

## **Annual District Conference**

North Carolina West District of  
The Wesleyan Church  
June 20-22, 2011  
Hickory Metro Convention Center  
Hickory, NC

### **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Conference was opened with a service of remembrance on Tuesday, June 21, at 8:30 a.m. led by Rev. Tim Smith and the Committee on Remembrance. This service included the serving of The Lord's Supper and an appropriate remembrance of those who graduated to glory from our midst during this past year.

### **SESSION ONE**

After a brief break, Rev. Jerry Lumston, District Superintendent, called the conference to order at 9:55am.

Rev. Lumston then introduced Dr. Thomas E. Armiger, our presiding General Superintendent to chair the morning session. Dr. Armiger greeted the conference and then moved for the approval of the conference agenda which is found on pages 1-2 of the delegate's notebook. A motion was made with support to approve the conference agenda. The agenda was approved as a guide for the conference business.

Dr. Armiger then recognized the District Secretary, Rev. J. Scott Howard, to present several preliminary matters.

Rev. Howard asked for unanimous consent to approve the Floor Tellers listed on page 32 of the delegate's notebook. Without objection, the tellers were approved.

The District Secretary then defined the Conference bar as the seats at the tables in the center section of the conference floor. All elected or credentialed delegates were asked to move to one of the seats at these tables.

### **Roll Call**

After the conference bar was set, a roll call ballot was cast. The following are the categories and number present:

- 143 – Ministerial Delegates
- 142 – Lay Delegates

### **Courtesy Committee Report**

Rev. David Emery, the chair of the Courtesy Committee was recognized to bring guests and new ministers to the platform. The following individuals were welcomed and introduced to the conference.

- **Rev. Michael Poore** – New Pastor at the Rock Hill Wesleyan Church
- **Rev. Tom Raven** – New Pastor at Wendover Hills Wesleyan Church
- **Rev. Dan LeRoy** – District Superintendent of the North Carolina East District of the Wesleyan Church
- **Rev. Ernest Mullins** – Assistant District Superintendent of the North Carolina East District of the Wesleyan Church
- **Rev. Chris Uren** – 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Thomasville – Interchurch service
- **Rev. and Mrs. Jay & Jaime DePoy** – Exodus Church Plant
- **Rev. Bill Kinnan** – New Pastor at Hayworth Wesleyan Church
- **Dr. Todd Voss** – New President of Southern Wesleyan University
- **Dr. Jim Dunn** – Department of Spiritual Formation
- **Rev. Kelsey Hart** – New Children's Pastor at Hayworth Wesleyan Church
- **Rev. James Wiggins** – Southern Wesleyan University
- **Mrs. Shirley Duncan** – Hephzibah Ministries

### **District Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Tom Armiger recognized Rev. Jerry Lumston to share his District Superintendent's Report. Rev. Lumston updated the conference with the progress being made on the Vision 2020. Rev. Lumston recognized several churches that had made progress toward reaching the goals of Vision 2020 for the conference year. The churches recognized were those that had the greatest number of baptisms for the conference year; those that had given away 20% of their income in the conference year; and those that showed the strongest growth in the conference year. This report was received with an expression of appreciation and respect.

### **ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT OFFICERS**

#### **Nominations for District Secretary**

Ballots were cast for position of District Secretary. The nominees presented were:

- Scott Howard
- Timothy Smith

At the chairs recommendation, there was a motion with support to vote by acclamation on any office for which

there is only one nominee. The motion was approved with a sufficient number of votes.

### **Election of District Treasurer**

The nomination of Larry French was presented for the position of District Treasurer. With no nominations presented from the floor, the conference voted by voice to elect Larry French by acclamation.

A recommendation from the District Board of Administration was presented to the conference concerning the voting on multiple ballots. The DBA recommends that on the third ballot the election be by plurality. There was a motion with support. The motion was approved with a sufficient number of votes.

