

Third Day, July 18, 2008 – Friday Morning Session
Bishop Will Willimon, Birmingham Area, Presiding

9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Agenda Report Committee on Journal Committee on Credentials Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions	Bishop Kenneth Carder
	Plan of Organization and Rules	Dr. Timothy McClendon

Bishop James Swanson, Holston Area, Presiding

Connectional Table (Enabling Motions)	Bishop Lawrence McCleskey
Nominations Committee	Flo Sapp Martin

Bishop Al Gwinn, Raleigh Area, Presiding

Council on Finance and Administration Part 2	
Schools of Theology: Gammon Candler Duke	Dr. Walter McKelvey Dr. Jan Love Dr. L. Gregory Jones

Bishop Richard Wills, Nashville Area, Presiding

2004-2008 Committee on Episcopacy	Joe Whittemore
Katrina Report	Bishop Larry Goodpaster Bishop Hope Morgan Ward
Monitoring Report Announcements Lunch Recess (No Afternoon Session)	

Friday Evening Session
Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, Columbia Area, Presiding

7:30 PM	Evening Prayer	Bishop Woodie White
	Musical Program VOY “Voices of Youth” from the Virginia Conference Junaluska Singers Concert	
	Report of Episcopacy Committee (2004-2008)	Joe Whittemore
9:00 PM	Area Receptions for Newly Assigned Bishops	
9:00 PM	Committee on Episcopacy (2008-2012) Organizational Meeting	Convener: Bishop Gwinn

Fourth Day, July 19, 2008 – Saturday Morning Session

10:00 AM Service of Consecration of Bishops

Liturgist: Bishop Charlene Kammerer
Sermon : Bishop Lawrence McCleskey
Consecrating Bishop: Bishop Lindsey Davis

12:00 Noon College of Bishops Lunch

Daily Minutes

2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

First Day – Wednesday, July 16, 2008 Wednesday Morning Session – 9:00 A.M.

Conference Convenes: The nineteenth session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church convened in the George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on July 16, 2008.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: The conference celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion began at 9:00 A.M. Musical and liturgical leadership was offered by the Reverend Doug Grove-DeJarnett. Bishop Charlene Kammerer offered the meditation and was the celebrant for the Sacrament. Bishops and Conference Lay Leaders were servers. Other worship leaders were: Bishop James R. King, Jr. and the Reverend Roger Dowdy. Kathryn Stephenson served as organist; the Reverend Ashley Calhoun was the visual artist; and Todd Peck provided the worship backdrop. Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson provided special music during the serving of communion. Worship furnishings were created at Hinton Rural Life Center from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, MS.

Formal Opening of Conference for Organization: Bishop Lindsey Davis, from the North Georgia Conference, presided at the opening business session beginning at 10:20 A.M. in the Stuart Auditorium. Bishop James R. King, Jr. offered the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Joetta Rinehart, Conference Secretary, called the roll with the Conference standing in silence to pay respect for the lives and ministries of those Bishops who died since the last session. The chairperson of each delegation certified that the following numbers of delegates were seated: Alabama-West Florida 28; Florida 52; Holston 28; Kentucky 28; Memphis 12; Mississippi 32; North Alabama 28; North Carolina 40; North Georgia 56; Red Bird Missionary 4; South Carolina 40; South Georgia 24; Tennessee 20; Virginia 60; and Western North Carolina 52. The total delegates for the 2008 Conference is 504.

Quorum: Following the roll call, Joetta Rinehart declared that there was a quorum present.

Secretarial Staff: Joetta Rinehart nominated the secretarial staff for the 2008 conference. The following persons were elected: Susan Dolata, Pam Moser, Sofia Adams, Roma Wyatt, Pam Naplen, Susan Yarski, and Tammy McDowell.

Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order: The Reverend Timothy McClendon, from the South Carolina Conference, Committee Chair, presented the report of the Committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The report was approved.

