

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

The Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Saturday, June 11, 2016 1:00 p.m.

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. Mr. Matthew Wensel, Organ
Mr. Chris McKee, Trumpet

ANTHEM *“A Spiritual Psalm”*
Chi Rho Singers
Words: Jeremy Jones
Music: arr. by Benjamin Harlan

*** 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

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 address 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!

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Proclaiming the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 1:1-9
Ms. Andra Haverstock

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 5:1-11
Rev. Samuel Velez-Irizarry

*** HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*
The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 577
Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick
Music: John Hughes

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP ERNEST S. LYGHT

THE SERMON *“A Revolutionary Ministry”* Bishop Ernest S. Lyght

Commissioning

THE EXAMINATION OF PERSONS BEING COMMISSIONED

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS
Please pray in silence for these individuals while they are being commissioned.

ANTHEM *“This is My Word”*
Chi Rho Singers
Words and Music: Choplin

Ordination

EXAMINATION OF A DEACON

PRAYER FOR A DEACON WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS
Please pray in silence for this individual while she is being ordained.

EXAMINATION OF THE ELDERS

PRAYER FOR THE ELDERS WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS
Please pray in silence for these individuals while they are being ordained.

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 Dr. Dilip Abayasekara

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO “BISHOP’S PARTNERS IN MISSION”
Ushers will invite you to come foreward to place your gifts
in one of the baskets provided.

*** HYMNS** *“Marching in the Light of God”*
Music: Traditional South Africa

“This Little Light of Mine”
Music: Traditional
Mr. Matthew Wensel

“Marching to Zion”
The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 733
Words: Isaac Watts, refrain by Robert Lowery
Music: Robert Lowery

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALTAR CALL

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.

“Here I Am, Lord”
The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 593
Words and Music: Dan Schutte

*** PRAYER**

Sending Forth

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you 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 HYMNS**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

*The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 569
Words and Music: H. Ernest Nichol*

"Go, Make of All Disciples"

*The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 571
Words: Leon M. Adkins
Music: Henry T. Smart*

***POSTLUDE**

COMMISSIONING / PROVISIONAL DEACON MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Dilip R. Abayasekara was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is married to Sharon and is the father of Allison and Alex. He graduated from Royal College, Colombo, Palm Beach Junior College, University of Florida, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Dilip was recommended by Camp Hill UMC, Harrisburg District, and upon change of membership, by Middlesex UMC in the Harrisburg District. He is currently serving Middlesex UMC, Carlisle, Harrisburg District, and is Field Coordinator for Bishop's Partners in Mission.

COMMISSIONING / PROVISIONAL ELDER MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Audrey M. Brosious was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. She is married to Larry and is the mother of Amanda, Brian, and Kristen. She graduated from Line Mountain High School, Luzerne County Community College, Bloomsburg University, Evangelical Seminary, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Audrey was recommended by Mifflinville UMC, Lewisburg District. She is currently serving Good Shepherd/Buckhorn Charge, Bloomsburg, Lewisburg District.

Joshua W. Davinsizer was born in Bellwood, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Bellwood-Antis High School, Lycoming College, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Joshua was recommended by Calvary UMC, Bellwood, Altoona District. He is currently serving New Creation Christian Parish, Troy, Williamsport District.

Jonathan D. Morningstar was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He is married to Amanda and is the father of Dietrich. He graduated from Indian Valley High School, Messiah College, and Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Jonathan was recommended by Rhodes Memorial UMC, Lewistown, State College District. He is currently serving Breezewood Charge in Breezewood, Altoona District.

Timothy R. Parker was born in State College, Pennsylvania. He is married to Brittany. He graduated from Hershey High School, Geneva College, and The Methodist Theological School of Ohio. Tim was recommended by Halifax UMC, Harrisburg District. He is currently serving Mainesburg UMC and Roseville UMC, Williamsport District.

Stephanie P. Rupert was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is married to Victor. She graduated from James Buchanan High School, Messiah College, and Wesley Theological Seminary. She was recommended by First UMC, Mercersburg, York District. She is currently serving Aldersgate UMC, Mifflintown, State College District.

Rebecca L. Harmon Torres was raised in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Central Columbia High School, Millersville University, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Rebecca was recommended by Ridge Street UMC, Lewisburg District. She is currently serving Christ Community United Methodist, Altoona District.

ORDINATION/DEACONS' AND ELDERS' ORDERS / FULL MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Deacons' Orders

Megan C. Burd-Harris was born in Fort Gordon, Georgia. She is married to Andrew Burd-Harris. She graduated from Danville Area High School, Colby College, Boston University School of Theology, and Wesley Theological Seminary. She was recommended for candidacy by Young's UMC, Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg District. Megan currently serves as a chaplain at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Elders' Orders

Janet L. Durrwachter was born in Schenectady, New York. She is married to Ken and is the mother of Eric, Carrie, and Scott. She graduated from Shenendehowa High School, Albright College, Cornell University, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Janet was recommended by, and is currently serving, First UMC Williamsport, in the Williamsport District.

Brent A. Stouffer was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is married to Sarah and is father to Jake and Emma Jo. Brent graduated from Northern York High School, Westminster College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was recommended by First UMC, Hanover, York District, and currently serves Clarks Green UMC, Clarks Green, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District.



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