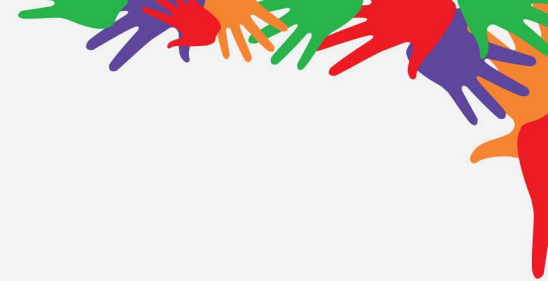


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Laity Vote 2

Jodi Cataldo	65	Disqualified:
Matthew Bader	48	Clergy - 1
Emma McKirdy	41	Unknown Name - 1
Marilyn Stroh	17	
Marshall Lourien	15	
Rick Jost	12	






Clergy Vote 2

Rebecca Trefz	53
Roger Spahr	50
Karl Kroger	17
Randy Cross	8



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FAITHFULNESS TO GOD
JORGE ACEVEDO, PASTOR

***“I AM THE TRUE GRAPEVINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE GARDENER. HE CUTS OFF EVERY BRANCH OF MINE THAT DOESN'T PRODUCE FRUIT, AND HE PRUNES THE BRANCHES THAT DO BEAR FRUIT SO THEY WILL PRODUCE EVEN MORE.*”**

***YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRUNED AND PURIFIED
BY THE MESSAGE I HAVE GIVEN YOU. REMAIN IN ME,
AND I WILL REMAIN IN YOU. FOR A BRANCH CANNOT
PRODUCE FRUIT IF IT IS SEVERED FROM THE VINE...***

***...AND YOU CANNOT BE FRUITFUL UNLESS YOU
REMAIN IN ME. YES, I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE
BRANCHES. THOSE WHO REMAIN IN ME, AND I IN
THEM, WILL PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT. FOR APART
FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.***

***ANYONE WHO DOES NOT REMAIN IN
ME IS THROWN AWAY LIKE A
USELESS BRANCH AND WITHERS.
SUCH BRANCHES ARE GATHERED
INTO A PILE TO BE BURNED.***

BUT IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS REMAIN IN YOU, YOU MAY ASK FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT, AND IT WILL BE GRANTED! WHEN YOU PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT, YOU ARE MY TRUE DISCIPLES. THIS BRINGS GREAT GLORY TO MY FATHER.”

JOHN 15:1-8 (NLT)



**FAITHFULNESS PRECEDES
FRUITFULNESS!**



**1. FAITHFULNESS REQUIRES
COMMUNITY!**

***DIRECTLY OPPOSITE TO THIS [THE
APPROACH OF THE DESERT MYSTICS] IS
THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. SOLITARY
RELIGION IS NOT TO BE FOUND THERE.***

“HOLY SOLITARIES” IS A PHRASE NO MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOSPEL THAN HOLY ADULTERERS. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST KNOWS NO RELIGION, BUT SOCIAL; NO HOLINESS BUT SOCIAL HOLINESS.

JOHN WESLEY, THE WORKS OF JOHN WESLEY





APPOINTED PASTORS

**HOW ARE YOU DOING AT STAYING
CONNECTED IN RICH, AUTHENTIC
RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER
CHRIST-FOLLOWERS?**



2. FAITHFULNESS REQUIRES ABIDING!

***THEN JESUS SAID, “COME TO ME,
ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND
CARRY HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST.***


***TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU. LET ME TEACH YOU,
BECAUSE I AM HUMBLE AND GENTLE AT HEART, AND
YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. FOR MY
YOKE IS EASY TO BEAR, AND THE BURDEN I GIVE
YOU IS LIGHT.”***

MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NLT)

**HOW ARE YOU DOING AT STAYING
CONNECTED IN A RICH, AUTHENTIC
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?**



3. FAITHFULNESS REQUIRES PRUNING!



**PRUNING = GOD'S
DISCIPLINE**

***THEN I FELL DOWN AT HIS FEET TO WORSHIP HIM,
BUT HE SAID, “NO, DON’T WORSHIP ME. I AM A
SERVANT OF GOD, JUST LIKE YOU AND YOUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO TESTIFY ABOUT THEIR
FAITH IN JESUS.***

***WORSHIP ONLY GOD. FOR THE
ESSENCE OF PROPHECY IS TO GIVE
A CLEAR
WITNESS FOR JESUS.”***
REVELATION 19:10 (NLT)



**PRUNING = GOD'S
DELIVERANCE**

MY LIFE IS A WITNESS TO VULGAR GRACE—A GRACE THAT AMAZES AS IT OFFENDS. A GRACE THAT PAYS THE EAGER BEAVER WHO WORKS ALL DAY LONG THE SAME WAGES AS THE GRINNING DRUNK WHO SHOWS UP AT TEN TILL FIVE.