Agenda: Bishop Lindsey Davis presented the agenda for the 2008 Conference. The agenda was approved. Bishop Davis acknowledged the presence of monitors from the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Committee on Arrangements: Rubielee Addison, from the South Carolina Conference, Committee Chair, reported on the work of the Committee on Arrangements. The conference expressed appreciation to the planning group from Lake Junaluska who helped prepare for all the logistical needs for the Jurisdictional Conference. The invitation to meet at Lake Junaluska for the 2012 conference was extended. The report was approved. (See report.)

College of Bishops Nominations: Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, President of the College, presented the nominations on behalf of the College. These nominees were elected. (See report.)

Committee on Episcopacy 2004-2008: Joe Whittemore, from the North Georgia Conference, Chair, presented the initial four reports of the current Committee. The first report sought election of those members of the committee who replaced members since the last Jurisdictional Conference. Approved. The second report recommended the number, election and moving date for Bishops. Approved. The third report recommended the approval of the character of the Bishops. Approved. Report four made recommendations about the funding of the committee's work. Approved. (See reports.)

A Service of Preparation: The Conference moved into a period of preparation for the election of a Bishop. Bishop Larry Goodpaster offered a meditation entitled "Seeking God's Guidance." Bishops Alfred W. Gwinn, Hope Morgan Ward, and Timothy Whitaker were liturgists. Music leadership was offered by the Reverend Doug Grove-DeJarnett and Kathryn Stephenson.

First Ballot: Bishop Lindsey Davis called on Joetta Rinehart to orient the delegates on the balloting process. Balloting began at 11:40.

Lunch Recess: The Conference went into recess for the lunch break.

Wednesday Afternoon Pre-Session – 1:30 P.M.

Gathering: The “Rock Gospel Show Choir” from Woodlake United Methodist Church in the Virginia Conference presented a musical program as the conference reconvened for the afternoon session.

Wednesday Afternoon Session – 2:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Prayer: Bishop Charlene Kammerer, from the Virginia Conference, presided over the afternoon session, and called the session to order. Lyn Powell, North Georgia Conference Lay Leader, opened the session with prayer. The conference sang “Blessed Assurance” led by Robert McMichael.

Personal Privilege: The Reverend Tom Berlin, from the Virginia Conference, asked the Conference to pray for Darlene and Ollie Amon. Mrs. Amon is a long-time delegate who was unable to attend as she is with her husband who is under Hospice care. Bishop Kammerer led the conference in prayer.

The Advance: David Malloy, from the General Board of Global Ministries, led the conference in recognizing the 60th anniversary of The Advance.

Personal Privilege: The Reverend Won Namkoong, from the North Carolina Conference, requested that the conference recognize the spouses and other family members who have supported the Episcopal nominees. Bishop Kammerer asked those family members present to stand. The conference expressed appreciation to these persons, and then she prayed for these persons.

Ballot Results: The results of the first ballot were announced. Ballot results: Number of Ballots cast 504, Valid Ballots 503, Needed to Elect 301. There was no election. Ballot results: Paul Leeland 117; Timothy McClendon 100; Jerald Russell 80; A. Lynn Hill 59; Arnetta Beverly 58; Randy Cooper 36; William McAlilly 29; Kenneth Carter 7; Chin Cho Young 5; Larry Jent 2; Rhonda Van Dyke Colby 2; David McIntyre 1; Denise Honeycutt 1; Jonathan Holston 1; James C. Cantrell 1; Clarence Brown 1; Joe May 1; and Deborah McLeod 1.

Additional Nominees: One person, the Reverend William McAlilly, from the Mississippi Conference, received enough write-in votes on the first ballot to be considered as a new nominee. Rev. McAlilly was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the delegates.

Ballot Two: Instructions for the second ballot were given to the delegates. The second ballot was taken at 2:40 P.M. Bishop Charlene Kammerer offered the prayer.

Teaching Session: In consultation with the Bishops and Conference Lay Leaders, the program committee planned teaching sessions in lieu of the Episcopal Address and the Laity Address. The first teaching session was presented by Dr. Randy Maddox on the topic, “The United Methodist Way—Deep Convictions and Cultural Resistance.”

