

*The United Methodist Church  
Southeastern  
Jurisdictional Conference*



*Consecration  
of Bishops*

*Friday, July 20, 2012  
10:00 a.m.*

# *The Order for the Consecration of Bishops*

## **Entrance and Praise**

### **Prelude Music**

*All who are able may stand for opening hymn.*

### **\*Processional Hymn No. 100**

LAUDA ANIMA

*“God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’re Us”*

Text by Bishop William Boyd Grove, 1980

### **\*Greeting and Prayer**

Bishop Lindsey Davis

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**The Creator of heaven and earth.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, by your Son Jesus Christ and the  
Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many  
excellent gifts.**

**Give your grace to all servants of your church,  
that we may with diligence and faithfulness  
fulfill our various ministries.**

**Grant that we your people may follow where you  
Lead and live in joyful obedience to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Those who are standing may be seated.*



## Presentation

*Sponsoring Elders will present each Bishop-elect for consecration.*

Bishops Davis and Kammerer,  
we present to you, *full name of the Bishop-elect*,  
an elder in the church,  
to be consecrated a bishop in the church of Jesus Christ.

*Bishop Davis addresses the congregation:*

People of God,  
These persons are, by God's grace,  
to be consecrated bishops in the church.  
They have been duly elected to this ministry.

We ask you to declare your assent.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,  
to be consecrated bishops?

**We do! Thanks be to God!**

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

**With God's help, we will!**



## Salutation and Prayer

**Prayer for the Bishops-elect**

Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer

The Scriptures tell us  
that our Savior Jesus Christ spent the whole night in  
prayer before he chose and sent forth the twelve  
apostles.

The apostles also prayed before they appointed Matthias  
to be one of their number.

Let us offer our prayers to almighty God  
before these persons are consecrated for their work  
to which the Holy Spirit has called them.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*All pray in silence for the Bishops-elect.*

*The Presiding Bishop continues.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things,  
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed a diversity of ministries in  
your church.

Look in mercy upon these your servants now to be set apart  
for the ministry of a bishop;  
so replenish them with holiness of life,  
and fill them with the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that by word and by deed, they may serve you faithfully and joyously,  
to the glory of your name and the building up of your church;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord and our Savior. **Amen.**

*All are seated until the reading of the Gospel.*



## Proclamation and Response

### Singing

Taize, Jacques Berthier  
FWS 2195

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

### Scripture Readings

*Joshua 1:1-9* Emily Innes  
*II Timothy 2: 22-3:17* Joseph E. Heyward  
*\* John 2: 13-21* Rev. Julie Hager Love

### \*Singing

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### Sermon

*A Huge Urgency Around a Huge Opportunity*  
Bishop Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.

### \*The Apostles' Creed

Bishop Ben Chamness  
*Representative of Council of Bishops*

Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



\*Hymn No. 550

to the tune: SAVANNAH [385]

*"Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Charles Wesley, 1740

## Examination

*Bishop Davis addresses the Bishops-elect.*

My sisters and brothers in Christ,  
you are to be consecrated bishops in the church of God.

All Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of reconciling love.

All baptized Christians are called to share this ministry in the world  
to the glory of God and for the redemption of the human family.

From among the baptized, some are called by God and set apart by the  
church

to serve God's people as commissioned ministers, diaconal ministers,  
deaconesses, home missionaries, local pastors, deacons, elders, and  
bishops.

You have been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament;  
you are now called, as a bishop in the church,  
to reaffirm the vows made at your ordination as an elder,  
and to represent Christ's servanthood in a special ministry of  
oversight.

You are called to guard the faith, to seek the unity,  
and to exercise the discipline of the whole church;  
and to supervise and support the church's life, work,  
and mission throughout the world.

As a servant of the whole church,  
you are called to preach and teach  
the truth of the gospel to all God's people;  
to lead the people in worship,  
in the celebration of the Sacraments,  
and in their mission of witness and service in the world,  
and so participate in the gospel command  
to make disciples of all nations.

As a bishop and pastor,  
you are to lead and guide all persons entrusted to your oversight;  
join in the consecration of bishops, ordain deacons and elders,  
consecrate diaconal ministers, and commission other ministers  
for service to the church and to the world;  
and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament  
in the congregations committed to your care.



Your joy will be to follow Jesus the Christ  
who came not to be served but to serve.

Will you accept the call to this ministry as a bishop  
and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

***I will, by the grace of God.***

Will you guard the faith, order, liturgy, doctrine,  
and discipline of the Church  
against all that is contrary to God's Word?

***I will, for the love of God.***

As a bishop and pastor, will you,  
in cooperation with diaconal ministers, commissioned ministers,  
deaconesses, home missionaries, local pastors, deacons and elders,  
encourage and support all baptized people  
in their gifts and ministries,  
pray for them without ceasing,  
proclaim and interpret to them the gospel of Christ,  
and celebrate with them the Sacraments of our redemption?