### **Nominations For General Conference Delegates – Ministerial**

The following nominations for the twelve ministerial representatives to serve as delegates to General Conference were presented:

- **Dave Blackburn** - Brevard Wesleyan Church
- **Roger Brackett** - Gibbs Chapel Wesleyan Church
- **Wes Brown** - First Wesleyan / Bessemer City
- **Kim Fowler** - Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church
- **Joe Harding** - Bethel Wesleyan / Kannapolis
- **J. Scott Howard** - Sandy Ridge Wesleyan Church
- **Danny Janes** - Liberty Wesleyan / Summerfield
- **Bill Kinnan** - Hayworth Wesleyan Church
- **Richard Loman** - Mt Airy Wesleyan Church
- **Brian Matherlee** - McAdenville Wesleyan Church
- **Scott Newton** - Greenwood Hills Wesleyan Church
- **Roger Parsons** - Firestone Wesleyan Church
- **Todd Reynolds** - Assistant District Superintendent
- **Tim Smith** - First Wesleyan / Gastonia
- **Vernon Smith** - Sandy Cross Wesleyan Church
- **Scott Wheeler** - United Wesleyan Church
- **Don Williams** - First Wesleyan / Kings Mountain
- **Henry Williams** - Bennettsville Wesleyan Church

With no nominations from the floor, ballots were cast to elect twelve ministerial representatives.

### **Nominations For Adult Ministries Director**

The following names were presented for nomination as Adult Ministries Director:

- **Bruce Fletcher** – Shady Grove Wesleyan
- **Mike Grooms** – First Wesleyan / Bessemer City

With no nominations from the floor, ballots were cast to elect one.

### **Election of Children’s Camp Director**

The nomination of Kelvin Carpenter was presented for the position of Children’s Camp Director. With no nominations presented from the floor, the conference voted by voice to elect Kelvin Carpenter by acclamation.

### **Nominations For Children’s Ministry Director**

The following names were presented for nomination as Children’s Ministry Director:

- **Nancy Self** - First Wesleyan / Cherryville
- **Selina Wheeler** - United Wesleyan

With no nominations from the floor, ballots were cast to elect one.

### **Election of Global Partners Director**

The nominations of Josh Baker and Amber Coulter were presented for the position of Global Partners Director. Josh Baker declined the nomination. With no nominations presented from the floor, the conference voted by voice to elect Amber Coulter by acclamation.

### **Election of District Statistician**

The nomination of Michael Covington was presented for the position of District Statistician. With no nominations presented from the floor, the conference voted by voice to elect Michael Covington by acclamation.

### **Nominations For Sunday School Director**

The following names were presented for nomination as Sunday School Director:

- **Tim Clark** - Bethel Wesleyan / Flat Rock
- **Eddie Gray** - New Bethel

With no nominations from the floor, ballots were cast to elect one.

### **Appointment of Assistant District Superintendent**

District Superintendent, Rev. Jerry Lumston announced to the conference that Rev. Todd Reynolds was unanimously approved by the District Board of Administration to serve the district as the Assistant District Superintendent for the next conference year.

### **Assistant District Superintendent’s Report**

Rev. Todd Reynolds was recognized to present the Report of the Assistant District Superintendent. The report was received by the conference with appreciation.

### Approval of Ordination Candidates

Rev. Todd Reynolds presented the following individuals who were recommended by the District Board of Ministerial Development to be ordained:

- **Darby Gaither**
- **Jon Mann**
- **Katherine Pace**

Each of these candidates was asked to stand before the conference and was individually approved for ordination.

### Auditing Committee Report

This report was accepted by the District Board of Administration at its meeting on June 20, 2011. It was presented as information to the District Conference.

### Journal Dedication

The Assistant District Superintendent made the motion that we dedicate the 2011 District Journal to the following ministers and ministry spouses of the NC West District who went to their heavenly reward this past conference year:

- **Rev. H.D. Shrum**
- **Rev. Glenn Weaver**
- **Mrs. Beulah Harris**
- **Mrs. H.D. Shrum**

The motion was supported and approved.

### Reports of the District Treasurer

District Treasurer Larry French presented his report. In addition to the written reports, Mr. French recognized Rev. Aaron Taylor and the Taylorsville Wesleyan Church as well as all the other churches that were able to pay their full budget despite the financial difficulties that they faced throughout the year. Mr. French also shared that the district was able to fund seven church plants; support thirty pastors with their health care needs; send \$400,000.00 to our Wesleyan colleges; and \$300,000.00 to the General Church. The district's total revenue for the conference year was 1.3 million dollars; and the district ended the year with a \$15,000.00 surplus. Mr. French also presented the budget for next year as information to the conference. The report was received with appreciation.

