

Better Together ... Make Us One

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

The Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Saturday, May 6, 2017 1:30 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 - 1:15 p.m.

ANTHEM

“A Joyous Call to Praise”

Chi Rho Singers

Pethel/based on words by Charles Wesley

* 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. Suzanne Elliot, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Julia Piper, 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

Exodus 15:19-21

Rev. Dr. Paul Amara

* HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 577

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick

Music: John Hughes

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP CYNTHIA MOORE-KOIKOI

THE SERMON

“Don’t Stop Singing”

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

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

“We are Called”

Chi Rho Singers

Haas / arr. Hayes

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

Bishop Park and

Dr. Dilip Abayasekara

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

Ushers will invite you to come forward 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*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 156
Words: Katherine Hankey
Music: William Fischer*

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

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

***POSTLUDE**

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

Deacons’ Orders

Karen L. Weiss was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania. She is married to Patrick Weiss. Karen graduated from North Penn High School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and received her degree in Environmental Systems Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. She attended Evangelical Seminary for her Master’s degree. Karen is recommended by St. Paul’s UMC, State College, and serves beyond the church at Waterworks Ministries, State College District.

Elders’ Orders

Miguel H. Arenas was born in Curanilahue, Chile, South America. He recently married Pamela, and is the father of Francisca. He graduated from Mercedes Fritis Mackenney High School, Copiapó, Chile, and is a graduate of Concepcion University, Chile, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Miguel is recommended by Christ UMC, Waynesboro, York District, and currently serves Fourth UMC, York, York District.

Mindi E. Ferguson was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania. She is engaged to Jason Gochnaur. Mindi graduated from Altoona Area High School, Altoona, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Messiah College and Wesley Theological Seminary. Mindi is recommended by Second Avenue UMC, and currently serves First UMC, Huntingdon, Altoona District.

Christopher R. Nauta grew up in Warren Center, Pennsylvania. He is married to Becky and is father to Daniel and Timothy. Christopher graduated from Northeast Bradford Junior/Senior High School, Rome, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Lock Haven University and Wesley Theological Seminary. Christopher is recommended by Glen Burnie UMC, Glen Burnie, Maryland, and currently serves Sugar Creek Parish, Williamsport District.

Jane L. O’Borski was born in West Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. She is married to William A. Cottle and is the step-mother of Josiah B. Cottle. Jane graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, Wilkes University, and Drew Theological School. Jane is recommended by the former First UMC, West Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre District, and currently serves Hughesville Charge, Williamsport District.

Brent T. Salsgiver was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is married to Elizabeth and is the father of Mason. Brent graduated from Bloomsburg High School, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and Wesley Theological Seminary. He is recommended by Aldersgate UMC, Harrisburg District, and currently serves Paxton UMC, Harrisburg District.

Rachel Elizabeth Keller Wong was born in Emigsville, Pennsylvania. She is married to Richard Wong. Rachel graduated from Cedar Cliff High School, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Eastern University and Wesley Theological Seminary. Rachel is recommended by Camp Hill UMC, Harrisburg District, and currently serves Park Avenue UMC, Chambersburg, York District.

COMMISSIONING / PROVISIONAL ELDER MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Denise M. Haskins was born in Newport News, Virginia. Denise graduated from Newport High School, Newport, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University (University Park) and Wesley Theological Seminary. Denise is recommended by Calvary UMC, Harrisburg, Harrisburg District, and currently serves First UMC, Mansfield, Williamsport District.

Joseph S. Hopkins was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is married to Kacie Greer Hopkins. Joseph graduated from Susquenita High School, Duncannon, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Bucknell University and Chicago Theological Seminary. Joseph is recommended by Wesley UMC, Marysville, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg District, and currently serves Avis UMC, Williamsport District.

Robert J. Marsh was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is married to Amy Teeter; is the father of Danielle, Alicia, and Aaron; and is the step-father of Lauren and Jared. Robert graduated from Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Eastern University and Wesley Theological Seminary. Robert is recommended by the former Grace UMC, Carlisle, Harrisburg District, and currently serves First UMC, Greencastle, York District.

Jason M. Schwartzman was born in New York, New York. He is married to Michelle and is father to Zaili and Jahnavi. Jason graduated from St. Raymond High School in the Bronx, New York, and is a graduate of Caldwell College, New Jersey, and United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. Jason is recommended by Aldersgate UMC, York, and currently serves East End/Fairview Charge, Altoona District.

Joshua S. Wargo was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania. He is married to Whitney. Joshua graduated from Misericordia University, Dallas, Pennsylvania, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Joshua is recommended by Dorranceton UMC, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District, and currently serves Rouzerville Charge, York District.



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