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**All Are Welcome**

Nebraska Annual Conference  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

**Clergy Session**

9:30 A.M.

Lancaster Room

1. **Call to Order**, Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson, shares from "Reckless Faith", Bishop Schnase
2. **Opening Devotions**, Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson "Reckless Faith", Bishop Schnase
3. **Announcements** from Elaine Michaud – read by Bishop
4. **Motion** - Carol Roettmer Brewer, "All Certified Lay Ministers be included in the Clergy Session." Seconded. **Carried.**
5. **Board of Ministry Report (See Page 63 for full report)**
6. **Question 17** – Sally Ruggia-Haden  
See report for names on Committee on Investigation. **List Affirmed**  
Administrative Review Committee. **List Affirmed**
7. **Question 19** – Stephanie Ahlschwede asked to keep the folks listed in prayer.
8. **Question 20 & 21** – Dan Spearow - List of licenses as local pastor and appointments.
9. **Question 24 – 26** – Loren Mullins - Informational - **Affirmed list of people to service among us**
10. **Question 27** – Ray Weinerman - Wait to vote on Bonnie McCord
11. **Question 28** - Dale Lambert  
Sondra Marie Atkins  
Fay Balch Hubbard  
**Both Affirmed and Welcomed**
12. **Question 29** -  
Craig Steve Collins  
Matthew Eugene Fowler  
Jason Dale Kennedy  
Debra Kay McKnight  
Lynda Jan Parson  
Robert Donald Perry  
Charles LeRoy Rager
13. **Question 30** - Norman Prather - **Received**
14. **Question 31** – Michelle Reed  
Mark Richard Crist  
Anne Kiome Gatobu  
Tamara Lou Holtz  
Lorrinda Kentner  
Cynthia Sue Stewart  
and from other list Bonnie McCord
15. **Questions** are asked and answered by the candidates  
Prayer – Bishop  
Each individual voted on:  
Bonnie McCord – **Affirmed**  
Mark, Anne, Tamara, Lorrinda, Cynthia Election as Elders - **Affirmed**  
Election into full connection - **Affirmed**  
Welcome all
16. **Presented stole** to the youngest clergy– Paulette Lehn passed stole onto Cindi Stewart

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17. **Question 35** – Loren Mullins - Eric Biehl, received in full connection – **Affirmed.**
18. **Question 43** –Elizabeth Beams Howe – address - 203 Fern Creek Drive, Flat Rock, N.C 28731
19. **Question 46** – discontinued Mary McQueen – withdrew membership - **Voted and Accepted**
20. **Question 48** – Deceased membership list see list
21. **Question 49** - Bette Trumble – **Affirmed**
22. **Question 50** – Leave of Absence – **Affirmed**
23. **Leave of absence** – discontinued – **Affirmed**
24. **Sabbatical** – Costa de Oliveira – **Affirmed**
25. **Affirm disabilities** – **Affirmed**
26. **Question 53** – Retirement
27. **Question 54** – Marsha Stauss – **Affirmed Oct. 1**
28. **Associate Member report** –Bonnie Linton-Hendrick asks to go on less than full time - **Passed**
29. **Question 80** - extension ministries - add Scott Shreve – Omaha Open Door Mission in Omaha
30. **Question 80 C** – Mary McQueen – **Removed**
31. **Motion** - Sally Ruggia-Haden made motion, move 8C before us – **Affirmed**
32. **Announcements** – Sally Ruggia-Haden
33. **Announcements** – Kelly Karges (Chair of the Order of Elders)
34. **Announcement** - Ray Weinerman
35. **Recognition of Board of Ordained Ministry**
36. **Adjourned** – 10:30 A.M.

**Laity Session**

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

9:30 A.M.

Tom Watson welcomed everyone to the 2009 Laity session and asked everyone to take some time to be in silent prayer asking the Holy Spirit to be with us during our time together.

Hymn #328 “Surely the Presence of the Lord” accompanied by Lavina Schwaninger was sung.

Randy Gunn, District Lay Leader of the Prairie Rivers District gave the opening devotions followed by prayer.

Lavina Schwaninger, a Conference Delegate to General Conference, explained the 32 proposed Constitutional Amendments that will be voted on later in the Annual Conference Session. It was then opened up for questions.

Tom Watson told the group that the first report we would hear this afternoon will be from the Common Table. Tom explained to the Laity how the Common Table came about.

Rev. Nancy Tomlinson, pastor of the Scottsbluff church, came and explained the work of Holy Conferencing.

Victoria Hatterman presented a power point on the young adult network that is being started.

Tom Watson introduced the District Lay Leaders: Ann Regier, Great West District; Paul Bennett, Gateway District; Randy Gunn, Prairie Rivers District; Verne Buhl, Elkhorn Valley District; Linda Warren and Betty Wiles, Missouri Rivers District; David Jefferson, Blue River District.

Bob Aderholt was introduced and spoke about Lay Speaking Ministries.

Tom Watson announced that on November 13th and 14th in Lexington there will be a Re-think Church Event.

Dave Mendyk, Conference President of United Methodist Men, announced that a prayer room has been set up at St. Paul’s Church in the Chapel and a prayer room has also been set up at the Cornhusker Hotel.

Darlene Hall asked each Lay Member to make sure and print on their registration card so the secretaries will be able to read the cards easier.

Tom Watson dismissed us with grace at 10:50 a.m.

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**Opening Worship and Memorial Service**

Rev. Charlotte Abram, preaching  
1:00 P.M.

Rev. Charlotte Abram preached on 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and title "What Do You Want on Your Tombstone? Those clergy and spouses that died during the past year were honored and remembered by the conference during the opening worship. Clergy honored were: Noah Arnpriester, Onamae P. Waddel, Verna Lusk Buell, Vivian Joyce Hand, William B. Anderson, and James H. Newton. They also read the names of the deceased spouses: Marjorie "Marj" Miller, Ruth Laphorn Kelly, Clara Murphree, Naomi Schroeder, Carol J. Falk, Mildred S. Bailey, Leila A. Beck and Janelle Emerit. Bishop Sherer and Tom Watson, Lay Leader, assisted by Conference members, served communion to conference members and family and friends of the deceased.