### Report of the Director of Children's Ministry

Selina Wheeler was recognized to present her written report as Director of Children's Ministry. She highlighted the up-coming Kid's Camp and training

opportunities for children's workers. The report was received with appreciation.

### Treasurer for Children's Ministry

The treasurer's report for the Children's Ministry was presented and received with appreciation.

### Rev. Jim Dunn – Spiritual Formation

The chair recognized Rev. Jim Dunn who shared about the Department of Spiritual Formation with the conference. Rev. Dunn encouraged the churches to strive to meet the ambitious goals of the District's 2020 Vision.

### Election of District Secretary

The tellers reported on the election of the District Secretary. 274 ballots were cast. Number of votes needed to elect: 137:

- **Scott Howard - 155**
- **Timothy Smith - 119**

Rev. Scott Howard was declared elected as District Secretary.

### Nominations For General Conference Delegates – Lay

The following nominations for the thirteen lay representatives to serve as delegates to General Conference were presented:

- **Tony Baker** - Firestone Wesleyan Church
- **Janene Bryson** - Brevard Wesleyan Church
- **Don Carr** - Hayworth Wesleyan Church
- **Jon Childs** - First Wesleyan / Gastonia
- **Charles Crecilius** - United Wesleyan Church
- **Nancy Cross** – Midway Wesleyan Church (Nancy Cross nominated from the conference floor.)
- **Marsha Flinchum** - Christ Wesleyan Church
- **Darl Fowler, Sr.** - Faith Wesleyan Church
- **Larry French** - Firestone Wesleyan Church
- **Debbie Garman** - North Kannapolis Wesleyan
- **Wilma Hawkins** - Old Fort Wesleyan Church
- **Doretta Hopper** - Greenwood Hills Wesleyan
- **Dan Loggins** - Providence Wesleyan Church
- **Rick Madden**
- **Harlan Milstead** - United Wesleyan Church
- **Grace Mitchell** - Hayworth Wesleyan Church
- **Jerry Pace** - United Wesleyan Church
- **Jim Self** - First Wesleyan / Cherryville
- **Joel Tawney** - Shady Grove Wesleyan Church
- **Juanita Wallace** - First Wesleyan / Cherryville
- **Jimmy West** - First Wesleyan / Kings Mountain

With no nominations from the floor, ballots were cast to elect thirteen lay representatives.

### Nominations For DBA At Large – Lay

The following nominations for the eight lay representatives to serve on the District Board of Administration were presented:

- **Tony Baker** – Firestone Wesleyan
- **Janene Bryson** – Brevard Wesleyan
- **Don Carr** – Hayworth Wesleyan
- **Charles Crecilius** – United Wesleyan
- **Marsha Flinchum** – Christ Wesleyan
- **Darl Fowler, Sr.** – Faith Wesleyan
- **Debbie Garman** – North Kannapolis Wesleyan
- **Dan Loggins** – Providence Wesleyan
- **Rick Madden**
- **Grace Mitchell** – Hayworth Wesleyan
- **Jim Self** – First Wesleyan / Cherryville
- **Joel Tawney** - Shady Grove Wesleyan
- **Juanita Wallace** – First Wesleyan / Cherryville
- **Jimmy West** – First Wesleyan / Kings Mountain

Ballots were cast to elect eight lay representatives.

### Nominations for DBA – Ministerial

The following nominations for the eight ministerial representatives to serve on the District Board of Administration were presented:

- **David Albertson** - Central (Thomasville)
- **David Blackburn** - Brevard
- **Wes Brown** - Bessemer City 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Tim Clark** - Bethel, Flat Rock
- **David Emery** - Chaplain
- **Kim Fowler** - Hickory Chapel
- **Joy Garman** - Bethel, Kannapolis
- **Richard Loman** - Mt. Airy
- **James Matchette** - Kannapolis 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Brian Matherlee** - McAdenville
- **Scott Newton** - Greenwood Hills
- **Roger Parsons** - Firestone
- **Tim Smith** - Gastonia 1st
- **Andy Stewart** - Fletcher's Chapel
- **Scott Wheeler** - United

With no nominations from the floor, ballots were cast to elect eight ministerial representatives.

