – Camping and Retreat Ministry; MM – Music Ministry; PC – Pastoral Counseling.

58. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry? INFORMATIONAL

NAME	CLERGY/LAY STATUS	District	SPECIALIZED MINISTRY
John Ampiah-Addison	LP	CM	OAM
Matthew H. Aldrich	Laity	BS	EV
Richard M. Barr	Laity	CM	CE
Carol Bowen	Laity	CM	YM
Andre Briscoe, Jr.	PE	BM	MM
Debbie Burgio	Laity	CM	OAM
Don Hauprich	Laity	GW	CE
Sonseeahray Hopkins	Laity	CM	CE
Shelia Isaacson	Laity	WE	SF & YM
Robert D. Jacoby	Laity	CM	YM
Faye Johnson	Laity	WE	EV
David W. Lanzer	Laity	A	YM
Janice Leith	FE	BS	CE
Katherine Martin	Laity	BS	SF
Marie A. Matthews	Laity	GW	CE
Leslie A. Myers	Laity	CM	CE
Shirl Ollie	Laity	F	CE
Dorothy Presberry	Laity	BS	SF
DaMali Goings Rector	Laity	WE	EV, YM & CE
Bonnie Ruff	Laity	BM	YM
Barry Shortt	Laity	BS	CE, YM
Janet Swecker	Laity	WE	CE
Melanie J. Whelan	Laity	F	SF

59. Who is certified in specialized ministry? (List the areas of specialized ministry. Indicate by an asterisk those certified this year.) INFORMATIONAL

This year:

NAME	CLERGY/LAY STATUS	SPECIALIZED MINISTRY
None		

Previously:

Christian Education (CE)

Konni M. Brantner	FD	GW	CE, YM
Kenneth E. Brown	RE	A	EV, Church Business Administrator
Richard Lee Buckingham	RD	GW	CE, YM
Mary Dennis	FD	CM	CE
Lee Steer Ferrell	FD	A	CE, YM
W. Kenneth Lyons, Jr.	RE	A	MM
Martha Maxham	FD	CM	CE
Stella S. Tay	RD	A	CE
Andrea Titcomb	RD	A	EV

60. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry?

NAME	CLERGY/LAY STATUS	SPECIALIZED MINISTRY	SENDING CONFERENCE
None			

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

NAME	CLERGY/LAY STATUS	SPECIALIZED MINISTRY	RECEIVING CONFERENCE
None			

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

NAME	CLERGY/LAY STATUS	DISTRICT	SPECIALIZED MINISTRY
None			

PART IV CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY

(¶¶268, AND 666.11 *The Book of Discipline*)

63. Who are certified as lay ministers (¶ 268, and 666.11)? (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order, by district) INFORMATIONAL

NAME	DISTRICT	YEAR CERTIFIED or RECERTIFIED
Patsy Baker Blackshear	A	2017
Shirlette Boysaw	A	2017
Sue Bradshaw-Shelton	A	2017
Nelsa Brown	A	2017
Celia Carr	A	2016
Romecsa Estep	A	2017
Anita Diane Green	A	2016
Rhonda Green	A	2017
Charlotte Green	A	2017
Barry Oren	A	2017
Phylis Parker	A	2017
Yolanda Perry	A	2017
Verna Prehn	A	2017
June Richardson	A	2017
Michael Simms, Sr.	A	2017
Raymond Talley	A	2017
Desiree Vanloo	A	2017
Amita Wamble	A	2014
Ronald Waters	A	2016
Ruby Bond	BM	2014
Patrick M. Burk	BM	2016
John G. Danz, Jr.	BM	2016
Irene Gillis	BM	2017
Ettadean Denise Hyman	BM	2016
Hazel B. Jackson	BM	2014
Charles Johnson	BM	2014
Wendy Johnson	BM	2016
Sheryl C. Morsell	BM	2017
Millie F. Rice	BM	2014
Colleen Shaneybrook	BM	2016
Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley	BM	2016
Jan Taylor	BM	2016
Eileen Cecelia Washington	BM	2015
Norman Whiteley, Jr.	BM	2016
Gwendiville Young	BM	2015
Edie Beard	BS	2017
Riccardo Jefferson, Sr.	BS	2017
Denise McGhee	BS	2016
Kathy Ryan	BS	2017

Carl Cowan	CH	2017
Thomas Dalton	CH	2017
William Piper	CH	2017
Darlene G. Powers	CH	2017
Billie Jean Johnson Smith	CH	2017
Richard Voorhaar	CH	2017
Susie Wright	CH	2017
Joycelyn Yvonne Camper	CM	2017
Rodney Fry	CM	2016
Shirley Jean Myers	CM	2016
Ronald S. Collins, Sr.	F	2016
Kathy Duppins-Smallwood	F	2017
Joyce E.B. Hall	F	2017
Sherie Koob	F	2017
Merri Saylor	F	2017
Audrey Arthur	GW	2017
Carol Bergman	GW	2017
Barbara Brooks	GW	2017
Sandra Chambers	GW	2017
Sukumar Christopher	GW	2017
Olubanke Daka	GW	2017
Latitia Felus	GW	2017
Joyce Harris	GW	2017
Sherene Harris	GW	2017
Vijaya G. Henry	GW	2017
Vernie Hough	GW	2015
Wesley Jackson	GW	2017
George Jones	GW	2017
Tiffany Jones	GW	2017
Annie London	GW	2017
Hilda Macauley	GW	2017
Lynda Parker	GW	2017
Karen Robinson	GW	2017
Qawi Robinson	GW	2017
Kevin Rose	GW	2015
Fredia Tatum	GW	2017
Milton Washington, III	GW	2017
Vickie West	GW	2017
Sharon Wharton	GW	2017
Romaine Young	GW	2017
Carol A. Bell	WE	2015
Judith Bennett	WE	2016
Yvonne Caughman	WE	2016
Susan Chandler	WE	2015
Pearl Chase	WE	2015
Vernona Colbert	WE	2016
Sandra Contee	WE	2016
Vincent Cooke	WE	2015
Sherry Spriggs Emerson	WE	2016
June M. Fauber	WE	2016
Linda Flanagan	WE	2017
Lillian Forbes	WE	2016
ViNita Gibson-Gross	WE	2016
Alice Adams Gray	WE	2015
Delonta Hicks	WE	2015
Nubert Hughes	WE	2017
Peggy Ireland	WE	2016
Deborah L. Johnson	WE	2017
Faye Johnson	WE	2017
Cary Montgomery	WE	2016
Kenneth Newby	WE	2015

