

THE MINUTES OF THE 150TH SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Quinn Chapel AME Church - Lexington, Kentucky
September 14-17, 2017

SATURDAY – September 16, 2017

Church School

Bishop Leath began the devotions at 8:15am. Church School began at 8:36am with devotions, led by Brother Melvin Allen. Church School ended at 8:59am.

YPD/RAYAC Presentation

The YPD/RAYAC Presentations began at 9:12am, led by the Kentucky Conference YPD President, Brother Jerome Bullock, and Brother Christian Lewis, the Kentucky Conference YPD Worship Leader. The presentations included a variety of musical and skit performances by our youth.

The YPD/RAYAC Presentation concluded at 10:00am.

Saturday Morning Business Session

At 10:12am Bishop Leath called the Annual Conference to order and the Saturday Morning Business Session began.

The Reverend Troy Thomas moved to adopt the Day 1 Minutes of the 150th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference (posted on the 13th District website – www.ame13.org). The Reverend Stephanie Raglin seconded the motion. Following any unreadiness, the motion carried.

Bishop Leath called for reports to continue:

- Classification of Pastors and Churches – Presenter: The Reverend Sheila Harris. Following corrections and updates, the Reverend Sheila Harris moved that the report be adopted with necessary updates. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Conference Budget – Presenter: The Reverend LaVeeshia Pryor. After discussion, the Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved the adoption of the report. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Christian Stewardship – Presenter: The Reverend Karen Carter. After discussion, the Reverend Linda Murray moved it be adopted, and the Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Health and Wellness Report – Presenter: Sister LaJava Chenault, who addressed the necessity of Colon/Rectal Screenings. The report was received by common consent.
- Social Action – Presenter: The Reverend Sheila Harris. After discussion, the Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved it be adopted, and the Reverend Maxine Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- CDMC – Presenter: Sister Helen Demaree. The report was received by common consent.
- Christian Education – Presenters: Sister Amanda Johnson and Sister Susie Bates. After discussion, the Reverend Karen Carter moved it be adopted, and the Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Church School – Presenter: Brother Melvin Allen. After discussion, the Reverend Troy Thomas moved it be adopted, and the Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- MSWAWO +PK's – Presenter: Sister Hartents Johnson, the new elected President of the Kentucky Conference MSWAWO +PK's.

Bishop appointed Sister Norma Bean (Conference Evangelist, Quinn Chapel Louisville) as the Director of Evangelism for the Kentucky Conference.

The reports continued:

- Lay Organization – Presenter: Brother Chris Wilson. The report was received by common consent.
- RAYAC – No Report
- Sons of Allen – Presenter: Brother Michael Gresham. The report was received by common consent.
- WIM – Presenter: The Reverend Dr. Sheila Harris. The report was received by common consent.

The Saturday Morning Business Session recessed at 11:55am.

The 150th Anniversary of the Kentucky Annual Conference Luncheon Celebration

The 150th Anniversary Luncheon began at 12:30pm with the Reverend Jermaine Wilson as the Worship Leader. The preacher was Bishop Leonard Fairley (The Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church). His text was Isaiah 51:1-3, for the message, “Remember!” The Kentucky Conference Churches that were 150 years old, or older, were honored. The Reverend Linda R. Jackson and Sister Anna Johnson were recognized as the Sesquicentennial Celebration committee chairs.

The celebration concluded at 2:47pm.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session

The Saturday Afternoon Business Session began at 3:33pm when Bishop Leath called the Annual Conference to order. Bishop called for the reports to continue:

- Finance Committee – Presenter: The Reverend Troy Thomas, who reported that the Finance Committee elected the Reverend Jermaine Wilson as Chair and the Reverend Erika Taylor as Secretary. The Reverend William Hale moved the adoption of the report. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- WMS – Presenter: Sister Dianna Golphin. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved the adoption of the report. The Reverend Karen Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- State of the Country – Presenter: The Reverend Stephanie Raglin. The Reverend William Hale moved that the report be adopted. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- State of the Church – Presenter: The Reverend Linda Murray. The Reverend Stephanie Raglin moved that the report be adopted. The Reverend Linda Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath acknowledged a visitor to the 150th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, Sister Angel Wilson (13th Episcopal District RAYAC President).