### World Missions Presentation

Rev. Kim Fowler was recognized to present the missions report. In addition to her written report, Rev. Fowler introduced the following individuals and presentations:

- **Janene Bryson** – Janene shared about a trip to Sierra Leone with a work team.
- **Video from Katie Hawkins** – Katie was not able to attend conference due to a mission trip to Honduras with a group from the Sandy Ridge Wesleyan Church. Katie shared through video her plans to go to Albania and the type of mission work she will be doing there.
- **Marty & Sara Driggers** – Wycliffe Translators
- **Curtis Williams** – Global Partners Missionary to Papua New Guinea
- **Larry McAlpine** – Hoover Walk – Larry shared that at this point the Hoover Walk has raised over \$196,000.00 for missions.
- **Dave Blackburn** – Dave shared about the work team that went to Haiti just six days after the devastating earthquake hit that country. The district raised over \$10,000.00 for the rebuilding of a Wesleyan church in Haiti.
- **Video from Adam & Krista Jones** – Global Partners Missionaries to Bosnia

The report was received with appreciation.

At noon, the conference recessed for lunch.

### Tuesday Afternoon Session

The conference reconvened at 1:30pm with District Superintendent, Rev. Jerry Lumston calling the conference to order.

### Nominations for 2012 Nominating Committee

The following nominations for the 2012 Nominating Committee were presented:

#### Piedmont Zone – Ministerial

- **Joe Harding**
- **Danny Janes**
- **Richard Loman**
- **Edwin Luther**

#### Piedmont Zone – Lay

- **Jimmie Craver**
- **Gene Green**

#### Western Zone – Ministerial

- **Steve Beam**
- **Wayne Spear**
- **Glenn Ward**
- **Scott Whitney**

#### Western Zone – Lay

- **Jim Beck**
- **Jerry Brantley**
- **Wayne Hawkins**
- **Roy Williams**

Ballots were cast to elect two representatives from each category.

### **Report of the District Nominating Committee**

The report of the Nominating Committee and the assignments in this report were approved by a motion, with support by the conference.

### **Election of General Conference Delegates – Ministerial**

(Ex-officio members: Dr. Robert E. Black, Rev. David M. Emery, Rev. Jerry L. Lumston)

The tellers reported on the ballot for General Conference Delegates – Ministerial. There were 278 ballots cast. 140 votes were needed for election. All twelve representatives were elected with the following votes:

- **264 - Todd Reynolds, District Office**
- **237 - Tim Smith, Gastonia, 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **233 - Wes Brown, Bessemer City, 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **227 - Scott Wheeler, United**
- **215 - Kim Fowler, Hickory Chapel**
- **205 - Scott Howard, Sandy Ridge**
- **196 - Brian Matherlee, McAdenville**
- **189 - Joe Harding, Bethel, Kannapolis**
- **171 - Henry Williams, Bennettsville**
- **169 - Richard Loman, Mt. Airy**
- **162 - Scott Newton, Greenwood Hills**
- **162 - Don Williams, Kings Mountain, 1<sup>st</sup>**
- 152 - Dave Blackburn, Brevard
- 149 - Ron Haithcock, Providence
- 143 - Danny Janes, Liberty, Summerfield
- 139 - Roger Parsons, Firestone
- 108 - Roger Bracket, Gibbs Chapel
- 105 - Bill Kinnan, Hayworth
- 52 - Vernon Smith, Sandy Cross

### **Report of the Conference Action Committee**

Rev. Danny Janes presented the report for the Conference Action Committee.

#### **Memorial #1 – Expectations for District Leadership**

*Whereas, the North Carolina West District has an established history of honoring their denominational obligations by fully remitting USF-EIF, and*

*Whereas, there is a trend away from denominational loyalty, as expressed by the failure to fully honor the aforementioned commitments, and*

*Whereas, an increasing number of Wesleyan churches are beginning to establish a pattern of neglecting the denominational needs;*

*Resolved, no individual should be appointed to a district leadership position or nominated for such position if they are a member of a church which has failed to fully remit the unified budget assessment assigned in the previous conference year.*

Memorial #1 was recommended by the Conference Action Committee. After several spoke against the memorial, there was a motion with support to refer Memorial #1 back to the Conference Action Committee for further work and to be presented at next years District Conference. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **South Mountain Report**

The South Mountain Board was invited to give an update on the ministry at the South Mountain Retreat and Conference Center.