Delila Parham	WE	2016
Gregory L. Parham	WE	2016
Patricia Queen	WE	2015
DaMali Rector-Goings	WE	2017
Gwen Rodriguez	WE	2016
Deborah Sellman	WE	2017
Clairmonte Simon	WE	2016
Nicole Smith	WE	2017
Larry Titus	WE	2017
Gloria Turner-Simpkins	WE	2015
Jack Woodford	WE	2016
Margaret Young	WE	2016
Marvene Young	WE	2016

PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS

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

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

NAME	PREVIOUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE	DATE
None		

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

NAME	PREVIOUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE	DATE
None		

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

NAME	DATE EFFECTIVE
None	

67. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?

a. Active:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

b. Retired:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
None		

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

NAME	TYPE OF LEAVE	DATE ORIGINALLY GRANTED
None		

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

NAME	DATE ORIGINALLY GRANTED
None	

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

NAME	DATE ORIGINALLY GRANTED
None	

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

a. . This year?

NAME	DISTRICT	DATE EFFECTIVE
None		

b. Previously?

NAME	DISTRICT	DATE EFFECTIVE
Lillian G. Myers	CH	
Nan Austin Doggett	F	
Donnalee Sanderson	GW	
Lois Arlene Jones	GW	
Vivian W. Otto	GW	
Cora Elizabeth Moore	WE	
Thelma Theresa Lyles Taylor	WE	
Katherine Winget		

PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

72. Who are approved for less than full-time service?

a. What associate members and elders (and provisionals) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time service (in one-quarter increments) is approval granted (for purposes of equitable compensation claim and pension credit) (§§ 338.2, 342.2, 1506)? (**v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4**):

NAME	APPOINTMENT	FRACTION OF FULL TIME SERVICE	YEARS AT LESS THAN FULL-TIME	DISTRICT
Cynthia B. Belt FE	Mt. Zion/Harwood Park	75%	(8)	A
Mark Gorman FE	Forrest Hill: Centre	50%	(2)	BS
Lori Hoffman Hays FE	Lexington Park: Lexington Park	50%	(7)	WE
Lynne Humphries-Russ PE	Woodbine Charge	50%	(0)	CM
Yu Jung Hwang FE	Dickerson Charge	50%	(2)	CM
Dana M. Jones PE	Prince Frederick: Mt. Olive	50%	(5)	WE
Gladman Kapfumvuti FE	Asbury-Zion Wesley	50%	(0)	WE
Ted Marsh AM	Berkeley Springs: Sleepy Creek	75%	(5)	CH
Denise Norfleet FE	Pikesville: St Paul Praise & Worship Center	75%	(22)	BM
Jong Hui Park FE	The Everlasting Love	50%	(1)	CM
Lisa Jordan Wirkus FE	Sabillasville; Mt. Zion & Wolfsville: Pleasant Walk	25%	(5)	CH
Doratha Yunger FE	Solomons: Solomons	50%	(0)	WE

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

NAME	APPOINTMENT	FRACTION OF FULL TIME SERVICE	YEARS AT LESS THAN FULL-TIME	DISTRICT
Konni M. Brantner FD	Rockville: Millian Memorial	50%	2006-2017	GW

Angela Maves FD	DC: Dumbarton	50%	2009-2017	GW
Martha Maxham FD	Mill Creek Parish	75%	08-01-2017	CM
Enger Muteteke PD	Grace Union, Winslow & Elm	50%	07-01-2018	Greater New Jersey
Barbara Suffecool FD	Hancock UMC	25%	1996-2017	CH
Julie Wilson FD	Calvary/ Centennial	50%	2014-2017	F

73. Who have been appointed as Interim Pastors under the provisions of ¶338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period of time?

NAME	DISTRICT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATES
Helen Fleming	BM	St. Johns – Pumphrey	08-01-17 to 06-30-18
Stanley Bold	A	Gambrills: Mt. Tabor	04-15-18 to 06-30-18
Sarah Schlieckert	A	Elkridge: Melville Chapel	09-01-17 to 06-30-18
Enger Muteteke	A	Elkridge: Melville Chapel	07-24-17 to 08-31-17
Michael Chamberlain	GW	National Church	01-01-18 to 06-30-19
Roderick Miller	CM	Glen Mar UMC	11-01-17 to 08-01-18
David Cooper	BS	Millford Mill	01-20-18 to 04-20-18
Mary Jo Sims	F	Arden	09-01-17 to 06-30-18
Linda Warehime	F	Lewistown	09-01-17 to 06-30-18
Diane Crider	BS	Millford Mill	05-09-18 to 06-30-18

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

NAME	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE

75. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuring year? (Attach a list.)

76. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuring year?

a. Within the connexional structures of United Methodism (¶344.1a, c)? INFORMATIONAL

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	EXTENSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT	DIST	CHARGE MEMBER CONFERENCE
Erik Alsgaard	FE	07-01-2013	BWC Communications	GW	National UMC
William D. Aldridge, Jr.	FE	07-01-1989	Wesley Theological Seminary	GW	Dumbarton
Cheryl B. Anderson	FE	07-01-2000	Garrett Theological Seminary	CM	Gaithersburg: Grace
Giovanni Arroyo	PE	07-01-2015	Commission on Religion & Race	F	Frederick: Trinity
Rebecca Bentzinger	FE	07-01-2007	General Board of Higher Education & Ministry	GW	Dumbarton
Laurence K. Bropleh	FE	04-01-2013	University of Liberia	CM	Epworth
Alexis F. Brown	PE	07-01-2016	Howard University	GW	DC: Asbury
William T Chaney, Jr.	FE	07-01-2014	General Board of Discipleship	CM	Wesley Freedom
Wanda Duckett	FE	07-01-2017	District Superintendent	BM	
Gerard A. Green, Jr.	FE	07-01-2016	District Superintendent	CM	Gaithersburg: Fairhaven
Joseph P. Heath-Mason	PE	07-01-2016	American University	GW	National UMC