Ballot Results: The results of the second ballot were announced. Ballot results: Number of Ballots cast 502, Valid Ballots 493, Needed to Elect 296. There was no election. Paul Leeland 146; Timothy McClendon 105; Jerald Russell 73; William McAlilly 54; Arnetta Beverly 47; A. Lynn Hill 36; Randy Cooper 26; Kenneth Carter 5; and Geraldine McClellan 1.

Ballot Three: The third ballot was taken at 3:50 P.M. Bishop Paul Duffey led in prayer.

Connectional Table: The Reverend Jimmy Carr, Executive Director of the Connectional Table, welcomed the conference members to Lake Junaluska. Bishop Lawrence McCleskey, President of the Connectional Table, introduced the report and called on Bishop Larry Goodpaster, who presented the recommendations regarding restructuring. The floor was opened for questions and answers.

Strickland Motion: Daphine Strickland, from the Western North Carolina Conference, moved to amend the proposal by removing SEJANAM from having a direct relationship with the proposed Committee on Coordination and Accountability, and rather that SEJANAM have a relationship with Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees. Debate followed. Amendment prevailed. The conference suspended action on this agenda item due to the Order of the Day.

Standing Committees Organize: The conference recessed to permit the organizational meetings of the Standing Committees. Bishops were assigned to convene these committees and to preside over the election of committee leadership.

Dinner Recess: Delegates who were not assigned to a Standing Committee were dismissed until the evening session. Committee members began their dinner recess when their individual meetings adjourned.

Wednesday Evening Session – 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Prayer: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey, from the Western North Carolina Conference, presided over the evening session. He reconvened the conference at 7:30 P.M. Bishop Joe Pennel offered the opening prayer.

Ballot Results: The results of the third ballot were announced. Ballot results: Number of Ballots cast 503, Valid Ballots 499. Needed for Election 300. There was no election. Results: Paul Leeland 184; Timothy McClendon 111; Jerald Russell 68; William McAlilly 46; Arnetta Beverly 41; Lynn Hill 27; Randy Cooper 19; Kenneth Carter 2; Geraldine McClellan 1.

Ballot Four: Ballot four was taken at 7:40 P.M. Bishop Bob Spain led in prayer.

Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions: Solomon Christian, from the Memphis Conference, presented the report of the Committee. Words of appreciation were extended to many persons who have helped to make the conference possible. Bishop Larry Goodpaster was recognized as being the President-Elect of the Council of Bishops. Two members and alternates to the Judicial Council were recognized.

Council of Bishops Representative: Bishop Richard Wilke made a presentation on behalf of the Council of Bishops.

Episcopal Spouses: Bishop McCleskey introduced the spouses of the Bishops.

Ballot Results: The results of the fourth ballot were announced. Number of Ballots cast 504, Valid Ballots 497, Needed to Elect 299. There was no election. Paul Leeland 211; Timothy McClendon 123; Jerald Russell 55; William McAlilly 33; Arnetta Beverly 29; Lynn Hill 24; Randy Cooper 15; Kenneth Carter 5; Deborah McLeod 1; Geraldine McClellan 1.

Personal Privilege: Randy Cooper asked for a personal privilege to withdraw from the election process.

Ballot Five: Ballot five was taken at 8:20 P.M. Bishop Richard Looney offered prayer.

Teaching Session: A panel consisting of Dr. Lacey Warner, Dr. W. Stephen Gunter, and Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric presented the second teaching session around the theme, "Mission and Evangelism—The United Methodist Way."

Ballot Results: The results of the fifth ballot were announced. Number of Ballots cast 500, Valid Ballots 492, Needed for Election 296. There was no election. Paul Leeland 254; Timothy McClendon 115; Jerald Russell 40; Arnetta Beverly 27; Lynn Hill 26; William McAlilly 26; Kenneth Carter 2; Deborah McLeod 1; Geraldine McClellan 1.

Personal Privilege: The Reverend William McAlilly rose for a moment of personal privilege to withdraw from the election process.

Ballot Six: Ballot six was taken at 9:20 P.M. Bishop Clay Lee offered the prayer.

Evening Recess: The conference adjourned for the evening recess. Standing Committees met as needed to conduct their work.