***A GRACE THAT HIKES UP THE ROBE
AND RUNS BREAKNECK TOWARD
THE PRODIGAL REEKING OF SIN AND
WRAPS HIM UP AND DECIDES TO
THROW A PARTY NO IFS,
ANDS, OR BUTS.***

A GRACE THAT RAISES BLOODSHOT EYES TO A DYING THIEF’S REQUEST—“PLEASE, REMEMBER ME”—AND ASSURES HIM, “YOU BET!” A GRACE THAT IS THE PLEASURE OF THE FATHER, FLESHED OUT IN THE CARPENTER MESSIAH, JESUS THE CHRIST,

***WHO LEFT HIS FATHER'S SIDE NOT FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE BUT FOR OUR SAKES, YOURS AND MINE. THIS
VULGAR GRACE IS INDISCRIMINATE COMPASSION. IT
WORKS WITHOUT ASKING ANYTHING OF US.
IT'S NOT CHEAP.***

IT'S FREE, AND AS SUCH WILL ALWAYS BE A BANANA PEEL FOR THE ORTHODOX FOOT AND A FAIRY TALE FOR THE GROWN-UP SENSIBILITY. GRACE IS SUFFICIENT EVEN THOUGH WE HUFF AND PUFF WITH ALL OUR MIGHT TO TRY TO FIND SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IT CANNOT COVER.

***GRACE IS ENOUGH. HE IS ENOUGH.
JESUS IS ENOUGH.***

**MANNING, BRENNAN AND BLASE, JOHN;
ALL IS GRACE: A RAGAMUFFIN MEMOIR**



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Results of Laity Vote 3

Jodi Cataldo	104	Disqualified:
Matthew Bader	57	Clergy – 2
Emma McKirdy	39	
Marshall Lourien	14	
Marilyn Stroh	8	



Results of Clergy Vote 3

Rebecca Trefz	76
Roger Spahr	64
Karl Kroger	5

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Nomination Changes

Page 24 Board of Camping and Retreat Ministry

Site Directors/~~Assistant Directors~~: Lake Poinsett: *Christy Heflin Kyle Sachs*;
Storm Mountain: *Scott Jensen*;
Wesley Acres: *Dan Kellander Christy Heflin 6*

Page 25 Equipping Missional Congregations

Class of 2019: Joel Higgins 10, Scott McKirdy 10, *Michele Slott 15, Cory Thrall 15*



Nomination Changes

Page 27 Board of Trustees

Class of 2019: *Bob Cappel 08, **Joan Dolesji 15,***

Page 27 Human Resources Committee

Lay: *Nancy Bohlen 13, Dulci Stewart 13* Clergy: Barry Whipkey 10, **Laura Borman? 14 ~~Jan Price 10~~**

Missional Resources representative: ***Bruce Nearhood ~~Laura Borman~~***

Page 30 Glacial Lakes District Superintendency Committee

Members at Large: ***Ross Varilek***



Nomination Changes

Page 30 Eastern Sunrise District Committee on Ordained Ministry
Clergy: Howard Baird, ~~Marilyn Spurrell~~, Steve Olson, Jerry Bass,
Amy Atkins, ~~Kevin Kloster~~ Randy Cross

Page 30 Eastern Sunrise District Building and Location Committee
Clergy: Mina Hall, Mark Ellingson, ~~Marilyn Spurrell~~ Thom Bowsher
Laity: Roger Parkinson (Chair), ~~Neil Jordheim~~, Barb Pharis

Page 30 Prairie Hills District Superintendency Committee
Lay Women: Ashley Alsup , ~~Geniece Gebhart~~ Lay Men: Everett Follette,
Larry Madsen Clergy: Jenene Earl, Val Rush
Members at Large: John McKnight, ~~Bonnie Ping~~