Rebecca Iannicelli	FE	07-01-2013	District Superintendent	WE	
HeaSun Kim	FE	01-01-1992	General Board of Global Ministries	BS	Reisterstown
Raphael Koikoi	LP	02-01-2017	Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry and Community Development	BM	John Wesley
Ann LaPrade	FE	07-01-2017	District Superintendent	BS	
Kyung-Lim Shin Lee	FE	07-01-1992	Wesley Theological Seminary	GW	National Korean
Conrad O. Link	FE	07-01-2011	District Superintendent	CH	
Antoine Love	FE	05-01-2017	Assistant to the Bishop	WE	Aquasco: Christ
Beth Ludlum	FE	07-01-2015	Wesley Theological Seminary	GW	Mt. Vernon Place
Maidstone Mulenga	FE	05-01-2017	Council of Bishops	CM	Locust
Laura Norvell	PE	07-01-2015	Wesley Theological Seminary	GW	Emmanuel
John Nupp	FE	07-01-2016	Director of the Center for Clergy Excellence	CM,	Bethany
HiRho Yoon Park	FE	08-01-2005	General Board of Higher Education & Ministry	CM	Fairhaven
J.W. Park	FE	07-01-2013	District Superintendent	CM	Fairhaven
F. Douglas Powe	FE	07-01-2015	Wesley Theological Seminary	GW	University
Harold J. Recinos	FE	01-01-2002	Perkins School of Theology		
Edgardo Rivera	FE	03-01-2013	District Superintendent	F	
Mark Schaefer	FE	07-02-2002	American University	GW	Foundry
Rodney Smothers	FE	07-01-2017	Congregational Development Resource Specialist	GW	
Mark Teasdale	FE	07-01-2008	Garrett Theological Seminary	GW	Rockville
Stacey Cole Wilson	FE	07-01-2016	Director of Congregational Excellence	BM	New Waverly
Evan D. Young	FE	07-01-2011	District Superintendent	A	

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

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NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	EXTENSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT	DIST	CHARGE MEMBER CONFERENCE
Kimberly Hall	FE	07-01-2012	United States Army	GW	Hughes Memorial
Christopher T. Holmes	FE	07-01-2012	Call to Action Coaching	A	Community/Trinity
Solomon Lloyd	FE	12-01-2013	United States Navy	CH	Cumberland: McKendree of Potomac Park
Stacey E. Nickerson	FE	04-01-2013	Board of Child Care	BS	Hampstead: Salem
Saundra White Rector	FE	07-01-2016	Greater Baltimore Medical Center	GW	Scaggsville: Emmanuel

Mark C. Young	FE	07-01-1991	Pastoral Counseling	BS	Ebenezer Fallston
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c. To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d? (2/3 v)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	EXTENSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT	DIST	CHARGE MEMBER CONFERENCE
Gregory Coates	FE	07-01-2004	Shepherd Pratt Health Systems	BM	Lovely Lane
Rachel Cornwell	FE	07-01-2018	The James Company	GW	Foundry
David Graves	FE	07-01-2015	Institute of Grace	WE	St. Paul's - Lusby
Elizabeth L. Halsey	FE	07-01-2005	St. Luke Institution	A	Community/Trinity
Jessica Statesman Hayden	PE	07-01-2017	Inspirit Counseling Center	BM	Old Otterbein
Whit Hutchinson	FE	07-01-2009	National Interfaith Sanctuary	GW	National UMC
Michael C. Johnson	FE	07-01-2014	Spiritual Director	BM	Lansdowne
Curtis King	FE	07-01-2016	Urban Behavioral Associates	BM	Baltimore: St. James
Mark A. Lancaster	FE	01-01-2015	E Health Records International		
Claire Matheny	FE	07-01-2018	Kittamaqundi Community Church	GW	
Randy Wayne Pumphrey	FE	07-01-1998	Whitman Walker Clinic	GW	Bradbury Heights
Bryant Oskvig	FE	07-01-2011	Georgetown University	GW	Chevy Chase
Irance Reddix	PE	07-01-2017	Addulum Health Care	BM	Baltimore: St. Johns
Douglas M. Strong	FE	07-01-2007	Seattle Pacific University	CM	Olney: Oakdale Emory
Theresa Thames	FE	03-01-2016	Princeton University	GW	Foundry
Janet Deitiker Tracy	FE	07-01-2012	University Health Systems	BS	Abington/Cokesbury
Kirk VanGilder	FE	09-01-2011	Gallaudet University	GW	Foundry
Chris A. Wood	FE	08-01-2016	Davis & Elkin College	F	Westminster
Kevin Wright	FE	03-09-2015	Riverside Church NY	GW	Foundry
Rebecca A. Wright	FE	01-01-1996	School of Theology, University of the South	BS	Hampstead: Wesley

77. Who are appointed as deacons (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year?

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

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	EXTENSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT	DIST	CHARGE MEMBER CONFERENCE
Konni M. Brantner	FD	04-01-2006	St. Matthews Presbyterian Church, Director of Youth, Education & Outreach	GW	Rockville: Millian Memorial
Kathleen Charters	PD	10-01-2016	Uniform Services - University of the Health Sciences	GW	Emmanuel

Amy Ellen Duke-Benfield	FD	07-01-2006	Center for Law & Social Policy	GW	Foundry
Donald Hohne	FD	07-01-2011	Gilchrist Hospice Care	CM	Wesley Freedom
Jennifer Kokoski	PD	07-01-2017	Gilchrist Hospice Care	BS	Baldwin: Union
Martina Martin	PD	01-01-2016	Whitman-Walker Health	GW	Lincoln Park
Angela Maves	FD	07-01-2009	George Washington University Hosp.	GW	Dumbarton
T.C. Morrow	PD	07-01-2018	National Religious Campaign Against Torture, Director of Finance & Operations	GW	Foundry
Doris Warrell	FD	11-09-2009	Churches for Middle East Peace and Washington Seminar Center	GW	Dumbarton
Leo Yates, Jr.	FD	02-01-2018	Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services	A	Magothy
David Young	FD	07-01-2003	U.S. State Department	GW	Foundry

b) Through United Methodist Church-related agencies, schools, within a local congregation, charge or cooperative parish within the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church (§331.1b, c)?