Second Day – July 17, 2008 Thursday Morning Session – 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order and Prayer: Bishop Larry Goodpaster, from the Alabama-West Florida Conference, presided over the first half of the morning session. He reconvened the conference and called on Bishop Marion Edwards to pray.

Ballot Results: Results from the sixth ballot were announced. Total ballots cast: 498. Valid Ballots 493. Number needed for election 296. With 298 votes, Paul Leeland was elected Bishop. The conference congratulated Bishop-elect and Mrs. Leeland.

Committee on Journal: Anne Travis, from the Holston Conference, reported for the Committee, stating that the Daily Minutes are in order through Wednesday afternoon's session. Report received.

Committee on Credentials: The Reverend David Banks, from the North Carolina Conference, reported for the Committee. All reports received are in order. Additionally, the Committee recommends a referral to the Committee on Organization and Rules suggesting that the committee evaluate whether the administrative committees, especially the Committee on Credentials, are necessary. Report approved.

Committee on Courtesies, Privileges, and Introductions: The Reverend Geraldine McClellan, from the Florida Conference, reported for the Committee. The tellers, pages and musicians were recognized and appreciation offered. Report received.

A Service of Remembrance: Bishop Mike Watson led a service of remembrance paying tribute to the memory of Bishops and Bishop's spouses who died since the last jurisdictional conference. Liturgists were: Bishops James E. Swanson, Sr. and Mary Virginia Taylor. The Reverends Douglas Grove-DeJarnett, Roger Dowdy and Ashley Calhoun offered additional liturgical leadership. Bishops remembered were: Bishop L. Scott Allen, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Bishop Ed Tullis, Bishop Carl Sanders, and Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr. Bishop spouses remembered were: Lois Mae Sheppard Pendergrass, Mary Virginia Head Morris, Mamie Lee Ratliff Finger, Martha Ogburn Goodson, Ada Rose Yow Stokes, and Edith Laney Strawn Knox.

Recess: The conference enjoyed a mid-morning break.

Reconvene: Bishop Mike Watson, from the South Georgia Conference, reconvened the conference following the morning break. Bishop Bevel Jones led in prayer.

Agenda Report: The Reverend Brad Brady, Conference Secretary-Designate, reported on the adjusted agenda reflecting the fact that we will not have any further ballots.

Personal Privileges: Betty Whitehurst, from the Virginia Conference, asked for a personal privilege to recognize the Reverend Nick Elliott, Executive Director of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Reverend Elliott spoke briefly to the conference.

Agenda: The Reverend David Scotts, from the Mississippi Conference, requested that the agenda committee consider rearranging the agenda so that this evening would be a free evening for fellowship and rest.

Courtesies: The Reverend David Banks introduced Erin Hawkins, the General Secretary for the Commission on Religion and Race. Erin Hawkins spoke briefly to the conference on behalf of the General Secretary's Table.

Offering: An offering was given to help defray the costs of attending the Jurisdictional Conference of the non-residential pages who have worked here this week.

SEJ United Methodist Women: Nancy Bearden Hudson, President, offered the report of the United Methodist Women. The report was received. (See report.)

SEJ United Methodist Men: Robert Dowell, President, offered the report of the United Methodist Men. Mr. Dowell presented the John Wesley Award, the highest award presented by the UMM, to Bishop Hope Morgan Ward. Also, the G. Ross Freeman Award was presented to the Reverend William Green from the North Carolina Conference. The report was received. (See report.)

Teaching Session Three: Bishop Kenneth Carder presented the third teaching session on the theme, "Teaching and Preaching—The United Methodist Way."

Announcements: Joetta Rinehart, Secretary, made the announcements.

Lunch Recess: The conference adjourned for the lunch break.

Thursday Afternoon Session – 2:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Prayer: Bishop James King, from the Louisville Area, called the session to order at 2:00 P.M. and presided over the afternoon session. Bishop King offered the afternoon prayer.

Personal Privilege: Joe Whittemore, Chair of the Committee on Episcopacy, took a moment to explain the timetable the committee will be following as they complete their work in preparation for announcing the assignments of Bishops for the next quadrennium.