Nomination Changes

Page 30 Ministry Team Presiding Elders

Harvesters: Julie Nygaard / **Brent Koens (Faulkton)** ~~Nancy Trefz (Tolstoy)~~

Northern Hills: Scott McKirdy / *Jim Hoff (Lead)*

Winner: Val Rush / *Tim Hakin (Winner)*

Pierre: Linda Baldock / *Cathy Kerr (Highmore)*

Rushmore: Darwin Kopfmann / ~~Vernal Trove (RC S Maple)~~

Page 31 Ministry Team Presiding Elders

Upper Valley: **Sheri Farley** / *Kevin Wold (Hatten)*



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Results of Laity Vote 4

Jodi Cataldo	133	Elected:
Matthew Bader	53	Jodi Cataldo
Emma McKirdy	25	
Marshall Lovrien	11	



Results of Clergy Vote 4

Rebecca Trefz 90

Roger Spahr 65

Elected: Rebecca Trefz



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FRUITFULNESS FOR GOD
JORGE ACEVEDO, PASTOR







**IN CREATING A CULTURE OF
DISCIPLESHIP IN YOUR CHURCH,
THE SYSTEMS AND STRATEGY YOU
CREATE WILL DETERMINE
THE HARVEST YOU GET!**



“ORGANIZED TO BEAT THE DEVIL”
CHARLES W FERGUSON

**MY BROTHER WESLEY ACTED WISELY, THE SOULS
THAT WERE AWAKENED UNDER HIS MINISTRY HE
JOINED IN CLASS, AND THUS PRESERVED THE
FRUITS OF HIS LABOR. THIS I NEGLECTED, AND MY
PEOPLE ARE
A ROPE OF SAND.
GEORGE WHITEFIELD**

***FOR EACH WAVE OF GRACE, THERE WAS A
CORRESPONDING FORMATIVE ELEMENT TO
CONNECT PEOPLE TO THAT GRACE...THIS
CONSCIOUS ALIGNMENT IS ONE OF WESLEY'S
FINEST LEGACIES TO THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION.
STEVE HARPER, THE WAY TO HEAVEN***

**Wave of
Grace**

Wesley

Prevenient

United
Societies

Justifying

Class
Meeting

Sanctifying

Bands



We came to Downpatrick where,
the preaching-house being too small, we
repaired, as usual, to the Grove; a most lovely
place, very near the venerable ruins of
the cathedral.

John Wesley's Journal 10 June 1785



REACH MINISTRIES:
**MINISTRIES THAT ENGAGE AND INVITE UN-
CHURCHED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO
EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS THROUGH THE
BODY OF CHRIST.**

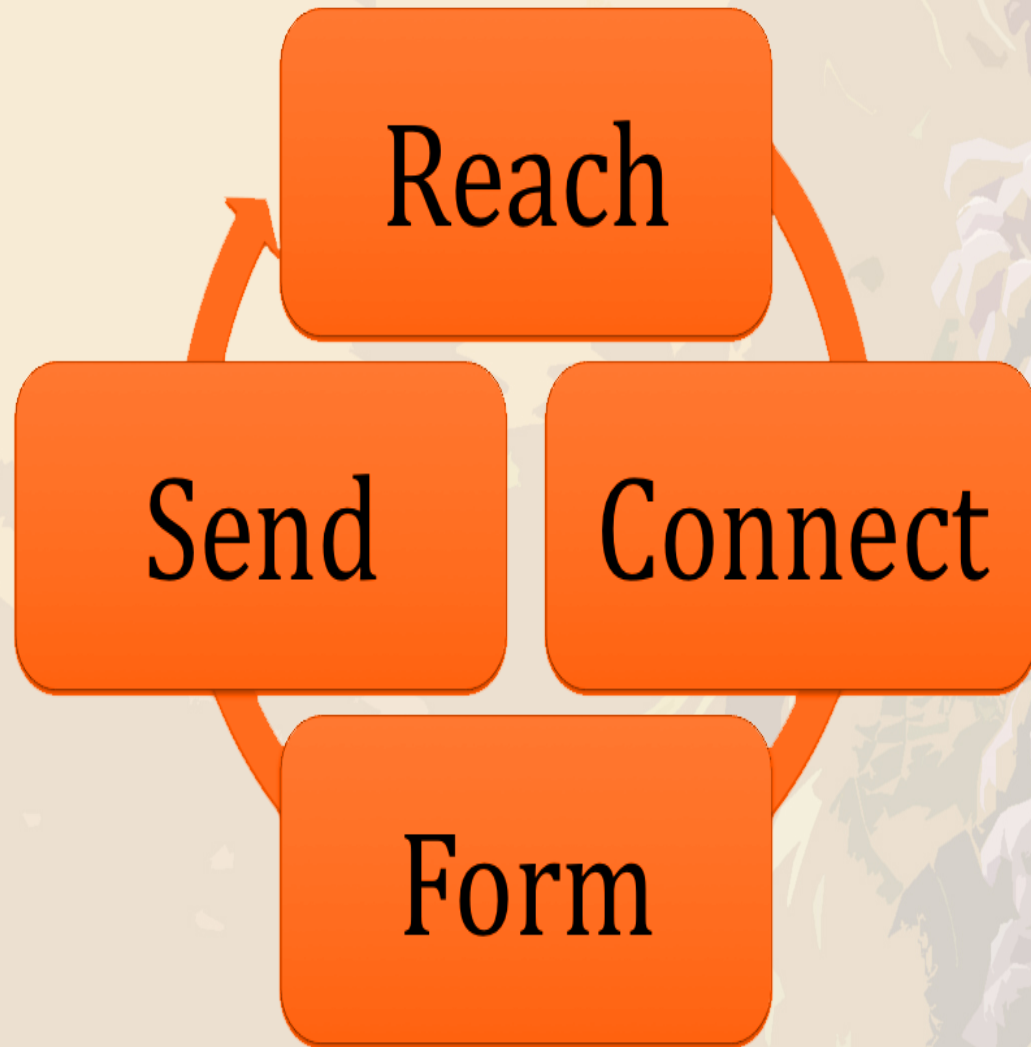
CONNECT MINISTRIES:
MINISTRIES THAT HELP PEOPLE
CONNECT TO JESUS AND THE GRACE
CHURCH FAMILY.