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	EXTENSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT	DIST	CHARGE MEMBER CONFERENCE
Megan Blanchard	PD	07-01-2018	Mill Creek Parish	CM	Mill Creek Parish
Kathleen Cheyney	FD	01-01-2017	Bosley: Sparks-West Liberty Charge	BS	West Liberty
Janet Craswell	FD	02-01-2014	National UMC	GW	National UMC
Lee Ferrell	FD	07-01-1997	Severna Park	A	Severna Park
Robin Johnson	FD	07-01-2017	Altamont-Jonas Ridge – Western North Carolina Conference	BM	Grace Baltimore
William Jones, Jr.	FD	07-01-2008	Cockeysville: Epworth	BS	Cockeysville: Epworth
Samuel Marullo	FD	07-01-2011	Wesley Theological Seminary	GW	Capitol Hill
Martha Maxham	FD	07-01-1999	Mill Creek Parish	CM	Mill Creek Parish
Margery Schammel	FD	01-01-2006	Towson Charge	BM	Towson Charge
David Showalter	FD	07-01-2009	Lusby: St. Paul Charge	WE	Lusby: St. Paul Charge
Barbara Suffecool	FD	07-01-1996	Hancock: Hancock	CH	Hancock: Hancock
Julie Wilson	FD	07-01-2014	Calvary/Centennial Memorial	F	Calvary/Centennial Memorial

78. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6)? (List alphabetically all those whose primary appointment is to attend school.) INFORMATIONAL

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DIST	CHARGE CONFERENCE	SCHOOL
Katherine Elizabeth Brown	FD	GW	Silver Spring	07-01-2012
Anthony Carr	FE	GW	Silver Spring: Good Shepherd	07-01-2014

79. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline]?
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80. What other personal notations should be made? (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

Jalene Chase-Sands (FE) name change due to divorce. New name Jalene Cynthia Chase.
Patrick Michael Buhrman (PE) name change due to marriage. New name Patrick Michael Hurder Buhrman
Laura Kigweba (PL) name change due to marriage. New name Laura K. James
Laura Easto (FE) name change due to divorce. New name Laura Blauvelt

81. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)? The 235th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church will be convened on May 29-June 1, 2019. Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

82. Corrections

19a. Mark Claiborne, Sr. should have been listed in 2016 report as certified candidate.

48e. Gilbert Lockwood was deceased 01-20-2015

Reginald Tarpley – Should have been listed in 30 and 31a in 2014. Then in 29d from 2015-2017.

72a. Mark Gorman FE should have been listed here as of 07-01-17 as 50%.

BOOM policy on Human Sexuality⁴

The Baltimore-Washington Board of Ordained Ministry has served on behalf of all persons across the Conference called to representative ministry of the Church as licensed, commissioned and ordained persons. This year, BOOM has sought to strengthen its work by engaging in several initiatives which have included working throughout the year to continue to clarify and affirm our values in light of the stated values of the Baltimore-Washington Conference and The United Methodist Church. Additionally, the Board's Human Sexuality Task Force has worked to help clarify Board policy and practices with regard to the diversity among those we serve on behalf of the Church.

An important part of the Board's work, in accordance with paragraph 635 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, involves serving as stewards of the process of supporting, evaluating and examining persons who have offered themselves as candidates for ordained ministry as Deacons and Elders. In October 2017, a proposal from the Board's Task Force on Human Sexuality was approved by the full Board, which has served as a framework for the evaluation of candidates for ordained ministry. Their overarching goals have remained to discern ways that together the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference can continue to engage in ministry that is faithful and fruitful toward the end of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our communities and the world.

The rationale and policy affirmed and adopted by the Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in October 2017 states that:

One of the primary purposes of the Board of Ordained Ministry is "to examine applicants and assess their fitness for ministry." We understand the Judicial Council's most recent rulings to encourage a full and thoughtful inquiry of all persons who come before us, using the range of questions and standards found in paragraphs 310, 324, 330 and 335 of the Book of Discipline for provisional membership, Deacon or Elder respectively. We write in response to these rulings' specific mandate to not ignore in the inquiry a candidate's self-disclosure of sexual orientation. We respectfully disagree with these rulings, acknowledging that the following policy is not compliant with the Book of Discipline.

The Board of Ordained Ministry will examine and assess all candidates who come before us. Knowing each of us is a child of God, made in God's image, and a recipient and vehicle of God's grace, we do not view race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or age as a barrier to ministry. We will not consider or evaluate sexual orientation or gender identity nor see them to be sufficient reasons to deny a candidate's ability to live up to our United Methodist standards. We will utilize our denomination's expectation of faithfulness in marriage and celibacy in singleness within our examination and expect not only high moral standards but also a strong sense of self-awareness about one's relational life. Our aim is to promote well-grounded, Spirit-led, equipped ministers of the Gospel who live up to the high standards for fitness, readiness, and effectiveness in ministry.

We acknowledge that The United Methodist Church is not of one mind around issues of human sexuality, and affirm the ongoing work of the Commission on a Way Forward. We believe this policy upholds the expectation of a full inquiry and high moral standards of all candidates. It also reflects some of our core values as a Board, including openness to the Holy Spirit, deep listening to one another, and a commitment to justice for all. We affirm the right and responsibility of all Board

⁴ This is a statement of a policy adopted by the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church as it appears on the Baltimore-Washington Conference's web site. See <http://www.bwcumc.org/boom-policy-on-human-sexuality/>

members to engage in holy conferencing during deliberations and to vote their conscience following a fair examination of all candidates.

Clergy Session

Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 | 1:30 p.m.

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling invited all to come in so that the session could begin.

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The Rev. C. Anthony Hunt, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, greeted those assembled. Bishop Easterling thanked the Worship Team for centering those in attendance in such a beautiful way. She reminded those present that there was very important work before them and that it is work required by the Discipline. “We are here in one covenant,” she declared. “All children of God covered by the grace of God.” Bishop Easterling said that there had been a lot of talk and speculation about how the session would unfold and reminded everyone “we are brothers and sisters in Christ, in covenant with one another. We will respect one another. We will speak with dignity and calmness. And we will not use words that are offensive or even words that might provoke a strong response. We are ‘One Body Beneath the Cross.’”

Hunt read the Clergy Session Organizing Motion. It passed.

Rev. Hunt invited the Rev. Conrad Link, Dean of the Cabinet, to give the Cabinet’s response to Disciplinary Question 17.

The Rev. Mark Gorman, speaking as Chair of the Conference Rules Committee, raised a point of order question: “Concerning the Board and its work especially in light of its policy adopted and that was announced in April, I ask whether according to our Annual Conference rules, especially ¶5410.1.B.1, which states ‘The Presiding Officer shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference is brought before it, and conducted in accordance with the provision of the *Discipline* and the Rules of the Session’ and also in light of Book of Discipline ¶604.1 whether or not the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry should be in order at this point.”

