

## 2025 DISTRICT CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, Aug. 8, NewHope Church  
7619 Fayetteville Road, Durham

- 7-7:45 am **VENDOR TABLE SET UP** (if not done on Thursday)
- 7:45 am **DOORS OPEN TO DELEGATES** (Coffee & Breakfast Snacks)
- 8-8:30 am **REGISTRATION**
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- 8:30 am **CONFERENCE BEGINS WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP** – NewHope Worship Team
- 8:55 am **WELCOME & INVOCATION** – NewHope Senior Pastor Adam Bishop
- 9:00 am **CALL TO ORDER** – District Superintendent, Rev. Tim Jones
- Conference Instructions – Assistant District Superintendent, Rev. James Spaugh
  - Roll Call Ballot Instructions – District Secretary Jordan Loman
- 9:15 am **GREETINGS FROM THE WESLEYAN CHURCH** – General Superintendent Wayne Schmidt
- 9:45 am **ELECTIONS** – Rev. James Spaugh
- Election of District Officers & General Conference Delegates
  - Vote on Licensed Minister - Permanent Standing Rule
- 10:10 am **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Rev. Tim Jones
- 10:40 am **WESLEYAN PENSION FUND PRESENTATION** – Wesleyan Pension Fund Director of Operations, Jim Weinmann; Ellen Daniels, Director of Engagement, Servant Solutions
- 10:45 am **EDUCATION & CLERGY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION** – Rev. Dan VanDuyne, Director of Wesleyan Academic Initiatives
- 10:50 am **DBMD REPORT** – DBMD Chair, Rev. Jerry Johnson
- Approval of New Ordinands
  - New District Licenses
- 11:00 am **PASTORAL RECOGNITIONS** – Rev. Tim Jones
- Recognition of retiring Pastors** – Revs. Wyatt Hoogkamp, Ronnie Jones, Ken Klein & Larry Pope (*please come to the stage as your name is called*)
- Recognition of Pastors New to the District, New to Role of Senior Pastor** (*pastors will be asked to come forward for prayer*)
- 11:25 am **HOUSEKEEPING NOTES** – District Administrator Jennifer Jones
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- 11:30 – 1 **LUNCH BREAK**

## ORDINATION SERVICE

**CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION:** Jordan Harris Loman, Emmaus Church and IWU professor; Maricela Pérez Casanova, Aposento Alto Assistant Pastor; **Candidate for Validation of Ordination,** Rev. Timothy Grant Carter, previously ordained in The Religious Society of Friends Church, currently Pastor of Sawyersville Wesleyan receiving validation of ordination in The Wesleyan Church.

12:50 pm     **ORDINATION PROCESSIONAL ASSEMBLY** *(All ordained ministers, the Council of Ordination, candidates to be ordained/validated are to assemble in foyer for processional.)*

1:00 pm     **PROCESSIONAL** – Council of Ordination, Candidates to be Ordained, Ordained Ministers enter as music starts

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – NewHope Worship Team

**WELCOME** – DBMD Chair Rev. Jerry Johnson

**INVOCATION** – Assistant District Superintendent Rev. James Spaugh

**ORDINATION SERMON** – Dr. Wayne Schmidt

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES** – Rev. Tim Jones

*(Candidates will stand when name is called)*

I present Jordan Harris Loman and Maricela Pérez Casanova to be ordained ministers in The Wesleyan Church and in the Church Universal. I further present Timothy Grant Carter, an ordained minister in The Religious Society of Friends Church who has met all of our denominational requirements, for validation now as an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CANDIDATES** – Dr. Wayne Schmidt

Dear friends: We purpose this day to ordain Jordan Harris Loman and Maricela Pérez Casanova as ministers in The Wesleyan Church and in the Church Universal, and to present an ordination validation certificate to Timothy Grant Carter. After due examination, we find that they are truly called to this function and ministry, and they are qualified for the same.

*(Candidates shall now be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** – The Epistle 1 *(in Español)*, Ephesians 3:7-9 – Rev. Jhonn David Arica; The Epistle 2, Ephesians 4:11-13 – Rev. Sidney Wheatley; The Gospel, John 10:7, 9-16 – Rev. David Bunn; The Charge, Rev. Tim Jones.

## THE EPISTLE

Rev. Jhonn David Arica

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. Ephesians 3:7-9

Rev. Sid Wheatley

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

## THE GOSPEL

Rev. David Bunn

"Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.'" John 10:7, 9-16

## THE CHARGE

Rev. Timothy Jones

Dear Servants of God: You have heard, both in your private examination by the District Board of Ministerial Development and in the message which has just been delivered, something of the importance of the ministry to which you are called. You are the under shepherd of the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus, called to teach, admonish, feed, and

provide for the Lord's family, to bring the lost into the fold, to bring each person unto the fullness of the stature of Christ. Remember always the greatness of this responsibility and give yourselves without reservation unto the ministry to which God has called you. We charge you to pray daily for divine guidance and strengthening so that by your study of the Scriptures and your own personal growth and development you may both model the ideal of Christ and lead your people to live in keeping with His example and instructions.