FORM MINISTRIES:
MINISTRIES THAT HELP PEOPLE
HAVE A GROWING AND
TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS CHRIST.

SEND MINISTRIES:

**MINISTRIES THAT RELEASE GOD'S
PEOPLE TO MAKE THE REALITIES OF
HEAVEN THE REALITIES OF EARTH.**

**A VITAL CONGREGATION IS ONE
THAT CREATES INCUBATOR LIKE
ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE HOLY
SPIRIT TO WORK GOD'S GRACE INTO
PEOPLE.**



**Wave of
Grace**

Wesley

**Grace
Church**

Prevenient

**United
Societies**

**Reach
Ministries**

Justifying

**Class
Meeting**

**Connect
Ministries**

Sanctifying

Bands

**Form &
Send
Ministries**

JESUS CAME AND TOLD HIS DISCIPLES, “I HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. THEREFORE, GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. TEACH THESE NEW DISCIPLES TO OBEY ALL THE COMMANDS I HAVE GIVEN YOU. AND BE SURE OF THIS: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NLT)

**Wave of
Grace**

Wesley

**Grace
Church**

**Great
Commissi
on**

Prevenient

**United
Societies**

**Reach
Ministries**

Go

Justifying

**Class
Meeting**

**Connect
Ministries**

Baptize

**Sanctifyin
g**

Bands

**Form &
Send
Ministries**

**Teach &
Obey**

***AND BE SURE OF THIS: I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.”
MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NLT)***



**FROM FAITHFULNESS TO
FRUITFULNESS: DISCIPLE-MAKING
IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**
JORGE ACEVEDO, PASTOR





Grace Church - Sioux Falls Campus



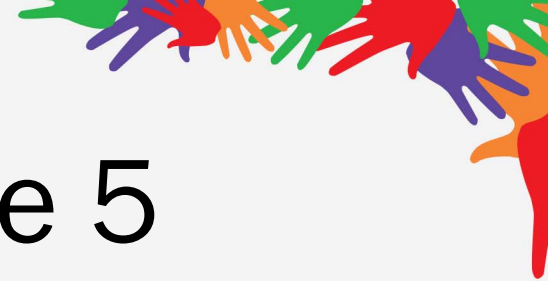
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Results of Laity Vote 5

Matthew Bader	108
Emma McKirdy	49
Marshall Lovrien	19
Marilyn Stroh	13
Nathan Bader	11

Elected:

Jodi Cataldo

Matthew Bader





Results of Clergy Vote 5

Roger Spahr 86

Karl Kroger 37

Randy Cross 8

Elected:
Rebecca Trefz
Roger Spahr



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Donald Andrews

Carl Evans

Lionel Muthiah

Richard Salmonson




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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES INTO PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*Martin Avery,
Seth LaBounty
Juwle Nagbe
Luke Smith
Joy Tracy
Mark Tracy*