Bishop Easterling responded, “It is the understanding of the chair that we can receive the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry. We can take it seriatim so that items of the report that are not in question might be duly acted upon then portions of the report that anyone deems out of order could be addressed at that time.”

Gorman moved that it would be in order.

Link, Dean of the Cabinet, gave the Cabinet’s response to Question 17.

Hunt presented the Board of Ordained Ministry narrative report that can be found in Section VI Reports. . . .

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Continuing his report, Hunt said that “three areas that give particular evidence to the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry this year” and the importance of the work they do are The Residency in Ministry Program (RIM) coordinated by the Rev. Ron Foster; the Culture of the Call, chaired by the Rev. Kirkland Reynolds; and the Task Force on Human Sexuality,

co-chaired by the Revs. Amy McCullough and Bruce Jones. They came forward and shared briefly on their work.

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McCullough gave an accounting of the work done by the Task Force on Human Sexuality, formed in June of 2017 with a charge “to review the Board’s recent policies on sexuality, gender identity and marriage as it relates to the examination of candidates for ministry.” Based on this work, the task force was to make recommendations for future policies. The task force was comprised of nine members of the board including Elders, Deacons and laity. McCullough described how they approached their task. On October 2017, the Board adopted its policy, used it in their examinations in January and February, and shared it with the Conference in April 2018.

Hunt began leading the session through the Disciplinary Questions regarding clergy.

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Question 25, which listed clergy in good standing who have been approved to serve within the bounds of the Annual Conference, was approved. Question 26.b. listed Affiliate members with no vote who were approved by two-thirds of the body to serve without vote in the Annual Conference and Question 26.a. had no one listed nor did Question 27.

Gorman asked in reference to the question he asked earlier, if Question 28 could be treated *ad seriatim* and continue with the report and come back to these sections and perhaps picking up at question 35 to continue with those parts of the report least likely to cause discussion and debate. Bishop Easterling agreed to move to Question 35 and then return to Question 28.

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Hunt came forward to return to page 9 of the report, Question 28. The Rev. John Rudisill, Montgomery Church, raised a point of order stating that he believed it was an “inappropriate motion as it stands.” He then read:

“No main motion is in order that conflicts with the corporate charter, constitution or bylaws and to the extent that the procedure rules applicable to the organization or assembly are prescribed by federal, state or local law, no main motion is in order that conflicts with such rules.” And he concluded, “So I believe that in its current constitution that this motion is out of order.”

Bishop Easterling asked what he was reading from and he replied, “Roberts Rules of Order.”

Bishop Easterling clarified that he was raising an objection to this portion of the Board of Ordained Ministry report coming forward. The bishop deferred to the Chancellor on whether or not “raising a civil question is appropriate for the body operating under the Book of Discipline and the rules of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.” Rudisill cited ¶304.3 of the Discipline. Bishop Easterling stated that he was raising ¶304.3 for this part of the report.

Bishop Easterling asked Hunt if the candidates were examined in accordance with the Book of Discipline, specifically ¶304.3. Hunt replied that the Board of Ordained Ministry engaged in

what they deemed to be a full examination of each candidate based on the candidate's qualifications of which they were aware, definitions they reviewed and that the task force reviewed pertaining to these and other paragraphs including ¶365 and Judicial Council rulings that pertained to this. The question candidates were asked was, "Are you faithful in marriage and celibate in singleness?" They reviewed information from the candidates, from their local settings, District Superintendents and District Committees on Ministry. All of the information was included in what they deemed to be a "full examination of each candidate." He felt they adhered to those criteria and in terms of their review of good standing; they were not given any information on any candidate of the 29 being recommended that it was in violation of ¶2702 chargeable offenses.

Rudisill asked Hunt if, in light of Judicial Council Decision 1344, did the Board in faithfulness to that decision ask the candidates if they were practicing homosexuals? Hunt responded "no." He said that question was not asked in that way of any of the candidates. The question they asked on examination pertained to the Disciplinary Question: "Are you faithful in marriage and celibate in singleness?" They did not have a provision or guidance to ask the question as Rudisill framed it of any candidate. They did not have sufficient reason to ask the question as he framed it of any candidate. No information was presented from the local settings, from the District Committee on Ministry or the District Superintendents, or Supervisors or Recommender that indicated need to ask that question.

Gorman asked Hunt if he was aware of Judicial Council Ruling 1352, which is a ruling in response to the Board's action which requires the questions be asked. Hunt said that he was aware of it. Gorman asked if the Board was aware of the policy when the decision was made and if decision 1352 was part of the Board's decision making. Hunt said that the information they shared was a matter of transparency with the Conference and clarity about their operating policies and practices. The information shared with the conference stated the Board's awareness of Judicial Council Rulings.

Bishop Easterling had a question for Hunt. She stated that last year, one person was a "self-avowed homosexual" and asked if that person was included in the list of candidates. Hunt said he did not recall the person indicating they were a self-avowed but conceded that "yes," based on his understanding of self-avowed, the person was. The bishop said if that were the case, there was no need for documentation or other cases or decisions. Hunt said they did not re-examine the candidate and sent communication to the bishop's office in October 2017.

Bishop Easterling explained that the Episcopal Office does not direct the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry when they are in session. It is not appropriate to speak to votes taken internally as they are doing their work. The first opportunity to speak to the work is when it comes to the clergy session at Annual Conference. The bishop ruled that this part of the Board's report was out of order.

Rudisill requested a brief recess for additional consultation, which was not granted. Gaines-Cirelli voiced concern about relying on something said last year for making a decision this year, and asked to see the minutes from last year's Annual Conference Session to see if there was a public self-avowal.

The Rev. Laura Blauvelt, Potomac, asked for clarity by the bishop if she is ruling this part of the Board's report is out of order and what that does for all the candidates being recommended by the Board at this time. Bishop Easterling offered several alternative actions that could be taken.