**Opening Session**

Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson, Presiding  
Grand Ballroom  
2:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order** – Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson
2. **A Message from Dr. Dennis Joslin**, President, Nebraska Methodist College shared his dreams and visions for the relationship and ministry of Nebraska Methodist College with the United Methodist Church in Nebraska.
3. **Housekeeping** – Chad Anglemyer
  - UMCOR truck announcements
  - Saint Paul UMC prayer room
  - Hotel prayer room
  - Blood pressure and health screenings
  - Bad weather announcements
4. **Motion:** I move that the revised agenda found on the beige paper, that the Conference members received at registration be the agenda for the 2009 Nebraska Annual Conference and in the interest of creating an efficient agenda, that the Bishop may call upon any voting member of the annual conference at any time to offer their report. **Motion Affirmed**  
**Motion:** I move the Bar of the Conference be in front of and including the last row of tables. **Motion Affirmed**
5. **Motion:** I move that the Secretary send greetings to all Conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction that are meeting this week and others that are appropriate. **Motion Affirmed**
6. **Motion:** I move that the following persons serve on the 2009 Committee on the Journal: Melody Adams, as Chairperson, Cathy Cole, Darlene Hall, Michael McInnis, Robin Kilgore, Chad Anglemyer, Kathryn Witte and Barb Grenemeier. **Motion Affirmed**
7. **Motion:** I move that the following persons be members of the 2009 Committee on General Reference: Scott Evans, Jeri Soens, Marvin Neubauer, Jim Wallasky, Nancy Lambert, Barbara Jo Burns. **Motion Affirmed**
8. It was requested that all cell phones please be turned off. Fines go to Nothing-But-Nets.
9. **Opening Motions** – Darlene Hall  
**Motion:** I move the Secretarial Staff for the 2009 Nebraska Annual Conference be: Kay Alnor, Marie Brhel, Roger Gillming, Amy Hasemeyer, Patti Jones, Bonnie Linton-Hendrick, Dennis "Buck" Linton-Hendrick, Sam Rathod and Cathy Cole. **Motion Affirmed**  
**Motion:** I move the roll call be by signing of cards. Each member shall be responsible for indicating which days he or she will be in attendance. If change in attendance becomes necessary for lay members to a session or sessions, the alternate

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lay person to be seated shall report to secretarial staff members,  
 Bonnie Linton-Hendrick or Patti Jones. After filling out a roll card, they shall  
 receive the right to be seated without formal vote of the conference.  
 Clergy members shall report to secretarial staff members Marie Brhel or  
 Sam Rathod.

#### Motion Affirmed

10. **Board of Ordained Ministry Report** – Rev. Sally Ruggia-Haden noted that the number one priority of the Nebraska conference is leadership development. The Board of Ordained Ministry is working closely with the cabinet to recruit and develop leaders.

Melanie Adams, chair of the Enlistment and Recruitment Committee introduced the Interns for 2009: Braden Garwood, Kearney Faith UMC, Kearney, Pastor: Michelle Reed, Erin Outson, Omaha Dietz and UMM, Omaha, Pastor: Stephanie Ahlschwede.

Those to be Ordained were then introduced: Mark Crist, Anne Gatobu, Tamara Holtz, Lorri Kentner, and Cynthia Stewart.

Loren Mullins explained the tradition of the passing of the stole as a person new to ministry receives the stole from a person who is retired. The stole was then given to Mark Crist by Sally Ruggia-Haden.

Those being commissioned as probationary/provisional elders and members of the Conference: Sondra Atkins, and Fay Hubbard. New Associate member: Bonnie McCord. John Caldwell from Iowa Conference who is working among us.

Board members were introduced and thanked.

Sally Ruggia-Haden expressed appreciation for the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry who work hard to help develop strong clergy leaders for the Nebraska Conference.

11. **The Common Table Report** – Rev. David Lux – (See full report P. 236)

Darrell Stock of the Personnel Committee shared the new staffing plan, positions to be eliminated and new to be added. Also positions with major changes. The Staffing Task Group and the members of the Personnel Committee approached the development of the staffing plan with prayerful hearts and a clear understanding of the impact of these staffing decisions. The guiding principles for this task was to align our conference staffing to reflect the priorities of the conference and secondly to insure that staffing costs remain neutral.

Positions Eliminated: Camping and Retreat Ministries, Administrative Assistant (west office), Congregational Development Assistant (Part-time), Director of Youth Ministries (Part-time) Bill Hasemeyer will retire.

Positions added: Director of Christian Leadership Development (Full-time), Nebraska United Methodist Camps, Inc. Board Assistant (Part-time), Administrative Assistant to the Director of Connectional Ministries (Full-time).

Positions with major changes: Director of Risk-taking Mission and Justice will be given more hours and an expectation that mission work as well as justice ministries will be emphasized. The RTMJ Director will also provide support and development for the Volunteers In Mission work in the conference. The Director of Marketing and Communications will focus on telling the story of efforts within the conference that fulfill the mission, vision and strategic priorities of the conference, and The Director of Connectional Ministries will spend more time in staff supervision and support of the Common Table. Conference members received a copy of the organizational chart providing a brief overview of the staffing plan.

Reports of the three teams:

#### **Congregational Transformation Team:** Rev. Russ Thompson

2010 Ministry Plan: the plan brings a word of hope as the team supports new faith communities and existing new church starts that are growing and thriving in outreach and ministry. A new Native American faith community. This team is available to assist local churches and faith communities and congregations in developing their discipleship plans and utilizing Mission Insight as a congregational development tool. The team will continue to provide hope and support to Hispanic and Latino communities. Native American

ministries will be increased with the development of a new Native American community in 2010.

Video: The video highlighted various ministries that reach out to persons in a variety of locations around the state.

**Risk-taking Mission and Justice Team:** Pauletta Lehn introduced the members of the RTMJ team.

2010 Ministry Plan was introduced including information about JFON, United Methodist Ministries in the Missouri River District, ethnic minority local church, Nebraska Rural Ministries Project, NUMB Ride to end hunger and the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance, summer interns and the support of millennium development goals designed to reduce poverty.

RTMJ celebrates that Zach Anderson is the new assistant Peace with Justice Coordinator.

RTMJ is on Facebook and continues to reach out and work with young persons and United Methodist Women.

The 2010 ministry plan seeks to empower and support local churches to develop peace and justice ministries to become a prophetic congregation and to develop Risk-taking Ministry opportunities.

RTMJ will provide seed money for local churches to launch projects.

RTMJ will provide assessment and accountability of all programs receiving support for RTMJ programs.

The Micah Corp interns introduced themselves. The Micah Corp Interns were consecrated and sent out to begin their ten week internship.

**Leadership Development Team:** Tom Watson

2010 Ministry Plan: A video highlighting a young adult leader Sabrina Miller.

In 2010 the leadership development team is to accelerate the specific and intentional avenues for the development of leaders in the Nebraska Annual Conference both clergy and laity with a focus on L3 Incubator process as the cornerstone of leadership development. The Young Adult Network will continue to be developed aimed at creating a bridge for young adults to become more involved in the church. They plan to develop a lay speaking ministries as a means of lay leadership development in the conference. The team will support the Board of Ordained ministry in their emphasis on enlistment and recruitment of high quality clergy into the conference. Strengthening ministry with children and youth.