Connectional Table: The proposal to restructure the Jurisdiction was taken off the table from the previous afternoon. Bishop McCleskey placed the report before the Conference for consideration and action. Questions for clarification were received. Several motions were made to amend the proposal, but those motions were not sustained by the Conference. The proposal was approved (as amended on the previous day).

SEJ Young People: Benji Spivey, President, presented the report of the Jurisdictional Young People's organization. The report was received. (See report.)

Young Adult Message: Phoebe Hathorn, from the Mississippi Conference, presented the first-ever young adult message at the Jurisdictional Conference. She was assisted by several other young adults. The report was received. (See report.)

Request: Kelsey Taylor, from the South Carolina Conference, requested that a room be set aside at future Jurisdictional Conferences for young people who are delegates to meet and have fellowship.

United Methodist Leadership Scholars: Dr. Tommy Yow and Dr. Chuck Ambrose gave an update on the Scholarship program that was launched at last quadrennium's Jurisdictional Conference.

Afternoon Break: The conference recessed.

Reconvene: Bishop Timothy Whitaker, from the Florida Annual Conference, presided for the last-half of the afternoon session.

Recognition of Retiring Bishop: Bishop James King led the conference in honoring Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey on his retirement. The Reverend Fred A. Stith III, a retired clergy member of the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke about the McCleskey's ministry. Delegates and guests showed their appreciation for the ministry of Bishop McCleskey. Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey responded to the conference.

Emory University: Bishop Lindsey Davis introduced the report of Emory University by inviting members to see a video that shared some of the scope of Emory's global impact. Ben Johnson, Chair of the Emory University Trustees, presented a report to the Jurisdictional Conference. The report was received.

Council of Bishops: Bishop Woodie White spoke briefly to the conference on behalf of the Council of Bishops.

Monitoring Report: Lawrence Johnson and Dawn Yelverton representing the General Commission on Religion and Race and General Commission on Status and Role of Women offered a monitoring report.

Recess: The conference recessed for dinner.

Thursday Evening Session – 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, from the Mississippi Conference, presided over the evening session. Bishop Jack Meadors led the conference in prayer.

Council on Finance and Administration: Bishop Lindsey Davis began the report by nominating Raúl B. Alegría as Treasurer. Mr. Alegría was elected for another quadrennial term. Mr. Alegría presented the budget for the next quadrennium. Several financial recommendations were offered: the 2008-2012 budget, apportionment method, and the continuation of the SEJ Special Asking for the Dam Restoration and Lake Junaluska. (See reports.) Hank Huckaby, Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, stated that their committee concurs with the budget recommendation and the apportionment method. A motion by Kathy FitzJefferies, from the Western North Carolina Conference, to amend the budget was debated, but was not sustained by the Conference.

Tabled: The Council on Finance and Administration report was tabled due to the Order of the Day.

Teaching Session: Dr. Tom Albin and Dr. Steven Manskar presented the fourth teaching session entitled, "Practicing the Means of Grace—Resources."

Evening Recess: The conference adjourned for evening recess.

Third Day – July 18, 2008 Friday Morning Session – 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order: Bishop William Willimon, from the North Alabama Conference, presided over the morning session. Bishop Kenneth Carder offered the morning prayer.

Agenda Report: The Reverend Brad Brady presented a proposed agenda for the day. The agenda was received by the conference as the plan for the day.

Holt Motion: Gloria Holt, from the North Alabama Conference, moved that the Jurisdictional Conference instruct the Committee on Arrangements, the Planning Team, and any other Committee involved in the planning of Jurisdictional Conference to consider

reducing the number of days that the Jurisdictional Conference meets beginning with the 2012 Jurisdictional Conference; and that the per diem be adjusted to cover the actual expenses of lodging and meals using the rates charged at the Terrace and Lambuth Hotels. The motion passed.

Committee on Journal: Anne Travis, Chairperson, reported on the review of the Daily Minutes. The minutes are in order. The report was received.

Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions: Solomon Christian reported for the committee. The Committee recognized many persons involved with the hosting of Jurisdictional Conference. Additionally, the Committee invited the delegates and guests to express appreciation to Joetta Rinehart, who has served as Jurisdictional Secretary for four sessions of the Conference. Mrs. Rinehart was presented with a rocking chair as a token of appreciation.