The reports continued:

- Camp Primm Simmons – No report.
- Believe, Inc. – Presenter: Sister Renee Scott-Smith. The report was received by common consent.
- Presiding Elder’s Support – Presenter: The Reverend Troy Thomas. After discussion, the Reverend Jermaine Wilson moved the adoption of the report. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend William Jenkins moved that one-half of the outstanding unpaid Presiding Elder’s support for the 2016-2017 Conference Year due to each of the respective Presiding Elders (of the Louisville and Lexington Districts) be paid out of Conference Development monies. The Reverend Maxine Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath recommended policies to be considered and were affirmed by the Annual Conference:

1. The Reverend William Hale moved to affirm the policy that the Pastoral Compensation Packages agreed upon by the Steward Board and the newly appointed Pastors be presented to the Presiding Elder at the 1st Quarterly Conference. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson moved to affirm the policy that the Annual Conference will hold Steward Boards responsible for unreasonable Pastor Compensation Packages and that any agreements between the Stewards and the Pastor must include language such as, “if available” or “as able.” The Reverend William Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. The Reverend Linda Jackson moved to affirm the policy that Pastors cannot carry a debt owed to them by the local church past the Annual Conference

without written approval of the Presiding Elder and the Presiding Bishop. The Reverend Sheila Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Sister Anna Johnson moved to affirm the policy that at the 1st Quarterly Conference, and no later than the 2nd Quarterly Conference, the Steward Board will present a written list of expectations, negotiated with the Pastor, to the Presiding Elder, and the written list must be signed by the Pastor and the Steward Board Chair Pro-tem. Sister Wathetta Buford seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. The Reverend Sheila Harris moved to affirm the policy that local congregations cannot commit to obligations, borrow (including lines of credit), or create other forms of debt of more than \$15,000.00 without the consent of the Conference Board of Trustees. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop called for the supplemental report of the Committee on Missions, Circuits and Stations. The Reverend William Jenkins moved that the Annual Conference Trustees be empowered to sell the Saint Andrews, Winchester property, or take other necessary action, in the interest of the local congregation or the Annual Conference, if the officers and members of Saint Andrews fail to provide for the maintenance of the property or fail to display a will to continue as a congregation. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop called for the supplemental report of the Conference Trustees. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that when the committee that is organizing to take over the Wilson Chapel, Parksville church property and cemetery are incorporated, that the Conference Trustees be empowered to sell the Wilson Chapel, Parksville church property and cemetery to that committee for the price of \$1.00. The Reverend Troy Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Dr. Maxine Thomas, Dean of the Board of Examiners, recommended the following for the Committee on Ministerial Instruction:

- Admissions – The Reverends Sheila Harris (Chair), Glenn Spaulding, and Karen Carter.

- First Year Studies – The Reverends Linda Jackson (Chair), Wallace Gunn, and Joshua Hale.
- Second Year Studies – The Reverends Troy Thomas (Chair), Stephanie Raglin, and William Hale.
- Third Year Studies – The Reverends LaVeeshia Pryor (Chair), Sherry Green, and William Jenkins.
- Fourth Year Studies – The Reverends Kenneth Golphin (Chair), June Anderson Dorsey, and Jermaine Wilson.

The Reverend Troy Thomas moved the election of said persons. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend William Hale moved the election of the following to serve on the Episcopal District Budget Committee: the Reverends Kenneth Golphin, LaVeeshia Pryor, and Stephanie Raglin; Lay persons: Latanya Germany and Ellis Collins; and Young Adult: Kiera Harris. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that the following be elected to serve as Conference Trustees: The Reverends Kenneth Golphin (Vice Chair), William Hale (Secretary), Wathetta Buford (Asst. Secretary), Troy Thomas (Treasurer), Myrna Herron (Asst. Treasurer), William Easley (Presiding Elder), James Smith (Presiding Elder), Erika Taylor, Joshua Hale, Ralph B. Smith, Sheila Harris, Jermaine Wilson, Robin Harris, Anna Johnson, Sherri' Pointer, Michael Gresham, John Hardin, Chris Wilson, and Dianna Golphin. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath called for the election of the Conference Treasurer. The Reverend William Hale moved to elect the Reverend Troy Thomas as Conference Treasurer. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath appointed Sister Renee Scott-Smith, Sister Therese Baker, and the Reverend William Hale to the Board of Directors of Believe, Inc.

Bishop Leath called for the Finance report (see the report). The report was presented by the Reverend Troy Thomas. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved to receive the report and that the Finance Committee be empowered to continue its work after

the close of this 150th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference. The Reverend Maxine Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath called for the Disciplinary Questions (see the report). At Question #20, Sister Annette Hayden, the delegate of Embry Chapel, Elizabethtown, KY, invited the 151st Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference to be hosted by Embry Chapel, Elizabethtown. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson moved that the Conference accept the invitation. The Reverend Linda Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath closed out the Business Session by encouraging the churches to focus on “Building Community.”

The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that the Annual Conference adjourn *sine die* after the reading of the appointments. The Reverend Robert Strode seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Following announcements, the Saturday Evening Session adjourned at 6:37pm.