She stated that she believed the Board was clear in their statement and that it was published in the *UMConnection* newspaper. She added that she wanted to avoid as much “gamesmanship” as possible. The Board was clear that they were not going to examine candidates with respect to whether or not those candidates met the definition of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. The question is whether the entire class has been fully examined. Bishop Easterling said the Judicial Council has said not only do you have to give the depth but also you have to give the full breath of the examination, which would include whether or not any persons being brought forth as candidates meet the definition of self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

Gorman asked for a ruling on a question of law: “On the basis of the policy of the Board of Ordained Ministries of this Annual Conference, reported on April 6, 2018 (<http://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/boom-revises-policy-that-addresses-homosexuality/>) and confirmed by Board’s chair in this Clergy session, specifically, that policy’s candid admission that it is ‘not compliant with the Book of Discipline,’ and on the basis of The Book of Discipline ¶¶604.1, 604.3, and 635.1.b. as well as numerous Judicial Council rulings (e.g., #s 96, 690, 886, 1330, and 1352), I ask the following questions of law: Must the Annual Conference exclude from its business the portions of the report of the Board of Ordained Ministries [*sic*] pertaining to the election of candidates for membership or provisional membership?”

Bishop stated she would rule on request before the end of the Clergy Session.

The Rev. Roberta Scoville, retired clergy, said that she was uncertain as to what options the body has. She asked if moving forward did they have the right to ask to hear the report.

Bishop Easterling responded that she believed the body had the right to examine the candidates for provisional and full membership. The Rules Chair confirmed this. Scoville asked if the body had the right to question the candidates.

Gorman said there were two options (both of which the bishop had previously stated): 1) The bishop could recess and examine the candidates herself and report back to the body; 2) The body has the right, according to the Book of Discipline, to ask questions related to character and to interview each candidate individually. His preference was for the bishop to do that.

Hunt, speaking on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, explained that the policy was prayerfully adopted and that there was serious deliberation to clarify the values of the board and of the Annual Conference. They stand behind all 29 candidates and the recommendations. For the good of the church and of the candidates, Hunt suggested the Board convene and question each candidate on the homosexuality question.

The Rev. Mary Kay Totty moved that “this clergy session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference affirm the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry and claim as a policy of the entire clergy session that we support the policy adopted by BOOM and we are completely satisfied with the thorough and full examination the Board of Ordained Ministry has made candidates undergo.” The motion was seconded. Bishop Easterling ruled that the motion was out of order because they would be voting to codify an action that is outside the Book of Discipline as well as the rules of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Totty responded

that the motion is in keeping with the Jurisdictional Conference of 2016. Easterling again said the motion is out of order.

An unidentified clergy member questioned if he heard correctly that the Board was willing to meet with and examine the candidates according to the Book of Discipline. Bishop Easterling confirmed that it was correct. Asked if it was appropriate to make a motion to be adjourned so that the Board could complete that task and meet again when the task was completed. Bishop Easterling confirmed with Hunt that he would fully examine the candidates in keeping with the Book of Discipline as well as the Judicial Council rulings. Hunt replied that he felt they had done a full examination but if necessary he would ask the question on human sexuality. He asked for further instruction from the bishop.

Bishop Easterling said that beyond what it says in the Book of Discipline around the meeting of the Annual Conference, ¶33 of the Book of Discipline states that “the annual conference is the basic body in the church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of clergy and lay delegates to the General and the jurisdictional or central conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its clergy member, and on the ordination of clergy and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution...” The bishop reiterated that the body has the right to examine the candidates before them for provisional and full membership within the Annual Conference.

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Rev. Debbie Scott, Calvary Mt. Airy, raised a Point of Information. She was concerned about how the candidates were prepared for being examined when for years they have been “automatically” sending candidates through. She questioned what they had been told as they were waiting. Bishop Easterling acknowledged that she appreciated the Scott’s question. She explained that persons longing to become provisional or full members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference have an obligation to read and to retain what is in the Book of Discipline and to expect examination, as it is the right of the Annual Conference. The bishop said that when a committee, agency or board take actions that will have bearing and consequence on what is coming before the Conference, she would think it would be incumbent upon the body to have conversations about possible consequences and discussions regarding who would be affected by those actions.

Hunt said they would have to think about the process. He reiterated that the ordination process is a 7 to 10-year process, and they take none of decisions or consequences lightly. Bishop Easterling said that in no way was anything being said to be taken personally. She said she believed the work was done with integrity and the best of intention. There was now a need to act upon the matters during the Annual Conference Session.

The Rev. Theresa Tims, Extension Ministry, Princeton University, questioned how candidates are being rated regarding fitness for ministry besides human sexuality. She asked what the other areas of fitness are. She shared that when she was ordained, no one asked her questions about her genitalia or even her work in the local church. Question to BOOM is how are we now, even as clergy colleagues, ranking candidates. She asked if they were looking at credit scores, financial giving, physical fitness and the fitness for ministry and ranking that as well.

Hunt replied that a full examination is considered to be psychological reports by district committees leading to profiling, reports on credit checks, reports on effectiveness in ministry, recommendations from multiple persons, including people in supervisory and academic chains. The examination includes multiple facets of a person's life.

Tims said she understood that but was interested in the ranking system that was now happening. Hunt responded that all of the things mentioned are important and if areas need more examination, more is done. She then asked if someone would be disqualified for not being physically fit or not having good credit. Homophobia and human sexuality appeared to her to be ranked above all else. She was trying to determine if there were other disqualifying factors.

Bishop Easterling cited Judicial Council Ruling #1344 which states that all matters enumerated in the Book of Discipline that determine one's fitness and effectiveness for ministry are to be examined and held equally.

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The Rev. Curtis Ehr Gott, Grace Hagerstown, asked because there is a difference between ordained and provisional status and in anticipation of changes in 2019, could the body move a person into provisional status in anticipation that things may change next year? Bishop Easterling explained that the Book of Discipline states that individual are not eligible for provisional status or Elders orders if they don't meet the criteria for effectiveness and fitness through character.

The Rev. Meredith Wilson-Arnold, Calvary UMC in Annapolis, who said she transferred her credentials from the Lutheran Church three years ago after being ordained in the Lutheran Church, said the questions about sexuality and marriage were asked before she was ordained. She said that many present sat on DCOM and BOOM while she was transferring and she was never asked about her marriage except in her psychological exam. No one asked about her marriage or her sex life and she was concerned that they were now going to do that to 29 people. She said that if it was going to be done to them, it needed to be done to all of the body in the same public manner.

Bishop Easterling said those who already hold credentials within in the Conference, unless they are provisional and coming for full Elders orders, to be in question a charge would have to be brought against them. She asked the body to restrain from making statements that did not advance the work of the session.