Rules: The Reverend Tim McClendon, Chair, presented amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules based on action previously taken at the Conference. The rule changes were approved.

Presiding Officer: Bishop James Swanson, from the Holston Conference, became the presiding officer.

Personal Privilege: Mary Alice Massey, from the Florida Conference, requested that some adjustment in temperature be made to the room.

Enabling Motions and Articles of Incorporation: Bishop McCleskey presented the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation based on the new structure previously approved. The conference approved the recommendations. Bishop McCleskey presented the following enabling motion: "The Executive Committee of Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council is empowered to carry out and perform any duties required to transition into Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Directors and the Committee on Coordination and Accountability until August 31, 2008, and Bishop Lawrence McCleskey, the President of the SEJAC, shall convene the newly elected members of the Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Directors in order for it to organize by August 31, 2008." The motion was adopted.

Nominations: Flo Sapp Martin, from the South Georgia Conference, Chair of the Nominations Committee, offered the report of the committee. Several questions were asked of the Committee. The reports were received and persons were elected. In the reports, the Committee moved that each agency provide to the SEJ Committee and Coordination and Accountability more complete information about the gender, ethnicity, and clergy/lay status of their directors as well as their goals for racial and gender inclusivity. (See reports.)

Presiding Officer: Bishop Al Gwinn, from the North Carolina Conference, became the presiding officer.

Council on Finance and Administration: The report of the Council on Finance and Administration was removed from the Table. Tim Reeves' motion was brought back up for consideration. After debate, the motion did not prevail. Beth Morris, from the Tennessee Conference, made a motion that was debated, but not sustained. The budget for 2009-2012 was approved (see Recommendation 1). Steve Hodges, from the Holston Conference, made a motion that "each Annual Conference in the Jurisdictional Conference shall be encouraged, through initiating conference Advance Specials or similar provisions, to establish within the next year channels through which congregations and individuals can voluntarily provide financial support to each of the agencies, groups and organizations whose funding through Jurisdictional channels is being decreased or eliminated." The Council on Finance and Administration accepted this as a friendly amendment. The body accepted the motion. The Committee recommended that \$8,870,315 be apportioned. The Conference approved this amount (see Recommendation 2). The conference adopted the recommendation of the CFA Standing Committee that the Dam Restoration and Lake Junaluska Asking be based on fifty-cents per member. The Reverend Debbie McLeod, from the Florida Conference, made a motion to amend this proposal, but it was not sustained. This Asking was approved as recommended by the CFA Standing Committee (see Recommendation 3). A resolution regarding capital debt of Lake Junaluska and any current or any future debt of any of the Jurisdiction's agencies or ongoing groups was adopted (see Recommendation 4). Finally, CFA recommended that the contingency fund be capped at \$300,000 (see Recommendation 5). The entire report of the Council on Finance and Administration was adopted.

Schools of Theology: Representatives from three Schools of Theology reported to the Conference. Dr. Walter McKelvey represented Gammon. Dr. Jan Love reported for Candler. Dr. L. Gregory Jones represented Duke.

Presiding Officer: Bishop Richard Wills, from the Nashville Area, became the presiding officer.

Committee on Episcopacy: Joe Whittemore reported on behalf of the committee. Appreciation was expressed to those members of the Episcopacy Committee who coordinated the pre-election process. The Conference also thanked those nominees who offered themselves to service in the Church. Mr. Whittemore noted that every nominee and conference lived by the pre-election covenant.

Three reports were offered. First, the quadrennial report was received as published in the DCA. The Reverend Robert Frazier was elected to the Committee replacing Paul Leeland, who was elected a Bishop. This was approved. The final report moved the election of the 2008-2012 Committee on Episcopacy. This committee was elected.

Katrina Report: Bishop Larry Goodpaster, from the Alabama-West Florida Conference, and Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, from the Mississippi Conference, updated the conference on the status of recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina. A video presentation was offered. Personal testimonies were offered. Appreciation of the support and assistance given was expressed. Elizabeth Cumbest, a young adult delegate from the Mississippi Conference, sang a song as testimony to God's work through the storm recovery.