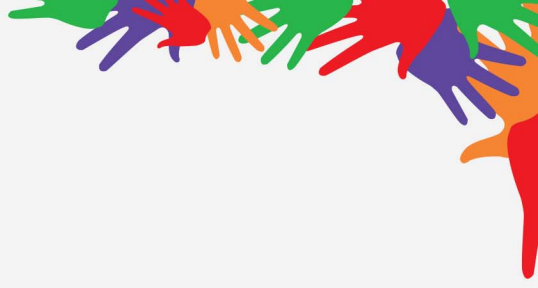


QUESTIONING OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: Friends in Christ, this is a solemn and joyful hour in your lives and a high moment in the proceedings of this conference.

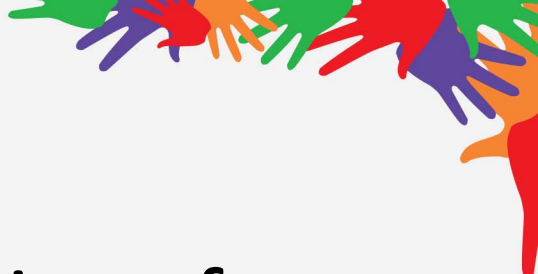


You are following the footsteps of those who have sought to preach scriptural holiness through the lands of the earth. There is no privilege more meaningful than that which comes to you through this holy ministry. In the presence of this Annual Conference, I ask you:



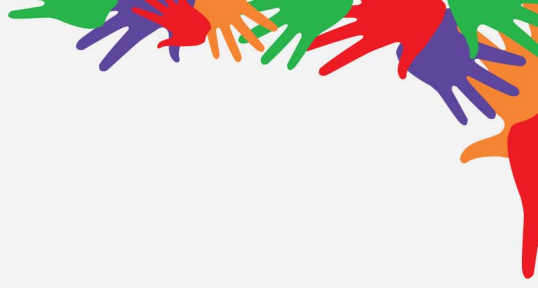
Bishop: Are you convinced that you should enter the ordained ministry of Christ's Holy Church?

Candidates: **I am.**



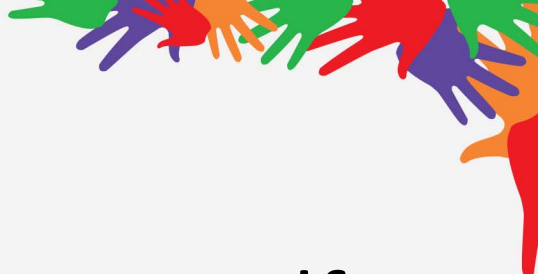
Bishop: Are you in debt so as to interfere with your work, or have you obligations to others that would make it difficult for you to live on the salary you are to receive?

Candidates: **No.**



Bishop: For the sake of a disciplined example, are you willing to respect the purity of life in body, mind and spirit?

Candidates: **I am.**



Bishop: Are you willing to relate yourself in ministry to all persons without regard to race, color or national origin, including receiving them into the membership of the Church?

Candidates: I am.

Bishop: Will you keep before you as the
one objective of your life the
advancement of the reign of God?

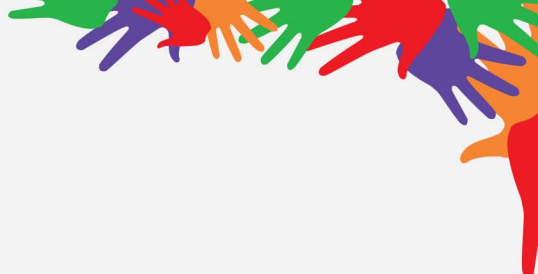
Candidates: **I will.**

(The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992)



PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

Almighty God, accept our thanksgiving for these servants who have heeded Christ's call to the ordained ministry of the Church. Fill them with the gifts needed in this sacred calling,



prepare them to be a true shepherds of the flock, and stir up in them prophetic insight and priestly holiness, that they may become true and faithful leaders in Christ's holy Church. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992)



PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES INTO FULL

MEMBERSHIP

Sarah Herman

Mark Johnsen

Karl Kroger

Sara McManus

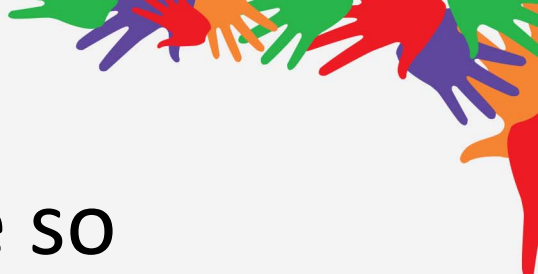
Jen Tyler



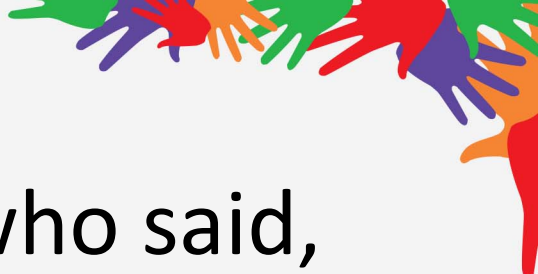
QUESTIONING OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: You have indicated that you are convinced you should enter the ministry of Christ's Holy Church. You have declared that you are willing to face any sacrifice that may be involved in the consecration of life.

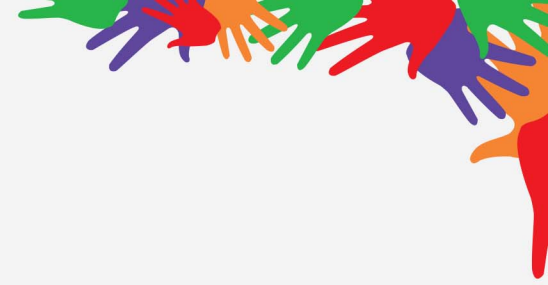




You have indicated that you are so situated in life that you can accept the obligation of the itinerant ministry. You have affirmed that you will respect the purity of life in body, mind and spirit, and that you will keep before you as the one objective of your life the advancement of the reign of God.



Remember the word of Christ who said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” In accordance with the use and *Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, and the historic use of our communion, and in the presence of this conference, I ask you:



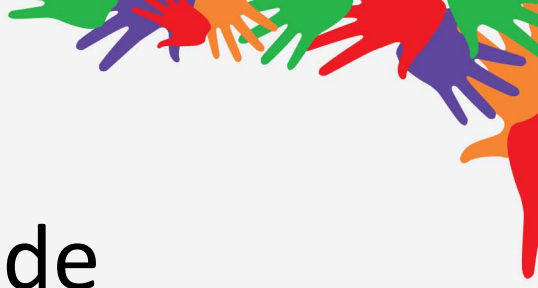
Bishop: Have you faith in Christ?

Candidates: **I have.**

Bishop: Are you going on to perfection?

Candidates: **I am, by the grace of God.**



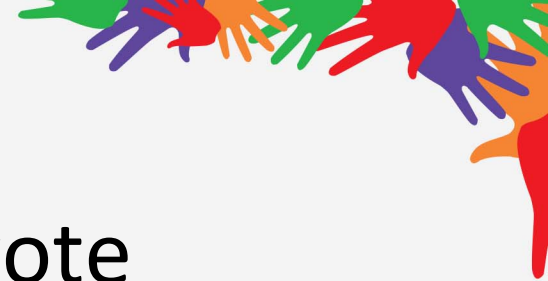


Bishop: Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?

Candidates: **God willing, I do.**

Bishop: Are you earnestly striving after it?

Candidates: **With God's help, I am.**



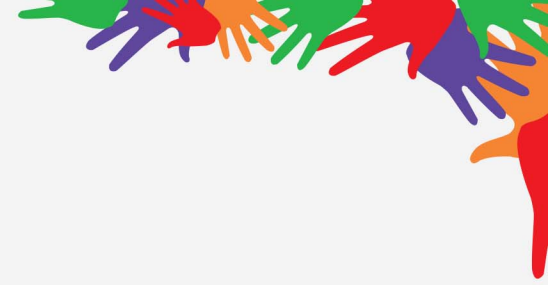
Bishop: Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and God's work?

Candidates: **I am so resolved.**

Bishop: Do you know the General Rules of our Church?