Scott asked for the candidates to be brought in and advised of what was going on. Bishop Easterling said that BOOM will advise them. Another member asked for the definition of "self-avowed, practicing homosexual," and if there is any required proof of the practice? Bishop Easterling cited Judicial Council Decision 1341 as offering guidance on what is proof of a self-avowed practicing homosexual. Scott asked for a copy of the decision and Bishop referred her to the United Methodist website.

The Rev. Doug Hayes, Lexington Park, made a motion to adjourn the clergy session so that BOOM could fully examine the candidates according to the Book of Discipline including the

Judicial Decisions just mentioned. Bishop responded that the chair was about to recess the session and asked for five minutes. She then announced that the session would recess until after opening worship service ended, and that she would not ask the historic questions during the worship service.

Clergy Session

Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 | 9 p.m.

Bishop Easterling reminded those assembled that only those persons allowed in Clergy Session were to be there and that the bar had been established so that everyone to the left were persons who could be present but did not have vote.

Bishop asked for the Rev. Scott Shumaker to offer a prayer for the evening's work. Bishop Easterling announced that the Rev. Tony Hunt was going to share the work done with the candidates during the dinner recess.

Hunt reported that members of the Board of Ordained Ministry met with all the candidates. They shared with the candidates that they were trying to find a way to move the process forward. It was also shared with all of the candidates that as a part of full inquiry as it pertains to the Book of Discipline and Judicial Council rulings, inquiries needed to be made in regards to human sexuality. He said that all candidates were given an opportunity to offer information and self-disclosure about any issues not brought up in the profiling and examination particularly as they pertain to human sexuality. No additional information was shared with the Board. Rev. Hunt added that, in the course of profiling, two of the candidates had previously shared in writing that they are married to a person of the same gender.

The Rev. Mark Gorman, Centre, Forest Hill, said in light of Hunt's report, he moved that the two candidates be removed from consideration for this session of the clergy.

Bishop Easterling asked how he was asking the question. He responded that he was asking it as a question of law – "Must this session of the clergy exclude these two candidates on the basis of Dr. Hunt's report and on the basis of the Book of Discipline ¶304.3." Bishop Easterling reminded those present that she typically has 30 days to rule on a question of law, but she was unable to wait 30 days to rule on the information before the session. Easterling continued that the matter that was keeping them from moving forward on the report was "the concern that the Board of Ordained Ministry had not done a full inquiry as some believe the Book of Discipline requires and as some Judicial Council rulings require." The Board met with the candidates for commissioning and Elders' orders and asked for full disclosure on the matters indicated. Two candidates had previously disclosed in writing as part of their profile that they were married to same gendered partners. In light of that fact, in light of decision 1341 by the Judicial Council and several decisions that followed and the Book of Discipline and the Baltimore-Washington Conference Rules, the bishop ruled that the two individuals would not be able to come forward as candidates for commissioning or ordination.

The Rev. Mark Schaefer, University Chaplain, American University, asked if the publication of one's marital status constitutes "self-avowal" or "self-avowal and practice." Bishop Easterling replied that according to Judicial Council Ruling 1341,

“evidence of a marriage license is evidence of being a self-avowed practicing homosexual.” She further stated that it was made quite clear in the ruling.

The Rev. Phil Wogoman stated that he recalled reading the decision and it was not quite that absolute. He said, “It indicated it was presumptive but rebuttable.” He asked if it had been determined that it was a rebuttable proposal.

Bishop Easterling replied that in 1341, the word “rebuttable” was there. Because the two individuals disclosed their marital status, the bishop said she ruled that they are not eligible for commissioning and ordination at this Annual Conference.

Wogoman responded that he did not think the Judicial Council said that if you are in a same gender marriage that it is not necessarily a self-disclosure. He said that is what is rebuttable. “You have a presumption, but the burden of proof is with you.” He continued that it was “preoccupied with physical sex and not looking at the relational realities of marriage.”

Bishop Easterling responded that her ruling of law stands.

Gorman moved that, in light of the bishop’s ruling, consideration be given to combining some of the questions, specifically the questions on provisional Elders and Deacons, to vote on it now and move the questions ahead.

Bishop said that the motion was to move ahead with all candidates but the two candidates excluded.

Local pastor, Laura Kigweba James, asked that we hold the two people in prayer. The bishop replied that it was appropriate.

Hunt said the people have been under the care of the Board of Ordained Ministry and that there was nothing to preclude them from continuing in some form of candidacy. He asked if at some point the two could be invited in and prayed with at some point with the body to share with them where we are.

The Rev. Kevin Wright, Extension Ministry, said that he was tired of prayer and wanted to see justice. He gave the “gun violence epidemic” as an example. He added that all had taken a vow to do no harm and then do harm and invite them in for prayer. He said that prayer is to appease their consciences and he did not want to be a part of that.

The bishop said that she could appreciate that, but that the prayers of the righteous “availeth much” whether we appreciate it or not. “God is not impotent to act upon our prayers.” Bishop Easterling called upon Laura Kigweba James to pray.

Bishop Easterling asked if Hunt agreed to move forward as was moved, and he agreed with reluctance.

The Rev. John Wunderlich, First Saints Community, raised concerns about the lack of clarity regarding the status of candidates who get to this point and do not progress. He asked how communications to candidates could be clearer so that the Board, the candidates, and the body are clear on their status.

Bishop Easterling explained that it was incumbent upon the Board of Ordained Ministry in their report on the vote of the body, to identify to the candidates what status that places them in. She acknowledged that there was debate about whether the candidates should go back to their district committees and be interviewed again or if they can be held by the Board of Ordained Ministry. She said the Board should review the Discipline and decide where candidates reside after the Clergy Session. She reminded everyone that in nine months, the denomination will convene in a special session of General Conference and the law of the church may change.

The bishop stated that there was a motion before the body to vote on the remaining candidates. She then asked a speaker at the microphone if she were rising to a point of order.

She wanted to make a motion; however, the bishop said the motion was out of order because there was a motion on the floor.

The Rev. Katie Bishop asked for clarification on which questions were being voted upon. Hunt clarified that the body was on page 9, Question 28, and that they needed to work through page 12. The motion carried to continue the report from the Board of Ordained Ministry. Hunt directed the body to return to page 9 and asked the Rev. Scott Shumaker, the registrar for provisional members, to come forward.