ReThink Church Seminar – November 13-14, Lexington

12. **Conference Council on Finance and Administration Report**– Pat Duncan called upon the members of the conference to continue to see themselves as United Methodist and not divided Methodists. Mr. Duncan thanked the members of the Council on Finance and Administration and the members of the Annual Conference for their support of the conference ministry plan.
13. **0% growth budget for 2010 Proposed Funding Plan.**
14. **Nominating and Equipping Report #1** – Jim Wallasky presented two documents. The Nominating and Equipping Committee report and a card for conference members to nominate persons from their local church to serve the conference was distributed. This card is aimed at developing a list of potential nominees for the various groups and teams.
15. **Alternate Proposals**  
Steve Voigt – Proposal to reinstate the position of Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries.  
Whereas, the Common Table has announced the elimination of the conference staff position of “Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries”.  
Whereas, the staffing task force did not consult any other groups prior to their recommendation to eliminate the Director’s position.  
Whereas, the Camping and Retreat Ministries are a significant resource for intergenerational leadership and congregational development within the United Methodist Church.

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Camping has been and should continue to be a significant piece of the life of Nebraska United Methodism.

Whereas, the core priorities of the Annual Conference are met through outdoor and retreat ministries. It is a key element in making disciples and developing Christian Leadership.

Whereas, our camp and retreat sites represent a significant area of capital investment and represent significant areas of risk, both in terms of safety and finances.

Whereas, the newly revitalized Nebraska United Methodist Camping Inc. Board of Directors is primarily supported by the Director.

Whereas, the Director is an advocate and liaison for the camping ministry at the conference level.

Whereas, the Director supports the camp directors and provides training for camp directors, boards, staff, and insures the camps keep the American Camping Association accreditation they have earned.

Whereas, the Director has an integral role in assuring responsibility and accountability for establishing standards, policies and procedures related to the physical facilities, programming and leadership development aspects of camping.

Whereas, the Director provides continuity to a camping system managed by volunteers, assists in strategic planning and implementation, assists with on going board recruitment, training and development, assists in adopting and refining fund raising policies to eliminate debt to the Annual Conference.

Whereas, all three camp sites need financial support before they can thrive and be financially solvent on their own.

Whereas, the Director has been requested by the Nebraska United Methodist Camps Inc. Board of Directors to provide this financial development leadership.

Whereas, we feel that input should be received from the Nebraska United Methodist Camps, Inc. Board of Directors, the Camp Fontanelle Site Board, the Camp Comeca Site Board, the Camp Norwesca Site Board as well as their Camp Directors and members of the Annual Conference.

Therefore, we the undersigned, propose that the elimination of the position of "Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries" be delayed for at least one year to allow for conversation with the Common Table and members of the Annual Conference to the end that all concerned people and camping organizations can provide input for the future of Nebraska United Methodist Camping.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Voigt, President of the Nebraska United Methodist Camping Inc.

Board of Directors,

Peg Lakore, Camp Comeca Site Board, President

Kent Van Horn, Camp Fontanelle Site Board, President

Lynn Ashby, Camp Fontanelle Site Board, Secretary

Blair UMC, Church Council

16. **Rules Committee** – Lew Kaye-Skinner (See Rules of Order P. 277)  
Pg 5. C1 - Delete the first sentence  
Everything that is underlined is what will be added and all the strike outs will be deleted.
17. **Break**
18. **Treasurer's Report** – Robin Kilgore explained that despite economic challenges the giving from the local churches has not been significantly impacted. Thanks were offered for all those persons who contribute to the mission and ministry of the church in Nebraska through their financial support.
19. **Bishop Sherer** thanked Robin for her service.
20. **Recognition** of retiring attorney Doug Deitchler, Attorney for the Nebraska Conference.  
Mr. Deitchler was presented with a plaque and thanked for his years of dedicated service to the conference.
21. **Nebraska United Methodist Foundation Report** – Jim Heller reported that many of our investments outperformed many of the largest United Methodist Foundations in the United

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States. The foundations primary focus is to serve every church and ministry in the conference in any way possible and services to local churches cost nothing. Nearly \$700,000 distributed in scholarships and grants last year.

22. **Cabinet Items** – Rev. Brian Kottas reported that Rev. Jeff Thurman will be starting a new ministry in northeast Lincoln. Five churches have been closed this past year; Battle Creek UMC, Stark Valley UMC, Hendley UMC, Wilsonville UMC, Ohiowa UMC. Each congregation was remembered in silent prayer for their ministry. Several charge realignments were announced.
23. **Episcopacy Committee Report** – Rev. Jim Keyser offered appreciation for Bishop Sherers' ministry and leadership and appreciation for her strength and leadership despite a difficult recovery period resulting from a serious auto accident. Encouragement was given to Bishop Sherer to continue toward complete healing.
24. **Equitable Compensation Report** – Rev. Bev Lanzendorf reported:  
Greeting Annual Conference members and Bishop Sherer,  
My name is Bev Lanzendorf and I am chairperson of the Equitable Compensation Committee. I have served as the pastor at Grand Island First United Methodist Church since 2006. Our group met once in person and then had several teleconference phone meetings as well. We awarded funds totaling \$77,627 in 2008 and \$59,663 so far in 2009. This equates to 13 congregations in 2008 and 12 congregations in 2009 that have received financial assistance to support their pastoral leaders' salary and benefit package in situations where the church was unable to fund it fully. We truly believe in sending strong leaders to all of our United Methodist congregations.  
Another accomplishment for the group this past year was the revision of the equitable compensation form that is used to request funds. Additionally, we made a few minor changes in the proposed guidelines for 2010 and these can be found on pages 75 and 76 of the resource book. These guidelines require action on the part of the membership so I would encourage you to carefully review this information prior to your vote. I wish to thank all of the United Methodist churches in Nebraska for supporting Conference mission shares and ask you to continue supporting this ministry with you financial stewardship. I also wish to thank the committee members for their diligent and conscientious work this past year.

**Report Affirmed**

25. **United Methodist Men's Report** – Dave Mendyk  
26. **Prayer** - Petitions and Closing Prayer

**Awards and Courtesies**

Grand Ballroom  
7 P.M.