***I will, in the name of Christ,  
the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.***

Will you share with other bishops  
in the supervision of the whole church;  
support the elders and take counsel with them;  
guide and strengthen the commissioned ministers,  
diaconal ministers, deacons, deaconesses, home missionaries,  
local pastors, and all others who minister in the church;  
and ordain, consecrate, and send others to minister in Christ's name?

***All this I will do, by the grace given me.***

May the God  
who has give you the will to do these things  
give you grace to perform them,  
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.  
**Amen.**



## Laying on of Hands and Prayer

*The Bishops-elect kneel.*

*The Presiding Bishops extend hands over the Bishops-elect.*

*Bishop Kammerer*

As these persons are consecrated bishop in the church,  
let us invoke the Holy Spirit on *her/his* behalf and pray for *her/him*  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
giver of mercies and source of all comfort,  
dwelling on high but having regard for the lowly,  
knowing all things before they come to pass:

We give you thanks that, from the beginning,  
you have gathered and prepared a people  
to be heirs of the covenant of Abraham and Sarah,  
and have raised up prophets, rulers, and priests,  
never leaving your temple without a ministry.

We praise you also that from the creation  
you have graciously accepted the service  
of those whom you have chosen.

*The Bishops join in laying hands on each Bishop-elect one at a time.*

Almighty God,  
pour upon (*name of the bishop-elect*) the Holy Spirit,  
for the ministry of bishop in Christ's holy church. **Amen.**

*Bishop Kammerer will pray over all the new bishops.*

Almighty God,  
fill the hearts of these your servants,  
whom you have chosen to be bishops,  
with such love of you and of all people  
that they may feed and tend the flock of Christ,  
serve in the ministry of reconciliation,  
and supervise and support the life and work of the church.

In all things may they present before you  
the acceptable offerings of a pure, gentle, and holy life;  
through Jesus Christ your servant,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and power and glory,  
now and forever. **Amen.**



*The new bishops remain kneeling.  
A Bible is presented to each new Bishop.*

*(First name) receive the Holy Scriptures.  
Feed the flock of Christ,  
defend them in Christ's truth,  
and be a faithful steward of Christ's Word and Sacraments.*

*Bishop Kammerer continues.*

Reflect upon the contents of this Book.  
Give attention to reading, exhortation, and teaching.

Be to the people of God  
a prophetic voice and a courageous leader.  
Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd;  
support the weak, heal the sick,  
bind up the broken, restore the outcast,  
seek the lost, relieve the oppressed.  
Faithfully administer discipline,  
but do not forget mercy,  
that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear  
you may receive the never-fading crown of glory. **Amen.**

*Presiding Bishops place a stole upon the new bishop while he/she is kneeling.  
The other Bishops come in order to lay hands  
upon the new Bishop and to share a special moment and prayer.*

## **The Presentation**

*Bishops Davis and Kammerer present the newly consecrated Bishops  
who are welcomed by the congregation.*



## Sending Forth

### Prayer

Bishop Kammerer

Let us pray.

We thank you, gracious Lord,  
for raising up among us  
your faithful servants who have been consecrated this day  
for the ministry of a bishop.

We pray that each may be an example  
of the new life in Christ in words and actions,  
in love and patience, and in holiness of life.

Grant that we, with them, may glorify you  
by giving ourselves to others;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The newly consecrated Bishops offer the Blessing in unison.*

### Blessing

The New Bishops

Go in peace  
to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**We are sent in Christ's name.**

**Thanks be to God!**

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you always. **Amen.**

*Spouses of newly consecrated Bishops are invited  
to come on stage during singing of hymn.*

**\*Hymn No. 582**

to the tune: WAREHAM [258]

*Whom Shall I Send?*

Isaiah 6:8

### Organ Voluntary

*\*Indicates those who are able may stand.*



## ***Worship Leaders***

### *Presiding Bishops:*

*Bishop Lindsey Davis  
Louisville Area*

*Bishop Charlene Payne Kammerer  
Richmond Area*

### Representing the Council of Bishops

*Bishop Ben Chamness  
South Central Jurisdiction  
Nashville Area, Interim*

### Preacher

*Bishop Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.  
Raleigh Area*

### Readers

*Emily Innes  
North Carolina*

*Dr. Joseph E. Heyward  
South Carolina*

*Rev. Julie Hager Love  
Kentucky*

### *Assisting Deacon for Bishops Davis and Kammerer*

*Rev. Roger Dowdy  
Virginia Conference*

### Musicians

*Dr. Melodie Galloway  
Director; Lake  
Junaluska Singers*

*Robert McMichael  
Jarvis Wilson  
Atlanta, GA*

*Beverly McAlilly  
Tupelo, MS*

*Visual Artist - Rev. Ashley Calhoun  
Lake Junaluska, NC*

*Acolyte & Crucifer  
SEJ Youth*

### Worship Assistants

*Rev. Judy Jolly  
North Carolina*

*Rev. Susan Leonard Ray  
South Carolina*

*Taylor Driskill  
North Georgia*



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