Personal Privilege: James Salley, from the South Carolina Conference, asked for a moment of personal privilege to update the conference on the activities of Africa University and the status of Zimbabwe.

Monitoring Report: Louise Adams and Lawrence Johnson offered the report of the monitoring groups. (See reports.)

Announcements: Joetta Rinehart made several announcements.

Recess: The Conference recessed until 7:30 p.m.

Friday Evening Session – 7:30 P.M.

Evening Session: Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, from the South Carolina Conference, presided over the evening session. Bishop Woodie White offered the prayer.

Evening Program: Voices of Youth, a youth choir from the Virginia Conference, and the Junaluska Singers presented an evening program of music.

Committee on Episcopacy: Joe Whittemore, Chair, presented the final reports of the 2004-2008 Committee on Episcopacy. First, the conference voted approval to suspend the rules to allow a business item requiring twenty-four hour notice to be considered. Second, the conference approved the recommendation to allow for a third quadrennium assignment for Timothy W. Whitaker to the Florida Area. Third, the conference approved the Episcopal assignments for the next quadrennium as proposed by the Committee: Alabama-West Florida Area – Paul L. Leeland; Birmingham Area – William H. Willimon; Charlotte Area – Larry M. Goodpaster; Columbia Area – Mary Virginia Taylor; Florida Area – Timothy W. Whitaker; Holston Area – James E. Swanson, Sr.; Lexington Area – G. Lindsey Davis; Mississippi Area – Hope Morgan Ward; Nashville Area – Richard J. Wills, Jr.; North Georgia Area – B. Michael Watson; Raleigh Area – Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.; Richmond Area – Charlene P. Kammerer; and South Georgia Area – James R. King, Jr..

Adjournment: Bishop Taylor pronounced the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference adjourned and offered a benediction.

A Service of Consecration Saturday, July 19, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference consecrated Paul L. Leeland as a Bishop in the Church in a worship service beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Stuart Auditorium. Bishop Lawrence McCleskey preached. Bishop G. Lindsey Davis was the consecrating bishop assisted by Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer. Other worship leaders included: Bishop Woodie White, Charlotte Hathorn, Won S. Namkoong, Tiffania Willets, the Reverend Douglas Grove-DeJarnett, Dr. David Runner, Robert McMichael, Jarvis Wilson, the Reverend Ashley Calhoun, and the Reverend Becky Stephens.

Presiding Officers 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Morning Session

Lindsey Davis

Afternoon Session

Charlene Hammer

Evening Session

J. Lawrence M. Cleckley

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Morning Session

Layla H. Goodwin

Afternoon Session

B. Michael Watson

Janet H. King

Evening Session

Timothy W. Whitaker

Hape Morgan Ward

Friday, July 18, 2008

Morning Session

L. W. Wiley

James H. Drummond Sr.

H. Brown

David J. Wiley Jr.

Evening Session

May Virginia Taylor

Lindsey Davis

Senior Bishop, College of Bishops

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Conference Secretary

Ballot Summaries

2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Ballot	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Valid Ballots	503	493	503	504	500	493	
Needed to Elect	301	296	299	299	296	296	
Leeland, Paul	117	146	184	211	254	298	Elected
McClendon, Tim	100	105	111	123	115	98	
Russell, Jerald	80	73	68	55	40	31	
Hill, A. Lynn	59	36	27	24	26	30	
Beverly, Arnetta	58	47	41	29	27	32	
Cooper, Randy	36	26	19	15	W	1	
McAlilly, William	29	54	46	33	26	W	
Carter, Kenneth	7	5	2	5	2		
Cho, Young Jin	5					1	
Jent, Larry	2						
Colby, Rhonda VanDyke	2						
McIntyre, David	1						
Honeycutt, Denise	1						
Holston, Jonathan	1						
Cantrell, James C.	1						
Brown, Clarence	1						
May, Joe	1						
McLeod, Debbie	1			1	1	1	
McClellan, Geraldine	1	1	1	1	1		
Howell, James						1	