27. **Introduction** by Kathryn Witte, Communications  
28. **Laity Awards** – Tom Watson  
Missouri River – Sally Hutt, Tecumseh UMC  
Prairie River – Dennis and Deborah Shatto, Schuyler UMC  
Elkhorn Valley -Andrea Paret, Norfolk First UMC  
Great West - Glenda Gamby, Chadron UMC  
Blue River - Lou Gaddis, Lincoln First UMC  
Gateway – Betty Jorgensen, Cambridge UMC  
29. **Clinic With a Heart** – Teresa Harms  
30. **Denman Award** – Karl Lent  
31. **Mt. Sequoyah** Conference and Retreat Center  
32. **Eunice Harrington Award** – UMW –Louise Niemann  
33. **NOMADS** – Del Kentner  
34. **Keynote Address** – Dr. Socorro de Ande – Lydia Patterson Institute  
“Blessings On The Border”  
35. **Children and Young People's Ministry** – Cheri Kneifel, Conference Curriculum Advisor and Jeri Soens, Hemingford, NE

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36. **U.S. Army, Extension Ministry** – Chaplain Mark Thompson
37. **Perkins School of Theology** – Dr. Richard Nelson, Professor of Old Testament and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Perkins
38. **Black College Fund Representative** – Tyrus Smith, Huston-Tillotson University
39. **Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska** – Rev. Roddy Dunkerson, Conference Preacher, Nebraska Conference, United Church of Christ
40. **United Methodist Men's 100 Club Scholarships**
41. **Epworth Village** – Tom McBride
42. **TeamMates Mentoring Program** – Wayne Alloway

#### Children's Annual Conference Worship Service

Thursday, June 11, 2009, 8:15 A.M.

43. Rev. Mark Crist, Leader Children'd Annual Conference
44. Message - Hug Therapy
45. Offering for Nebraska-Nigeria Partnership

#### Thursday Plenary Session

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Grand Ballroom

46. **Teaching Time** - Bishop Robert Schnase
47. **Message** – Dr. Fred Ohles, President, Nebraska Wesleyan University
48. **Report** – Dr. Fred Ohles (President of Neb. Wesleyan Univ.)  
 2012 – Will celebrate 125 years and celebrate the support between the Nebraska Conference and NWU.  
 2011 – Tour of the choir – to Estonia  
 2010 – Annual conference will be held on the campus again; a welcome back  
 2009 – Finished a good year, acknowledge Ebb Munden's help over the years
49. **Alan Davis – First part of the Report of the Trustees**  
 The Trustees conducted an insurance study and the decision was made to remain with Church Mutual Insurance.  
 The trustees are continuing to sell the churches that have closed.  
 District parsonage improvement (see list p. 204).  
 Financial Information – trustees experienced a net loss \$69,922.  
 New Conference Office Report – What do we do with the building (video presentation)  
 Silent Phases of Building Campaign has raised \$430,000. Have pledge commitments for another \$1.3 million dollars. Have found a new building at 33 & Superior. The building was purchased without any need for more mission shares.  
 Presentation of new building. (pictures)  
 \$220,000 received in gifts to date. The Board needs to make the following loan:  
**Motion** – The Board of Trustees requests permission to negotiate for a bridge loan of up to 200,000, until the pledges come in. This loan is secured by pledges to the Conference Center building Fund – **Affirmed**  
 The Trustees asked that pledges be returned by Aug. 3, 2009. Pledges from laity and churches will be used for ongoing building maintenance  
 A Word of thanks to Jim Heller for helping to raise money for the building. Word of thanks to the Foundation for helping to coordinate the effort.  
 Grand Opening and building consecration will be held October 11, 2009.  
 Recognition of the Capital Campaign Committee.
50. **Report – Gerry Dunlap**  
 Mr. Dunlap offered a word of thanks to the Bishop for her help and word of thanks for

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early donations. Bishop Sherer-Simpson offered words of thanks for Gerry's leadership and also extended her appreciation to the Capital Campaign Committee.

Alan Davis was thanked for all the work of the committee. Word of thanks to Robin Kilgore and her work.

51. **Report on Camping Committee Loan** made to Comeca for the renovation of the housing for the director. The loan balance for Camp Comeca is 37,444 and Norwesca is paying down its loan which stands at 26,000.
  
52. **Report – Nebraska United Methodist Camps, Inc.** – Steve Voigt, Chairperson – New Officers listed... Adhoc camping committee – Mission Statement and Vision Statement. (Power Point). We will be moving toward their strategic plan and conference wide funding plan.
  - Fontanelle celebrates 50 years. Need renovation to lodge and camper space.
  - Norwesca – New donated bell, need for new roof for lodge, and increased camper days.
  - Comeca – New director. Challenge by building needs and upkeep.
  - NUMC – Looking at ways to market camping. State wide programming and fundraising. Word of thanks....
  
53. **Motion to accept report – Affirmed**
54. **Word of thanks** from the Bishop
 

Bishop made an appeal for the fundraiser and the wall of honor for donors. Bishop Sherer-Simpson also offered words of appreciation for Fred Ohles and the way in which Nebraska Wesleyan University and the Nebraska Conference are working together in a strong partnership. The new office building will be dedicated Sunday Oct. 11 – 2:30 P.M. Service of Consecration of new building. On July 9th - the conference will deconsecrate the property at St. Paul and 49th Street and invite past staff members to enjoy a lunch at First United Methodist Church, Lincoln.
55. Ushers passed out pledge cards to the members of the conference with a request that conference members support the new conference office fund.
56. **Break**
57. **News Conferences**
58. **Message** – Dr. Myron McCoy, President, Saint Paul School of Theology brought greetings on behalf of the thirteen United Methodist schools of theology. Dr. McCoy also thanked the conference for its support of the Ministerial Education Fund.
59. **Report – Steve Griffith NUMHE** – Reverend Griffith offered an overview of the various campus ministries. Rev. Griffith indicated that despite some successes in campus ministry there are a number of significant problems. A brief overview of the various campus ministries was offered:
  - Chadron – Seven students involved and funding has been withheld for this year.
  - Peru – The campus minister has resigned and the assigned interim has completed their term. The board of directors at the Peru ministry is considering its future.
  - Wayne – Fifteen students involved weekly. The campus pastor has resigned and the Board of Directors is considering its future.
  - UNO – Seven students involved weekly with students attending FUMC and is collaborating with First Christian Church.
  - UNK – Over 200 students involved weekly in sports program and small group experiences.
  - UNL – About 20 students involved.

Of all students involved only a handful are United Methodist. The programs are underfunded and the campus ministry staff work very hard. NUMHE will work hard in the coming year to determine the best course of action for the various ministries. Cooperation with the new Young Adult Network and will seek alternative sources of funding. The various judicatory executives will meet and a task group will meet through

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the summer to completely rethink the way campus ministry is shared among the denomination. Campus ministry is a crucial mission field that needs support.