- Phil Garmon reported that two youth camps from outside the District used the facilities. He also introduced a video presentation that showed highlights of the past year's activities at the camp.
- Phil Flinchum shared treasurer's report for SMRCC.
- Jerry Pace recognized Jon Childs and presented a plague of appreciation for his service as treasurer for SMRCC.

### **Report of the Conference Action Committee – Cont'd**

Rev. Danny Janes continued with the report of the Conference Action Committee.

#### **Memorial #2: Standing Rule #6 – Edit to Reflect Current Practice**

Change the remittance of the District Budget and USF from the churches to the District Office other than to the District Treasurer. Memorial #2 was recommended by the Conference Action Committee. This memorial was **approved** by voice vote.

### **Hephzibah Ministries**

Shirley Duncan was recognized by the chair to present an update on Hephzibah Children's Ministries. Mrs. Duncan shared that Hephzibah had passed accreditation for another four years. Enrollment is up throughout the home including twelve moms and thirteen babies and toddlers in the Teen Parent Home. Shirley also shared a praise that Hephzibah Ministries had finished the years financially in the black.

### **Social Concerns Report**

Rev. J. Scott Howard was called to the podium and gave the report from the District Social Concerns Committee. Rev. Howard introduced Alyssa McKenzie who shared with the conference about STAT – Stand Against Trafficking.

### Election of DBA Members - Lay

The tellers reported on the election of Lay Representatives to the District Board of Administration. There were 278 ballots cast; 140 votes were needed for election. All eight representatives were elected with the following votes:

- 216 - Tony Baker
- 206 - Marsha Flinchum
- 206 - Dan Loggins
- 182 - Don Carr
- 182 - Darl Fowler
- 180 - Janene Bryson
- 163 - Jim Self
- 161 - Juanita Wallace
- 142 - Jimmy West
- 120 - Debbie Garman
- 119 - Rick Madden
- 119 - Grace Mitchell
- 113 - Joel Tawney
- 78 - Charles Crecilius

### Election of Adult Ministries Director

The tellers reported on the ballot for Director of Adult Ministries. The total number of ballots cast was 281. 141 votes were needed for election.

- 179 – Bruce Fletcher
- 96 – Mike Grooms

Bruce Fletcher was declared to have been elected.

### Election of Children’s Ministry Director

The tellers reported on the ballot for Director of Children’s Ministry. The total number of ballots cast was 281. 141 votes were needed for election.

- 227 – Selina Wheeler
- 50 – Nancy Self

Selina Wheeler was declared to have been elected.

### Election of Sunday School Director

The tellers reported on the ballot for Sunday School Director. The total number of ballots cast was 281. 141 votes were needed for election.

- 168 – Eddie Gray
- 111 – Tim Clark

Eddie Gray was declared to have been elected.

### Spiritual Formation Leadership Team

Rev. Matt Mitchell was recommended as a member at-large of the Spiritual Formation Leadership Team. A

motion with support was given to approve of Rev. Mitchell’s election.

### Report of the Conference Action Committee – Cont’d

Rev. Danny Janes continued with the report of the Conference Action Committee.

### Memorial #3: Align Pastoral Call Guidelines With The Discipline

\*Inserting preface, and replacing the first two sentences with the appropriate Discipline paragraphs that follow. The remainder of the guideline would remain the unchanged.

#### *1. Pastoral Call Guidelines*

*Whereas, calling the pastor is one of the most important acts that the local church can take. These guidelines are meant to provide guidance to assist the church in this important process, and to provide a framework for the pastoral candidates to work within.*

*Only one pastoral candidate at a time shall be presented to the congregation for a message. A decision by the local board of administration to recommend a pastor for a congregational vote, and the vote, if recommended, must take place before another candidate is considered. (Discipline 691:1)*

*A minister, who has agreed to give a candidating message and to submit to a pastoral vote at one church, cannot do the same with another church until the first candidating situation is resolved. If the local board of administration does not recommend the candidating pastor for a congregational vote within seven days the waiting restriction no longer applies. (Discipline 691:3)*

Memorial #3 was recommended by the Conference Action Committee. This memorial was **approved** by voice vote.

