

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

The Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Saturday, June 13, 2015 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Michelle Campbell will provide sign language for this service.

Note: All hymns and responsive readings will be projected on the screens.

* You are invited to stand.

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION OF CLERGY - 12:45 p.m.

ANTHEM

“A Jubilant Song”

Chi Rho Singers
Words and Music: Lantz/Boersma

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

The United Methodist Hymnal, p.155
Words: Edward Perronet
Music: James Ellor

* GREETING AND PRAYER

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park
Resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray together:

All: Eternal God, by 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, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

* RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMON MINISTRY

Bishop: Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God.

Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ’s body, made visible in the world.

We all share in Christ’s ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, I call upon all God’s people gathered here: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

Examination and Prayer

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED OR ORDAINED

Mr. John Konieczny, Conference Lay Leader
Rev. Charles Sprenkle, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry
Rev. Jane Pykus, Elder Registrar
Rev. Karen McCachren, Deacon Registrar

(The bishop addresses the congregation)

Bishop: We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to the commissioning or ordination of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God’s grace, to be commissioned or ordained?

All: We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

All: With God’s help, we will!

* HYMN

“Spirit Song”

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 347
Words and Music: John Wimber

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Proclaiming the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-7
Rev. Dr. Charles Salisbury

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10
Rev. Karen McCachren

* HYMN

“He is Lord”

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 177
Words: Philippians 2:9-11
Music: Trad.; arr. by Tom Fettke

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP NEIL L. IRONS

CELTIC PRAYER

**All: Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

THE SERMON

“Called to Follow, Called to Find”

Bishop Neil L. Irons

Commissioning

THE EXAMINATION OF PERSONS BEING COMMISSIONED

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

You are invited to stand as a prayerful presence during the commissioning of someone special to you.

ANTHEM

“Instrument of Grace”

Chi Rho Singers
Words and Music: Martin

Ordination

EXAMINATION OF THE ELDERS

PRAYER FOR THE ELDERS WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

You are invited to stand as a prayerful presence during the ordination of someone special to you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop: Let us pray together:

All: We thank you, gracious God, for raising up among us faithful servants. Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others. Amen.

Giving to the Lord

INTRODUCTION TO THE TIME OF GIVING

GIVING OUR COMMITMENTS TO SERVICE

Those sensing a call to Christian service are invited to gather at the cross to the right of the stage for prayer.

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO “BISHOP’S PARTNERS IN MISSION”

You are invited to place your gift in one of the baskets provided.

*HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 593
Words and Music: Dan Schutte

“Marching in the Light of God”

Music: Traditional South Africa

“This Little Light of Mine”

Music: Traditional
Mr. Matthew Wensel

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending Forth

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.
Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

All: We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

*** THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 577

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick

Music: John Hughes

*** GOING FORTH**

*** POSTLUDE**

COMMISSIONING / PROVISIONAL DEACON MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATE

Ruth L. Myers was born in Red Lion, Pa. She is married to Luke and is the mother of Josie. She graduated from Red Lion High School, William and Mary College, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Duke School of Nursing, and Duke Divinity School. Ruth was recommended by St. Paul's UMC, Red Lion, York District. She is currently serving at Central UMC, Hampton, Va., and as a family nurse practitioner.

COMMISSIONING / PROVISIONAL ELDER MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Miguel H. Arenas-Herrera was born in Curanilahue, Chile. He graduated from Mercedes Fritis Mackenney High School, Universidad de Concepcion, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Miguel was first recommended by the Methodist Church of Chile and in the Susquehanna Conference, Christ UMC, Waynesboro, York District. He currently serves Oakville/Big Spring Charge, Harrisburg District.

Ronald E. Baker was born in Baltimore, Md. He is married to Naomi. He graduated from Brooklyn Park High School, Towson State University, Capital University, and Moravian Theological Seminary. Ronald was recommended by Dorranceton UMC, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District, and is currently serving Bald Eagle Valley Community UMC, State College District.

Mindi E. Ferguson was born in Altoona, Pa. She graduated from Altoona Area High School, Messiah College, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Mindi was recommended by Second Avenue UMC, Altoona, and is currently serving First UMC, Huntingdon, Altoona District.

Richard P. Hanlon Jr. was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is married to Erin. He graduated from Carrick High School, Penn State University, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Richard was recommended by First UMC, Hollidaysburg, Altoona District, and is currently serving Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rachel E. Keller was born in Emigsville, Pa. She graduated from Cedar Cliff High School, Eastern University, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Rachel was recommended by Camp Hill UMC, Harrisburg District, and has recently completed a seminary internship placement at Mount Vernon Place UMC, Greater Washington District.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS' ORDERS / FULL MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Terence J. Brosius was born in Harrisburg, Pa. He is married to Caren and is the father of Grace and Scott. He graduated from Halifax Area High School, Lancaster Bible College, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Terence was recommended by First UMC, Chambersburg, York District, and is currently serving Port Royal/Matamoras Charge, State College District.

L. Jean Felty was born in Harrisburg, Pa. She is married to John and is the mother of John Jr. and James. She graduated from Middletown Area High School, Lebanon Valley College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. Jean was recommended by Paxton UMC, Harrisburg District, and is currently serving New Bloomfield Extended Charge, Harrisburg District.

Janice (Jan) F. Hughes was born in Altoona, Pa. She is the wife of Kevin and is the mother of Heather and Matt. She graduated from Central Bucks West Doylestown High School, Millersville University, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Jan was recommended by Messiah UMC, Shippensburg, Harrisburg District, and is currently serving Middlesex UMC, Carlisle, Harrisburg District.

Stephen P. Salisbury was born in Coudersport, Pa. He is married to Heather and is the father of Johanna and Bianca. He graduated from Red Lion Senior High School, Lebanon Valley College, and Duke Divinity School. Stephen is recommended by Bethany UMC, Red Lion, York District, and is currently serving Newburg UMC, Harrisburg District.

Elizabeth R. Taylor was born in Montgomery, Pa. She is married to Andrew and is the mother of Isaac and Hannah (coming in July). She graduated from Montgomery Area High School, Mansfield University, and Drew Theological School. Elizabeth is recommended by St. John's UMC, Elimsport, Lewisburg District, and is currently serving Mifflinburg UMC, Lewisburg District.



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