Candidates: **I do.**





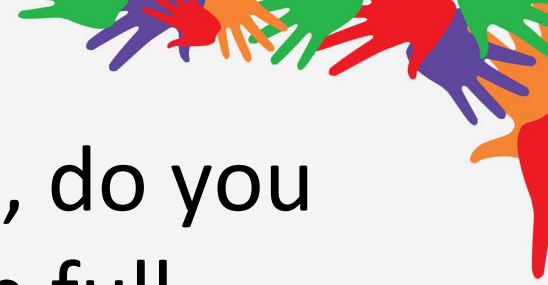
Bishop: Will you keep them?

Candidates: **I will so endeavor.**

Bishop: Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?

Candidates: **I have studied them.**





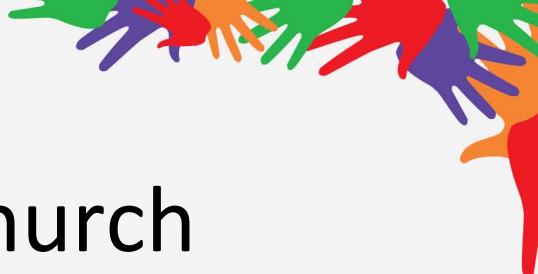
Bishop: After a full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in full harmony with the Holy Scriptures?

Candidates: **I believe they are.**

Bishop: Will you preach and maintain them?

Candidates: **To the best of my ability, I will.**





Bishop: Have you studied our Church government and polity?

Candidates: **I have.**

Bishop: Do you approve of our Church government and polity?

Candidates: **I do so approve.**




Bishop: Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?

Candidates: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you visit from house to house?

Candidates: **This is my commitment.**

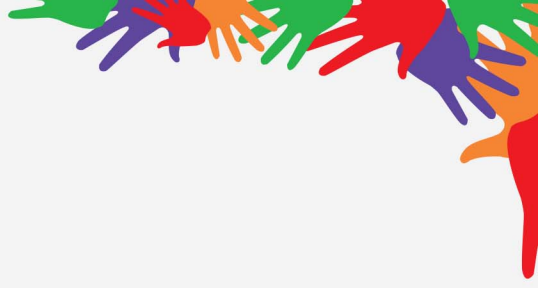


Bishop: Will you recommend fasting and abstinence, by both precept and example?

Candidates: **I will so recommend.**

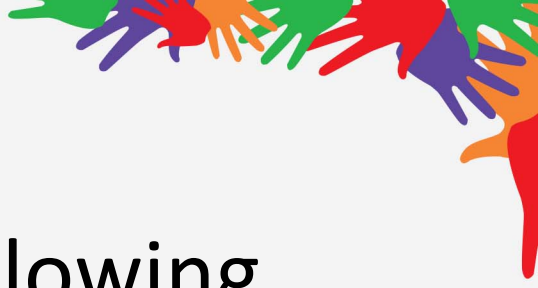
Bishop: Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?

Candidates: **This is my intention.**



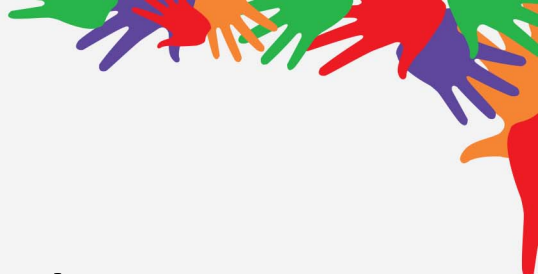
Bishop: Are you in debt so as to
embarrass you in your work?

Candidates: **I am not.**



Bishop: Will you observe the following direction?

Be diligent. Never be unemployed.
Never be triflingly employed. Never
trifle away time; neither spend any more
time at any one place than is strictly
necessary.



Be punctual. Do everything exactly on time. And do not bend rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

Candidates: **The Lord being my helper, I will.**

(The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992)

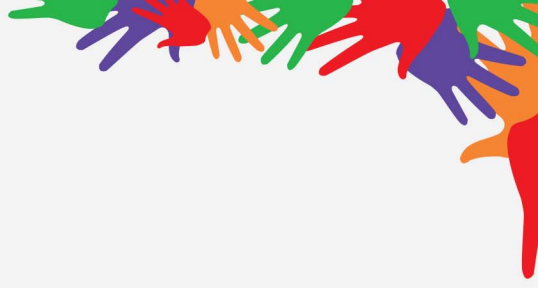


PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES


The bishop addresses the people:

Let us pray together for these candidates:

***People:* Most gracious God, you showed your love in sending Jesus Christ into the world that all might have life through him.**