60. **Motion** to receive report from Steve Griffith. **Affirmed**
61. **Moment of Privilege** request by Chad – Fredric Zahn a Representative of the work in the Bethlehem Bible College in “Israeli occupied” territory of Palestine brought greetings.
62. **Lunch Break**
63. **Report – Personnel Committee** – Charlene Adden  
Introduction of Conference Staff  
Chad Anglemeyer – Recognition of Bill Hasemeyer on his retirement
64. **Introduction of Cabinet** – Rev. Carol Roettmer-Brewer
65. **Report – Jurisdictional Conference** – Carlotta Williams reported on the work of the Jurisdictional Conference held in Dallas, Texas July 16-19, 2008. The theme for the gathering was “Hope for the World”. The delegation grounded many hours of study and preparation for the conference and the election of new Bishops.
66. **Holy Conferencing** – The conference received instructions for holy conferencing from Rev. Jim Wallasky and Rev. Kay Alnor. Holy Conferencing offered conference members ways to share ideas and suggestions regarding various proposal brought before the conference.
67. **Break**
68. **Concerns and Affirmations** from Holy Conferencing were shared by members of the conference. Feedback from the Holy Conferencing groups was placed on the screen and questions and statements were reviewed by members of the conference.
69. **Report – The Common Table** reported that two proposed amendments were brought related to the budget and the staffing plan.  
1st Amendment: Reinstate Director of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries. Steve Voigt  
2nd Amendment: Add \$80,371 to the Common Table budget. Steve Voigt
70. **Debate** on the motions took place on the conference floor and several persons made statements for and against the proposed amendments.
71. **Motion** - Scott Evans made a motion to call for the Question. **Motion Affirmed**
72. **Vote** on the two amendments offered by Steve Voigt (see #15). **Not affirmed.**
73. **Report** of the Common Table. **Affirmed.**
74. **Service of Commissioning** – Order of the Day  
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20  
Those Commissioned: Sondra Marie Atkins, Fay Balch Hubbard  
After the Commissioning Service discussion and further proposals came before the conference.
75. **Motion** to reconsider the previous motion. **Affirmed.**
76. **Motion** Marvin Neubauer: To add a position of Youth Coordinator to the Common Table staffing plan. **Affirmed.**
77. **Question** by Phil Sloat-Delley for clarity on Director of Connectional Ministries job. David Lux answered.
78. **Question:** Do we need to see the Common Table proposal again? **Not Affirmed.**
79. **David Lux** offered an overview of the Common Table report given on Wednesday.
80. **Common Table Report** including staffing. **Affirmed.**
81. **Budget** of the Common Table **Affirmed.**
82. **Motion** to amend – Kathy Bullard –  
Restore line item #182 of 2010 Funding Plan, Interchurch Ministries budget to 2009 level of \$43,000. **Not Affirmed.**
83. **Motion** to amend - Kathy Bullard –  
To restore line item #183 of the 2010 Funding Plan, GAIN's budget to 2009 budget \$9,000. **Not Affirmed.**
84. **Question** on line item #188 of the 2010 Funding Plan, Children and the Poor
85. Does the body need the answer to item #188? Show of hands. Body is ready to vote.

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- 86. **Motion** to reinstate budget line item #188 for Children and the Poor. **Not Affirmed.**
- 87. **Dinner Break.**
- 88. **Teaching Time** with Bishop Schnase

Friday Plenary Session

Friday, June 12, 2009

Grand Ballroom

- 89. **Gathering** Music
- 90. **Teaching Time** with Bishop Schnase
- 91. **Report – Board of Pensions and Health Benefits** – Dennis Headrick
  - Conference received \$147,488 rebate
  - 44 active clergy received \$240 discounts
  - 109 active clergy received \$300 discounts on the clergy share
  - 35 retired clergy/spouses received \$108 discounts on the clergy share
  - 28 retired clergy/spouses received \$144 discounts on the clergy share
  - 82 churches will receive a \$500 discount on the church share of the HealthFlex billing in 2009!
  - Uniform rate for 2010 - \$15,264 3% increase
  - Medicare Companion rate to increase 2.72%
  - CRSP DB rate to increase 2% to 11.3786%
  - Past Service Rate for retirees receiving a pension under the pre-82 Plan increases to \$565 per year of service.
  - Active Plan changes:
    - \$1,000 annual deductible individual, \$2,000 family
    - \$4,000 out of pocket maximum, \$8,000 family
    - No change in Co-pays or 80% co-insurance
  - Medicare Companion plan changes:
    - \$500 annual deductible
    - \$1,500 out-of-pocket maximum
  - Pharmacy plan changes for both actives and retirees:
    - Co-pays will be a percentage of the cost of the drug rather than a flat rate
    - Three tier (generic, preferred brand name, non-preferred brand name) feature remains the same with minimum and maximum amounts in each level
  - Changes in Healthy Lifestyle Incentives to Receive Discounts from the Conference
  - Requirements for active clergy and spouses:
    - \*Complete the wellness screening at Annual Conference or have an annual physical
    - \*Do the Health Quotient online
    - \*Enroll in Virgin HealthMiles (No particular level of achievement is required)
  - Requirements for retired lay, clergy and spouses:
    - \* Complete the wellness screening at Annual Conference or have an annual physical
    - \*Do the Health Quotient
    - \*Enroll in Virgin HealthMiles is encouraged but not required
  - Important Healthy Lifestyle Incentive Change for 2010
    - \*For both actives and retirees, verification of annual physical form signed by your healthcare provider must be sent to the Conference Benefits Administrator by the end of the year.
    - \*Forms are available at the Board of Pension and Health Benefits booth, at the Wellness Screening site, and online at [www.gbophb.org](http://www.gbophb.org). Click on Administration, then on Health and Pension Resources.
    - \*No proof of Pro-Check Wellness Screening is needed
    - \*If you have questions about any changes for 2010, please see a Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits member.
    - \*Thank you to all Board members for their dedicated service.