### Memorial #4: Property Guidelines – Edit to Reflect Current Practice

*1. Building and Repairs Authorization Requirement*  
*Every Pastor, Church, or Building Committee contemplating erecting new buildings, or contemplating a capital campaign for such, must first consult the Building and Church Property Committee in their Zone. Authorization must be granted by the proper Committee for any repairs, which incur debt, or any major remodeling.*

*All Churches Building Committees, and Pastors must comply with the direction of the Building and Church Property Committee. The District Trustees shall withhold the signing of papers for loans until the Trustees are satisfied by a written report from the Building and Church Property Committee that the local*

church has complied with their instructions. It is recommended that The Church calling the Committee in its Zone pay the expenses of this Committee.

This requirement permits repairs to be made to church property, to restore it to original condition, free of debt, without contacting the Building Church Property Committee.

Memorial #4 was recommended by the Conference Action Committee. This memorial was **approved** by voice vote.

### **Wesleyan Kids For Missions Report**

Stephanie Young was recognized to present her written report as Director of Wesleyan Kids for Missions.

**The conference took a brief break and resumed business at 3:30pm.**

### **Educational Report**

Dr. Robert E. Black was introduced to present the Educational Report. He recognized Dr. David Spittal in his retirement as the seventeenth president of Southern Wesleyan University. Dr. Black introduced Dr. James Wiggins, Vice President of Development at SWU, to the conference. The new president of Southern Wesleyan, Dr. Todd Voss was introduced to the conference and was asked to greet the conference. Dr. Voss spoke about several future opportunities for Southern Wesleyan University. Dr. Black then recognized Dr. Don Wood for his retirement from SWU and for all the contributions that he had made to the university throughout his tenure.

### **Election of General Conference Delegates – Lay**

The tellers reported on the election of Lay Delegates to General Conference. There were 280 ballots cast; 141 votes were needed for election. All thirteen representatives were elected with the following votes:

- 227 – Larry French
- 222 – Tony Baker
- 220 – Marsha Flinchum
- 205 – Dan Loggins
- 200 – Darl Fowler
- 196 – Don Carr
- 191 – Juanita Wallace
- 190 – Janene Bryson
- 188 – Jon Childs
- 176 – Doretta Hopper
- 171 – Jim Self
- 165 – Harlan Milstead
- **165 – Jerry Pace**
- 157 – Debbie Garman
- 138 – Jimmy West

- 131 – Grace Mitchell
- 127 – Rick Madden
- 114 – Joel Tawney
- 107 – Wilma Hawkins
- 66 – Charles Crecilius
- 51 – Betsy Cross

There were two illegal votes cast. (Voted for too many)

### **District Youth President**

Rev. Tony Parsons was recognized to present his written report as the District Youth President.

### **Report of the District Youth Treasurer**

Mike Howard presented the District Wesleyan Youth Treasurer's report.

### **Video Presentation**

A video presentation from the General Department of Spiritual Formation entitled "Follow" was shown to the conference.

### **Report of the Director of Wesleyan Women**

Kim Harding was recognized to present her written report as Director of Wesleyan Women.

The Wesleyan Women Treasurer's report was also received.

### **Report of the Wesleyan World Missions Treasurer**

Rev. David Albertson was recognized to present his written report as treasurer of Wesleyan World Missions for the district. Rev. Albertson reported no activity for this past conference year. The report was received.

The Conference Chair recognized John Allison with World Hope International who addressed the conference and shared several opportunities of service available through World Hope.

### **Report of the District Statistician**

Rev. J. Scott Howard was recognized to present his written report as District Statistician. The summary of his report was received by the conference.

### **Leadership Development Journey**

Rev. Todd Reynolds was recognized to update the conference on the LDJ participation in our district. Rev. Reynolds reported that the district had eighty pastors participating in an LDJ group on a monthly basis. He encouraged those pastors not connected with a LDJ group to consider joining one this next conference year.