By a three-fourths vote, Megan B. Blanchard was approved as a Provisional Deacon (Question 28.a). The following were approved as Provisional Elders (Question 28.b.): Sherwyn Benjamin, Scott Bostic, Patrick Hurder Buhrman, Mi Ja Cho, Christopher Dembeck, Sarah Elliott, James Gosnell, Lynne Humphries-Russ, David Jacobson, Kathryn Mackereth, Robert Ruggieri, Anna Schwartz, Emily Smiley, and Matthew Tate. Shumaker offered a prayer for the 2018 class of Provisional Members.

The Rev. Bonnie McCubbin, Good Shepherd, asked for prayer for the Provisional Deacon, Megan B. Blanchard, who was invited back into the room. Shumaker prayed for her.

Question 29.a. Persons continued as Provisional Members were approved. Question 29.b. and c had no one listed. The Rev. Ronald Fleming-Triplett was approved as a Provisional Member transferred from another conference or denomination (Question 29.d).

The Rev. Al Hammer, the registrar for full members, came forward for Question 32, parts a. and b., which listed those elected as members in full connection. The following were elected by vote of more the three-fourths of the body: as Deacon, Leo Yates, Jr.; as Elder: Giovanni Arroyo, Nicholas Bufano, Beth Hutton, Elizabeth LeMaster, Brenda Lewis, James McSavaney, Laura Novell, Katharine Saari, Dawn Steward, Heath Wilson, and, for recognition of orders, Reginald Tarpley. All but Tarpley were listed under Questions 33 and 34 which ask who are ordained as Deacons and Elders. They were approved by a three-fourths vote. When they returned to the stage to the applause of the body, the bishop then asked them the Historic Questions.

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Hunt moved for approval of the report as amended. * * *

The Rev. Dean Snyder, retired, requested an appeal of the bishop's most recent ruling of law because it was based on Judicial Council ruling 1341 which was unconstitutional, he said, because "it was an intrusion by the Judicial Council into the constitutional authority of the General Conference by redefining and adding to the definition made by the General Conference of self-avowed practicing homosexual." He said that the language of his appeal was from an article by William Lawrence, former chair of the Judicial Council, published in the Methodist Review. The article argued that 1341 was unconstitutional because it was not the role of the Judicial Council to change the General Conference's definition of self-avowed practicing homosexual.

Bishop Easterling clarified that he was not saying that the Judicial Council is saying that the Judicial Council ruling is unconstitutional. Snyder said he was asking that her rule of law be reviewed by the Judicial Council because 1341 was unconstitutional. Easterling added that her ruling was also based on the Book of Discipline but said his challenge still stood.

Gorman suggested that the way the appeal was phrased may be out of order because Snyder is appealing the Judicial Council and the Annual Conference does not have that standing. He suggested the appeal be to the bishop's ruling and not include the Judicial Council.

Snyder said that his concern was that a rationale for the appeal be included in communication with the Judicial Council and if there was a better way to do that, he welcomed the suggestion. He was unsure that the appeal without the rationale would be helpful. Bishop Easterling agreed with Gorman and asked Snyder to restate the appeal. Snyder felt his appeal would offer an opportunity for the Judicial Council to reconsider its decision.

Gorman stated that a mechanism exists for such reconsideration, but it is the General Conference and the Council of Bishops and perhaps the Jurisdictional Conference and that he would have to check in the Book of Discipline.

After several exchanges between Gorman and Snyder, the body, at the bishop's request, allowed the Conference Chancellor, Thomas Starnes, to address the appeal under discussion. Starnes explained that no rationale needed to be provided in the appeal. He instructed that the actions he could take was to make a motion to appeal, let the body vote on it and, provide whatever rationale he wanted when the time came. Snyder offered the appeal without the rationale.

The Rev. Alisa Wailoo, Capitol Hill, asked for clarification on what a yes vote and a no vote meant. Bishop Easterling explained that a yes vote would mean support of the appeal of her ruling of law. A no vote would affirm her ruling. The appeal was approved.

The Board of Ordained Ministry report was approved as amended. Bishop Easterling shared the concerns for the treatment of those not moved forward and asked if the Board would review the Book of Discipline and tell the candidates with "specificity" their status moving forward. Hunt will review what has been done and move forward on what was heard from the body.

In response to a request by the Rev. Roberta Scoville, retired, to communicate to clergy and the conference what the Board does and how it cares for those excluded from moving forward based on a "category," Bishop Easterling stated that the Book of Discipline provides that policy. She asked the Board of Ordained Ministry provide information regarding its policy but not individual candidates or their names. By sharing the Board's policy, in the current case and moving forward what happens to any candidate that does not pass clergy session will be understood.

Hunt explained that the Executive Committee considers these matters as it did when it published its policy in March. They discussed what information to include and how detailed they would get. They work with Communications to message in ways they think are helpful including FAQ's and articles. They are guided by in their work by ¶635 of the Discipline.

The Rev. Loretta Johnson, Jones Memorial, asked if the BOOM policy communicated by the Board of Ordained Ministry regarding asking questions on human sexuality at the DCOM level and BOOM level and approving candidates, rendered their memo void based on actions taken at the clergy session. She asked if BOOM will issue a new policy and rescind the current policy. Hunt responded that BOOM will continue to review their policies and will review the aforementioned policy in light of the information they now have. He said that it is a fluid time and much can change. They will be working on policy during the summer.

Wailoo asked for a pastoral word on what to say about the outcome of the session to the people of their congregations, many of whom will be “broken hearted.”

Bishop Easterling said, “I would say that we are imperfect people dealing with an imperfect Book of Discipline guiding us through uncertain times. That we’ve done the best work we can do with integrity and fidelity to the Book of Discipline and the rule of law of the Church as it stands right now. It doesn’t mean that everybody who voted agrees with the Book of Discipline and yet we are bound to uphold the Book of Discipline.” The bishop asked that everyone remain in prayer for the work that will be undertaken in February 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. She spoke on the value of prayer as a means by which we “call upon almighty God to guide us and lead us into all truth.”

Bishop Easterling thanked the Board of Ordained Ministry for their work and Dr. Hunt for his leadership on the Board of Ordained Ministry. She reminded the session that we don’t have to always agree but that we can disagree with love and respect for each other as “beloved children of God.”

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The Bishop asked that all stand and sing “Bless Be the Ties that Bind.” The long evening session closed with the delivery of a closing prayer by the bishop.

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