Report – **Affirmed**

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92. **Report – United Methodist Women** – Louise Niemann (see report Pg. 245)
93. **Report – Volunteers in Mission** – Lisa Maupin reported that VIM teams in 2008 went to seven different countries and thirteen states rendering over 16,000 hours in service. Mission and service was coupled with justice ministries as VIM team members continued to teach others and offer their skills to create changes that helped improve life for those being served.
94. **Update** from David Lux  
Question from yesterday regarding line 188 on the \$7000 on Children and the Poor. Money is still in budget and has been distributed in other areas of the budget. The Children's part is in the Leadership part of the budget and the Poverty is under the Risk-taking and Justice Mission section of the budget.
95. **Break**
96. **Report** – Terri Raburn – Report of the Archives
97. **Presentation** to honor Bernice Boilesen for 25 years of service to the Nebraska Conference Historical Center.
98. **Bernice Boilesen** – spoke about her work and her appreciation of the leadership of the Archives...
99. **Report on the Rules of Order** - Lew Kaye-Skinner
100. **Motion** to bring the rules of order before the body with the right to make editorial changes. **Affirmed**
101. **Amendment** to the Conference Rules from Victoria Hatterman from YAN to use the YAN language describing the purpose and function of the operation of YAN. This will incorporate YAN into our conference structure– **Accepted as a friendly amendment**
102. **Harold Backus** – BoOM membership – District Superintendent representative needs to be listed as a member of BoOM.
103. **Brian Kottas** – pg 9, section f, II Statistics – move that change on handout be reversed/ revert to original in book – had stated that due date for statistics be determined by the Bishop (handout states should be received on first working day on or after January 20). **Motion seconded from floor.**
104. **Joyce Solomon** spoke for change – setting a date helps get the job done.
105. **Michael Burgess** – some figures are not available by date mentioned.
106. **Bishop to floor**, Carol Roettmer Brewer to chair. Bishop – explanation of why we want statistical information early – the information is for use in evaluation of every church and every pastor. The appointive cabinet needs the information early enough to use the material.
107. **Brain Kottas amendment defeated.**
108. **Tom Watson** - B2 Planning Committee – Secretary of Annual Conference not listed as member. Motion to add. **Affirmed**
109. **Nancy Kaye-Skinner** – question - amendment to pg 9, section f, II Statistics to be "postmarked on first working day on or after Jan. 20." Discussion –The statistical report is to be posted electronically on that date. Bishop interpretation – submitted electronically on first working day on or after Jan. 20.
110. **Affirmed adoption of Rules. (See Page 277)**
111. **Amendments to budget** previously submitted but not brought forward when vote on budget taken Thursday.
112. Proposal C brought by Richard Savage– amendment to Advance Specials (in packet).
113. **Bishop question** to Lew Kaye-Skinner – is there anything in rules saying one cannot have a mission share item and not also have as advance special – Lew Kaye-Skinner response:  
No.
114. **Richard Savage** offered rationale and read resolution.
115. WHEREAS: Our three camps are incorporated under one entity, Nebraska United Methodist Camps;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Nebraska United Methodist Camps, Inc. are trying to unify the camping program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Nebraska United Methodist Camps, Inc. be given a Conference Advance special number and listed as the first item under **Conference Owned Camping Ministries**.

116. **Dale Coates** - question – would this replace district askings for camping. Response from Richard Savage: No.
117. **Motion Affirmed.**
118. **Proposed Amendment B:** The Recommendation of the Committee on Equitable Compensation, Minimum Base Compensation Guidelines 2010 (section 2 ruled out of order – opposes Book Of Discipline – every church has the right to set salary – minimum salaries in place).
119. **Richard Savage** substitution for second section of motion: All pastors in NE prayerfully consider increasing their giving in 2010 at least to the point of tithing.
120. **Richard Savage** offered rationale and read resolution with change.
121. **Kathy Bullard** - Request division of motion. **Motion accepted.**
122. **First motion** – proposal omitting the second part of resolution:  
WHEREAS, our nation is suffering from a major and severe economic downturn;  
WHEREAS, Nebraska is not immune to these changes;  
WHEREAS, the local congregations of the United Methodist Church in Nebraska are also suffering from the same economic hardships;  
WHEREAS, “the cabinet has agreed to accept no [salary] increase and will be compensated at the 2009 rate” (Resource Book, p. 71);  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:  
THAT the minimum base compensation guidelines for pastors proposed by the Committee on Equitable Compensation (Resource Book, pp. 75-6), remain the same in 2010 as they are for 2009.
123. **Kathy Bullard** argued for the section dealing with equitable salary.
124. **Linda Battello** – question – discussion from last year where salary must be maintained to remain in the pension plan. Bishop requested Robin and Carole look into this and report this afternoon. First motion tabled until information received.
125. **Second section** of the Richard Savage proposal **Not Affirmed.**
126. **Conference Lay Leader Report** - Tom Watson
127. **Debra Thompsett-Welch** – requested copy of Watson’s poem be made available for all.
128. **Bishop** ruled Tom Watson’s full report will be made available. Noted that DVDs are available of this and Bishop Schnase’s sessions and Watson’s report.
129. **Terry Tomlinson** offered a praise: daughter of parishioner with 3rd diagnosis of cancer now declared cancer free.
130. **Bishop** reported on Costa de Oliveira’s absence – shooting of children from community of Ewing he serves.
131. **Chad Anglemeyer** – announcements
132. **Resolution** from William Williams and Charlotte Abram presented by Williams re: racial and ethnic diversity on Cabinet and Conference Staff.  
WHEREAS, we celebrate the racial and ethnic diversity of the Cabinet in the Nebraska Annual Conference presently and over the years and,  
WHEREAS, the current Conference staff has done excellent work and we are very appreciative and  
WHEREAS, the Conference support staff and other ministry staff positions have not reflected the racial and ethnic diversity as reflected in the Cabinet, appointments of pastors through our wonderful state,  
WHEREAS, we recognize that this has been a struggle for many years, and have sought to address this concern over the years,  
WHEREAS, we have before us the opportunity to hire new staff persons,

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the personnel committee advertise these positions through mediums (newspapers or other appropriate websites) which will reach a major portion of the racial ethnic population in addition to the general population so that the pool of candidates for any or all the position will be divers.

Rev. William M. Williams, Jr. and Rev. Charlotte Abram

133. Second by Dennis Linton-Hendrick. **Affirmed.**

**Retirement Service**  
Friday, June 12, 2009  
Grand Ballroom

Retirees: Ronald C. Croom, Sharee L. Johnson, David D. Rowe, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Marsha Stauss