### Election of DBA – Ministerial – 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot

The tellers reported on the election of the Ministerial Representatives to the District Board of Administration. There were 280 ballots cast; 141 votes were needed for election. Seven of the eight representatives were elected with the following votes:

- **218 - Scott Wheeler, United**
- **208 - Tim Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> / Gastonia**
- **203 - David Emery, Chaplain**
- **198 - Wes Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> / Bessemer City**
- **171 - Kim Fowler, Hickory Chapel**
- **167 - Brian Matherlee, McAdenville**
- **148 - Richard Loman, Mt. Airy**
- 128 - David Albertson, Central / Thomasville
- 128 - Scott Newton, Greenwood Hills
- 121 - Joy Garman, Bethel / Kannapolis
- 118 - David Blackburn, Brevard
- 109 - Roger Parsons, Firestone
- 99 - Tim Clark, Bethel / Flat Rock
- 71 - James Matchette, 1<sup>st</sup> / Kannapolis
- 58 - Andy Stewart, Fletcher's Chapel

1 Illegal Vote (Non-minister write in)

Ballots were cast for the one remaining representative.

### District Trustees Report

District Superintendent, Rev. Jerry Lumston presented the report of the District Trustees.

### Ordination Service

Tuesday Evening, June 21, 2011 @ 7:30pm.

The following persons were ordained:

- Darby Gaither
- Jon Mann
- Katherine Pace

## SESSION TWO

The conference reconvened at 8:30am on Wednesday, June 22. Rev. Jerry Lumston presided in the morning session. The chair recognized Rev. Bake Garman who shared his appreciation to the conference for their prayers and support during his battle with cancer.

Rev. James Baker opened the conference session in prayer.

### Roll Call

District Superintendent Lumston recognized the District Secretary to present the Roll Call ballots. The following are the categories and number present:

109 – Ministerial Delegates

120 – Lay Delegates

### Election of DBA – Ministerial – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot

The tellers reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot for the ministerial representatives on the District Board of Administration. There were 245 ballots cast. 123 votes are needed for election. No one received the necessary amount of votes for election.

- 79 - David Albertson
- 74 – Scott Newton
- 49 – Joy Garman
- 11 – David Blackburn
- 10 – Tim Clark
- 10 – Roger Parsons
- 5 – James Matchette
- 2 – Andy Stewart
- 2 – Richard Loman
- 1 – David Emery
- 1 – Kim Fowler
- 1 Illegal Vote

Ballots were cast for the one remaining representative.

### Election of 2012 Nominating Committee

The tellers reported that 251 ballots were cast. A plurality of the top two individuals in each category was needed for election. Those not elected will be asked to serve as alternates in order of the votes they received.

#### Piedmont Zone - Ministerial

- **133 - Richard Loman**
- **111 – Danny Janes**
- 88 – Edwin Luther
- 44 – Joe Harding

#### Piedmont Zone - Lay

- **Jimmie Craver**
- **Gene Green**

(Only two nominee for Piedmont Zone – Lay. They were elected by plurality.)

#### Western Zone - Ministerial

- **146 - Steve Beam**
- **130 – Scott Whitney**
- 114 – Glenn Ward
- 101 – Wayne Spear

#### Western Zone - Lay

- **167 – Jim Beck**
- **117 – Jerry Brantley**
- 110 – Wayne Hawkins
- 94 – Roy Williams

## **Report of the DBMD**

Rev. Todd Reynolds shared the report from the District Board of Ministerial Development. The report was approved by the conference with a motion with support.

## **Organizational Report From The DBMD**

Marsha Flinchum was recognized to present the Organizational Report of the District Board of Ministerial Development. The officers for the coming year are:

- Rev. Todd Reynolds – Chair
- Rev. Tim Smith – Vice-chairman
- Marsha Flinchum – Secretary

## **District Sunday School Report and Awards**

Rev. Eddie Gray was introduced to present the Report of the District Sunday School Director and to recognize the following Sunday School awards:

### **Churches That Earned 500 Points**

- Denver
- Crossroads
- Mt. Hebron
- Peele's Chapel
- Kannapolis / 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bessemer City / 1<sup>st</sup>
- Firestone
- Liberty / Summerfield
- Long Shoals

### **Churches That Excelled In Sunday School and Spiritual Formation**

- Mt. Airy – 15% Gain
- Bethel / Kannapolis – 10% Gain
- Dallas - 8% Gain
- Bethel / Flat Rock - 8% Gain
- Sandy Ridge - 8% Gain

### **Bruce Hopper Award For Excellence In Sunday School**

Two churches tied for the Bruce Hopper Award:

- 1<sup>st</sup> -- Trinity / Forest City
- McAdenville

Rev. Jerry Lumston recognized Rev. David Pittman who addressed the conference. Rev. Pittman shared several outreach events which had taken place at First Wesleyan, Charlotte this past year.