**Pour out your Spirit upon your Church,
that it may fulfill your command to
preach the Gospel to every creature.**



**Send these laborers into your harvest,
fill them with the Holy Spirit and, with
faith, defend them in all danger and
temptations, and hasten the time when
your will shall be done, on earth as it is
in heaven; through the grace of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992)



Name:
Autumn Krueger

Seminary Attending:
Candler School of Theology

Expected Graduation Date:
May 2017

Home Church:
Harrisburg UMC

Ministry Setting:
**Chaplin Intern @ Sandy
Springs**



Name:

Alyssa Page Quade

Seminary Attending:
**Asbury Theological
Seminary**

Expected Graduation Date:
December, 2015

Home Church:
Central UMC Milbank, SD

Ministry Setting:
Cross Cultural Ministry

Name:
Ben Wilsey

Seminary Attending:
Illiff School of Theology

Expected Graduation Date:
Spring 2017

Home Church:
Spearfish UMC

Ministry Setting:
**Youth Director
Green Mountain UMC
Lakewood, CO**





Name:
Jeff Lathrop

Seminary Attending:
Sioux Falls Seminary

Expected Graduation
Date: **2017**

Home Church:
**Sunnycrest UMC, Sioux
Falls, SD**

Ministry Setting:
**Plankinton/White Lake
UMC, SD**



Name:
Joddy Meidinger

Seminary Attending:
Asbury Theological Seminary

Expected Graduation Date:
2019

Home Church:
Ashley UMC

Ministry Setting:
**Kenmare Region Vital
Merger**



Name:
Kori Lehrkamp

Seminary Attending:
Sioux Falls Seminary

Expected Graduation Date:
Fall 2014

Home Church:
Prairie View UMC, SD

Ministry Setting: **Highmore/
Harrold/Blunt UMC**

Name:
Martin Avery

Seminary Attending:
Iliff School of Theology

Expected Graduation Date:
June 2015

Home Church:
Redfield SD

Ministry Setting:
Wessington Springs, SD





Name:
Nicole Anderson

Seminary Attending:
**Garrett Evangelical
Theological Seminary**

Expected Graduation Date:
May 2016

Home Church:
Watertown First UMC

Ministry Setting:
**Connections for the
Homeless**



Name:
Sarah Beth Green

Seminary Attending:
**United Theological
Seminary**

Expected Graduation Date:
Spring 2017

Home Church:
**Devils Lake UMC
Fargo First UMC**

Ministry Setting:
Chaplaincy



Name: **Janice Antrim**

Seminary Attending:
Sioux Falls Seminary

Expected Graduation Date:
May 2015

Home Church:
Southern Hills UMC

Ministry Setting:
Southern Hills UMC

Name:

Lucas Boomsma

Seminary Attending:

Boston School of Theology

Expected Graduation Date:

May 2016

Home Church:

Huron UMC

Ministry Setting:

Union UMC, Boston MA



**Name:
Thomas Sumers**

**Seminary Attending:
Asbury Theological
Seminary**

**Expected Graduation
Date: 2017**

**Home Church:
Fargo Calvary**

**Ministry Setting:
Faith UMC Fargo**





Name:

Valerie Hummel

Seminary Attending:

**Garrett Evangelical
Theological Seminary**

Expected Graduation Date:

May 2017

Home Church:

**DWU Campus Ministry
Yankton FUMC**

Ministry Setting:

Attend Seminary

Name:
Seth LaBounty



Seminary Attending:
Asbury Theological Seminary

Expected Graduation Date:
May 2015

Home Church:
Mitchell First UMC, SD
DWU Campus Ministry

Ministry Setting:
Pending

Retiring Clergy

Roy Caudill

Lee Gale

Dennis Gelhaus

Darwin Kopfmann

Kenrad Pederson

Tom Petersen

MaryLee Lint



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Results of Laity Vote 7

Marshall Lovrien 87

Nathan Bader 62

Janelle Jones 5

Autumn Kreger 5

Elected:

Jodi Cataldo

Matthew Bader

Emma McKirdy

Marilyn Stroh



Results of Clergy Vote 7

Randy Cross	51	Kris Mutzenberger	6
Andy Bartel	18	Dan Bader	5
Kermit Culver	18	Theta Miller	5
Jenny Hallenbeck	8	Sue Nelson	5
Bob Ruedebusch	8	Eric Grinager	5
Ross Reinhiller	6	Kip Roozen	5
Greg Kroger	6		

Elected:

Rebecca Trefz

Roger Spahr

Karl Kroger



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