134. **Lunch Break**
135. **Prayers of Concern** were lifted up as the conference reconvened.
136. **Question** on Equitable Salary – Howard Bailey, adopting the proposed amendment on Equitable salaries would put some pastors in jeopardy. To be eligible for the pension plan the pastor plan compensation must be 60% of the conference average compensation. If we keep the 2010 schedule the same as 2009 we would make ineligible a number of pastors.
137. **Proposed** amendment was withdrawn.
138. **Greetings** – President, Iliff School of Theology, David Trickett.
139. **Constitutional Amendments** discussions and vote. The results of the vote for each amendment will be sent to the Council of Bishops. The official results will be announced after every Annual Conference submits its results.
140. **Question:** Lew Kaye-Skinner inquired if YAC members present for the voting?
141. **The youth** that are the elected delegates from their districts are present and have voting rights on amendments.
142. **Question:** Kathy Bullard - What section does Amendment #27 belong to?
143. **Answer:** The World Wide section.
144. **Question:** Do I have to vote on all amendments for it to be valid?
145. **Answer:** No, you can vote, yes, no or no vote.
146. **Bishop** reviewed those eligible to vote on amendments. Bishop Sherer clarified those eligible to vote are lay members elected by each charge, those persons who are lay members of the Annual Conference registered as a lay member of annual conference. The alternate cannot vote unless the lay member is unable to vote. All voters must be registered for annual conference session. The Bishop cited the Book of Discipline paragraphs that specify voting rights 602.4, 602.6, 602.1a. The other groups that can vote are the Full Connection Elders and Deacons, active and retired.
147. **General Conference delegates** Lavina Schwaninger, Charlotte Abram – introduction of amendments and voting process.
148. **Noted** that amendments may be debated but not amended. Amendments on world-wide nature of the church will be put together for discussion. Bishop asked for clarification on statement that 23 amendments will create a regional conference. Correction is that they make possible the creation of a regional conference to create a uniform global structure for the church.
149. **Kathy Bullard** - question – does amendment 27 go with second or third round? Bishop stated that 27 goes with the group on world-wide church.
150. **Kathy Bullard** - question of whether the five to be ordained are being allowed to vote. Bishop – must be ordained before allowed to vote.
151. **Jim Wallasky** – procedural question – if I don't know how to vote on an item and leave it

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- blank, does that invalidate the ballot? Bishop – no – can vote yes, no or leave blank and will still be a valid ballot for those answered.
152. **Jim Wallasky and Kay Alnor** presented Holy Conferencing guidelines.
  153. **Bishop** – will begin with the world-wide church amendments. For each of the amendments, will have 3 speeches to adopt, 3 against adoption.
  154. **Request** that will follow this process – **body accepted**.
  155. **The Annual Conference** moved into a time of Holy Conferencing.
  156. **Reconvened** as the body for voting. Bishop asked visitors to move from the tables for the convenience of the ushers. Bishop reminded body of the importance of the Book of Discipline and the care to be taken in making changes as it is the covenant of how we will live together. Constitutional amendments are at a higher standard and that is why such changes require this process. Reminded body of who is eligible to vote: elected members of the Annual Conference, Full Connection Elders and Deacons are eligible to vote, but not those who have had their orders recognized, those from other annual conferences (to vote in home or member conference) or local pastors. Persons with question of their status were invited to the front for a decision from the Bishop.
  157. **Ballots distributed**. Bishop reviewed ballot: check to verify status to vote, date of vote.
  158. **Lavina Schwaninger and Charlotte Abram** invited those wishing to place amendments before the body for discussion. Rule for discussion: 3 speeches for and 3 against to be allowed for each vote. **Rules Affirmed**.
  159. **Amendments** on the worldwide nature of the United Methodist Church: III, IV, V, VII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XVI, XVIII, XX, XXI, XXIII, XXIV, XXVI, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX, XXXI, XXXII
  160. Scott Evans – motion to suspend the rule requiring that each of the amendments be read aloud. Second from the floor. **Rules suspended**.
  161. **Scott Evans** – reminded body of standing 90 second rule for each speech for and/or against.
  162. **Speeches:**
  163. **David McCreary** – discussion against III
  164. **Jim Wallasky** – question of why XXIX is not included in this vote; amendment XX appears connected to amendment XXIX. Requests XXIX be voted on separately. Defeated.
  165. **Ramona Ellison**, laity, Rising City– discussion against all of world-wide amendments. Argued that this would raise costs and create more bureaucracy.
  166. **Marvin Neubauer** – discussion for all of world-wide amendments. These amendments allow brothers and sisters to be fully included.
  167. **John Ewton** – discussion against all of world-wide amendments. Argued that this would create more bureaucracy.
  168. **James Brewer** – discussion in response of items raised by those against. These amendments do not impact jurisdictions and we are a worldwide church.
  169. **Phil Sloat-Delley** – discussion for all or world-wide amendments saying that the effect of these amendments are to empower members around the world.
  170. **If wish to vote** for the change, vote “yes”. If you do not wish the change vote “no”.
  171. **Michael Davis** – question on method of marking ballot; Bishop ruled x or check mark both appropriate.
  172. **Vote** on world-wide church amendments.
  173. **Amendment I**
  174. **Speeches:**
  175. **Hayden Cox**, youth Kearney – discussion for this amendment with the thinking that we are a diverse church then why would we not accept one as a member.
  176. **Steve Griffith** – discussion for, we accept anyone and this is a part of who we are as United Methodists.
  177. **Yolanda Schudal** laity, Mira Valley – discussion against.
  178. **Alex Rudolph**, youth, Ogallala – discussion for because excluding persons open the possibility of personal bias when excluding someone from membership.
  179. **(Didn't identify)** – discussion against

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180. **David McCreary** – discussion against reasoning that some persons join who are not ready to join or have faithless motivations when joining.
181. **Amendment II**
182. **Phil Sloat-Delley** – request for General Conf. delegate to give rationale for this being proposed – was there a legal issue brought forward? Charlotte Abram responded – not aware of a particular incident. Tom Watson – part of rationale: legal reason - any organization seeking non-profit status must have conflict of interest and ethics policies in place to receive tax-exempt status now.
183. **Amendment VI**
184. No discussion
185. **Amendment VIII**
186. No discussion
187. **Amendment IX**
188. No discussion
189. **Amendment XV**
190. No discussion
191. **Amendment XVII**
192. **James Brewer**, Norfolk Parish – discussion against valuing the presence of the laity on matters of ordination. Only clergy should vote on matters of ordination which is a “life” status and not an “employment” status.
193. **Michael Burgess** – discussion against some matters pertaining to ordination status are very sensitive and should be cared for only by clergy.
194. **Richard Karohl** – question of how to change a vote on a ballot; Bishop ruled that it be completely eradicated and a clear mark made in the alternate column.
195. **Amendment XIX**
196. **Linda Battello**, Elsie-Madrid – discussion for
197. **Amendment XXII**
198. **Voting** was completed and ballots were collected.
199. **Bishop Sherer-Simpson** closed the ballot.
200. **Announcement**—Bishop Sherer  
Ordination starts at 7:30 p.m.
201. **Prayer** for dismissal at 4:52 p.m.
202. **Adjourned**

**Ordination Service**

Friday, June 12, 2009

Saint Paul United Methodist Church

Lincoln, NE

Participating in the service: Rev. David Lux, Saint Paul

Rev. Robert Houser, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Central Nebraska

Bishop Robert Schnase, Missouri United Methodist Conference

Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson, Nebraska United Methodist Conference

Tom Watson, Lay Leader Nebraska United Methodist Conference

Rev. Sally Ruggia-Haden, Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry

Ordinands

Mark Richard Crist, Anne Kiome Gatobou, Tamara Lou Holtz,

Lorrinda “Lorri” Kentner, Cynthia Sue Stewart

**Saturday Plenary Session**

Grand Ballroom

8 A.M.

203. **Gathering Music**
204. **Worship** with Youth Annual Conference

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- 205. **Young Adult Network Recognized** – Victoria Hatterman – Young adults are underepresented in our conference and churches. The Young Adult Annual Summit begins this year. Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson thanked Victoria for her leadership.
- 206. **Voting Results** of the General Conference Amendments  
The Bishop noted that the Book of Discipline p. 38 Article 1 of Division 5 explains the process for voting on constitutional amendments.