## **EXAMINATION OF THE ORDINATION CANDIDATES**

Dr. Wayne Schmidt

*(Candidates will stand)*

This assembled congregation represents the Church of Jesus Christ everywhere as they witness your response to the inquiries we shall make of you. In this way we shall understand your mind and will in these things, and you may also be moved to greater faithfulness in doing your duties.

**Question:** Is it your sincere conviction that you have been called of God to the office and work of a minister, and are you persuaded that you ought to fulfill that call by serving as an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church and among God's people everywhere?

**Answer:** This is my sincere conviction.

**Question:** Do you believe the Holy Scriptures are the fully inspired and inerrant written word of God containing sufficiently all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Christ Jesus? Are you determined to instruct people from the Scriptures in order that they may be born again in Christ, become committed to holy living, and be prepared to serve for the upbuilding of the Christian community in this present age?

**Answer:** All of this I believe, and accept as my duty.

**Question:** Do you cordially accept our Articles of Religion and the Membership Commitments, and agree to declare and defend them? And do you recognize your responsibility and cheerfully accept your obligation to promote and support The Wesleyan Church and all institutions and ministries approved by The Wesleyan Church?

**Answer:** Yes, I do.

**Question:** Will you with diligence minister the doctrines, sacraments, and disciplines of Christ, being always ready to challenge strange doctrine which is contrary to God's Word wherever it may arise?

**Answer:** I will as God enables me.

**Question:** Do you intend to make reading of the Word and effectual prayer your earnest pursuit, and will you seek to make your lifestyle and family government exemplary so far as is possible for you?

**Answer:** Yes, the Lord being my helper.

**Question:** Believing that accountability and acceptance of authority is God's design for His church, will you cheerfully accept the direction of those whom the Church may place over you in the doing of your work?

**Answer:** I will cheerfully do so.

## **COVENANT WITH CANDIDATE'S SPOUSES**

*(Spouses will stand by the candidates)*

It is the teaching of Scripture that a spouse shall be a loving companion in the ministry of a mate. You have witnessed the examination of your marriage partner in which commitment to the work and responsibilities of ministry has been stated. Your participation in God's purposes for ministry through your marriage partner is important, also. You will be needed to share in prayer, to extend love and compassion to all, to carry forward the example of marriage harmony and family wholesomeness. As the companion of your loved one who is now entering the ranks of ordained ministers in the Church, will you dedicate yourself to complement and embrace that ministry as God enables you?

**Answer:** I will by God's grace.

## **THE ACT OF ORDINATION – Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Rev. Tim Jones, Council of Ordination**

*(Each candidate and spouse will kneel in turn at the altar)*

## **THE PRAYER OF ENDUEMENT – Rev. Kevin Dunovant**

Our Father, we beseech You to send upon these, Your servants, Your heavenly blessings; that they may be clothed with righteousness, that Your Word spoken in their mouth may have success and that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and to receive what they shall deliver out of Your Holy Word, as the means of our salvation; and that in all our words and deeds we may seek Your glory, and the increase of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Assist us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name, and finally by Your mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE RIGHTHAND OF FELLOWSHIP – Rev. Tim Jones and the Council of Ordination**

## **BENEDICTION (in Español), Hebrews 13:20-21 – Rev. Amelia Manchego**

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

*(Please allow the Ordinands and their spouses to exit first so they may greet you at the reception in the foyer)*

- 2:10-2:40      **COFFEE AND CAKE RECEPTION**
- 2:40 pm      **CONFERENCE RESUMES**
- 2:40 pm      **ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED** – Rev. James Spaugh (Runoff votes taken if needed)
- 2:45 pm      **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**
- Discipleship and Ministry Development Assistant DS** – Rev. Luke Jackson, with NextGen Leadership Development Director, Rev. Santes Beatty, and Church Revitalization Director Rev. Charlie Collins
- Spiritual Formation & Clergy Care Assistant DS** – Rev. Sarah Rodriguez
- Church Development & Multiplication Assistant DS** – Rev. Chris Vernon, with The Circuit Director, Rev. Matt LeRoy, and Hispanic Ministries Director, Rev. Johel Rodriguez
- Treasurer’s Report** – Debbie Barwick
- Victory Mountain Camp Executive Director** – Chad Brinkley
- District Missions Director** – Rev. Charlie Collins with Cambodia missionaries Andrew and Lexi Collins
- District Regional Response and Outreach Coordinator** – Rev. Bradley Hill
- DBA Comprehensive Report** – Rev. Tim Jones
- 3:50 pm      **GUEST SPEAKERS**
- Global Partners** – Rev. James Winn, Director of Mobilization
- World Hope International** – Rev. Matt LeRoy, Church Partner Representative
- Multipliers Journey Representatives** – Rev. Andre Winters and Rev. Jesse Pratt
- Southern Wesleyan University** – Rev. Heath Mullikin, Interim University Chaplain
- Indiana Wesleyan University** – Spencer Loman, Discipleship Pastor
- Habitat for Missions** – Rev. Bill Foster, Founder
- Hephzibah** – Sheri Jennings, NC East Hephzibah Ambassador
- Kingswood University** – Rev. Eric Currie, VP of Enrollment Success at CampusEdu
- 4:25 pm      **CLOSING REMARKS; PRAYER FOR STAFF AND NEW DBA** – Rev. Tim Jones