Rev. Raymond Phaup led the conference in the hymn, "And Can It Be", for a time of worship.

## **Denominational Address**

Dr. Tom Armiger was called to bring the Denominational Address. He reported that The Wesleyan Church in North America had the highest weekend average attendance of 204,000. The Wesleyan Church had the largest number of conversions in its history this past year - 63, 745; which was a 14.5% gain. There was an 8% gain in membership. On the average, 73 people find Jesus everyday in the Wesleyan Church.

Dr. Armiger shared about the Hope & Holiness Trust; encouraging each church to participate.

Dr. Armiger presented the **Excellence Awards** to the following churches:

- Bales Memorial – Rev. Carl Pulliam
- Christ Lives – Rev. Jose Minoso
- 1<sup>st</sup> / Bessemer City – Rev. Wes Brown
- Crossroads – Rev. Scott Whitener
- Denver – Rev. Johnny Houser
- Dallas – Rev. Scott Whitney
- Greenwood Hills – Rev. Scott Newton
- McAdenville – Rev. Brian Matherlee
- Mt. Airy – Rev. Richard Loman
- Trinity / Forest City – Rev. Kenneth Addis
- United – Rev. Scott Wheeler

## **Election of DBA – Ministerial – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot**

The tellers reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot for the ministerial representatives on the District Board of Administration. There were 200 ballots cast. 101 votes are needed for election. No one received the necessary amount of votes for election:

- 94 - David Albertson
- 54 - Scott Newton
- 34 - Joy Garman
- 6 - David Blackburn
- 3 - Tim Clark
- 3 - Richard Loman
- 3 - James Matchette
- 1 - Scott Albertson
- 1 - Joe Garman
- 1 - David Newton
- 1 - Andy Stewart

Ballots were cast for the one remaining representative.

## **Evangelism & Church Growth Report**

Rev. Todd Reynolds was recognized to present the Evangelism & Church Growth Report:

- Rev. Reynolds highlighted the leadership seminar led by Rev. Dan Reiland, Executive Pastor – 12 Stone.
- Rev. Reynolds reported that the District now has two “Refocus” Groups. Pastors who are leading their churches through a time of transition from “maintenance” to “missional”.
- The District started a new mission in Shelby.
- The next target area for a church plant is the Charlotte area.
- Jay Depoy, pastor of a new church plant in the downtown Asheville area – the Exodus Church, was introduced to the conference.
- Rev. Nestor Guidino planted a new contemporary Hispanic Church – La Roca, which meets at the New Life Wesleyan Church in Winston Salem.
- Rev. Scott Newton reported that the NC West District has joined with the NC East District to plant a new church in the Walburg area called Connections Church. Rev. Newton and Rev. Ken Klein will be co-pastors of the new church.
- A PowerPoint presentation was shown of the various church plants across district.

The report was received with appreciation by the conference.

## **Election of DBA – Ministerial – 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot**

The tellers reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> ballot for the ministerial representatives on the District Board of Administration. There were 220 ballots cast. 111 votes are needed for election. The final Ministerial representative for the District Board of Administration was elected with the following votes:

- **156 - David Albertson**
- 42 - Scott Newton
- 17 - Joy Garman
- 4 - Richard Loman
- 1 – Tim Clark

## **Report of Appointments**

Upon completion of business, the chair recognized the District Secretary to read the Report of Appointments by the District Board of Administration.

## **Adjournment**

The Thirty-Third Annual Conference of the NC West District adjourned at approximately 10:30am.  
Minutes Submitted By The District Secretary,

Rev. J. Scott Howard,  
District Secretary