	YES	NO	TOTAL	Yes %	No %
	VOTES				
Amendment I	260	169	429	60.61%	39.39%
Amendment II	346	66	412	83.98%	16.02%
Amendment III	266	146	412	64.56%	35.44%
Amendment IV	268	145	413	64.89%	35.11%
Amendment V	267	142	409	65.28%	34.72%
Amendment VI	301	107	408	73.77%	26.23%
Amendment VII	267	155	422	63.27%	36.73%
Amendment VIII	351	59	410	85.61%	14.39%
Amendment IX	352	50	402	87.56%	12.44%
Amendment X	263	146	409	64.30%	35.70%
Amendment XI	264	145	409	64.55%	35.45%
Amendment XII	264	147	411	64.23%	35.77%
Amendment XIII	265	146	411	64.48%	35.52%
Amendment XIV	269	143	412	65.29%	34.71%
Amendment XV	320	93	413	77.48%	22.52%
Amendment XVI	270	146	416	64.90%	35.10%
Amendment XVII	217	203	420	51.67%	48.33%
Amendment XVIII	263	150	413	63.68%	36.32%
Amendment XIX	356	61	417	85.37%	14.63%
Amendment XX	266	146	412	64.56%	35.44%
Amendment XXI	264	143	407	64.86%	35.14%
Amendment XXII	362	38	400	90.50%	9.50%
Amendment XXIII	268	144	412	65.05%	34.95%
Amendment XXIV	264	147	411	64.23%	35.77%
Amendment XXV	265	146	411	64.48%	35.52%
Amendment XXVI	271	139	410	66.10%	33.90%
Amendment XXVII	266	142	408	65.20%	34.80%
Amendment XXVIII	270	142	412	65.53%	34.47%
Amendment XXIX	269	139	408	65.93%	34.07%
Amendment XXX	269	141	410	65.61%	34.39%
Amendment XXXI	265	145	410	64.63%	35.37%
Amendment XXXII	270	141	411	65.69%	34.31%

- 207. **Allison Teverti** Raymond UMC youth – the youth would like to recommend that the youth in each district could have a table in each of the districts where they could sit with members from their district. This recommendation, affirmed by the Annual Conference will go to the Annual Conference planning Committee.
- 208. **Recommendations** from Equitable Salary guidelines given earlier in the conference need to be adopted – **Affirmed. (See Page 244 for report)**
- 209. **2010 Annual Conference Funding Plan** – Pat Duncan
- 210. **Suggestion** – Howard Bailey Line 30 places the funding for retiree health insurance under cabinet expenses. This should be placed in another part of the funding plan.
- 211. **Suggestion** – Dee Schriver, Albion -- Request for list of staff salaries. Pat Duncan received the suggestion.

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212. **Amendment** – Richard Haden - add \$10,000 to line 202 in the 2010 funding plan for the Board of Church and Society. The Board of Church and Society is now folded in the RTMJ team and the funds are now under the work of that team - **amendment withdrawn.**
213. **Suggestion** – Joyce Solomon - make notations about where items have been incorporated.
214. **2010 Funding Plan – Affirmed.**
215. **Report** – Board of Pensions Recommendations – **Affirmed.**
216. **Report** – Nominating and Equipping – Denny Silk - **Affirmed.**  
\*Rev. Randy Sailors – IMN  
\*Reminder to nominate people to the Nominating and Equipping Committee.
217. **Report** – Cokesbury & UM Publishing House
218. **Request** – Lew Kaye-Skinner – Help for the staff to carry stuff to their cars.
219. **Comment** – Joyce Solomon – Is there a representative to Cooperative School of Missions on the Common Table?
220. **Answer** - David Lux – The Common Table and teams are comprised not of representatives but rather as people with skills and energy to accomplish our strategic priorities.
221. **Tom Watson** – Leadership Development – They will take Joyce’s recommendation back to the team. It will be attended to by next Annual Conference Session.
222. **Comment** – Charles Reed – Spoke to the question.
223. **Report** – Lyle Schoen – UMCOR Truck – 152 Churches gave 2,659 kits, 60 boxes of bulk supplies. \$4,587 (\$2,173 shipping) 1,400 Health, 1,000 school, 131 sewing, Layette 63
224. **Personal Privilege** – Wayne Alloway – Every effort will be made at St. Mark’s to pay their Mission Shares.
225. **Announcements** – Chad – DVD’s of Bishop Schnase will be sent to all churches. Copies of the Lay Leader’s report on the Communication’s Table. Major pieces of the Annual Conference will be on the UM Tube in a week.
226. **Report** of the Journal Committee **Motion:** Chad - Work with Darlene Hall and Secretarial staff for minutes of the Conference. **Affirmed.**
227. **Motion:** Chad - Location for 2010 Annual Conference will be Nebraska Wesleyan University, June 9 through June 12, 2010. **Affirmed.**
228. **Closing Motions** – Darlene Hall  
**Motion:** I move that when the Committee on the Journal has approved the Journal for Saturday, June 13, the Bishop and the Secretary shall be authorized to declare said document to be the Official Journal of the 2009 Nebraska Conference.  
**Affirmed.**
- Motion:** I move the Conference Secretary be authorized to print 1,200 electronic copies of the 2009 Journal. Persons may request a hard copy from the Conference Office for \$20.00. **Affirmed.**
- Motion:** I move the Conference Secretary be authorized to make such editorial changes in the Journal as may be necessary for clarity. **Affirmed.**
- Motion:** I move that we express our appreciation for the work of the Secretarial Staff, the Pages, the Timers, all Volunteers, and the Conference Office Support Staff. **Affirmed.**
229. **Report** – How is Evie Gulachi Johnson? Gateway DS. Secundino Morales reported she remained in the hospital overnight and will return home today.

**Closing Worship**  
Saturday, June 13, 2009

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10 AM

- 230. **Hymn** – All Are Welcome
- 231. **Special Music**
- 232. **Scripture:** Acts 2
- 233. **Sermon** – Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson
- 234. **Offering** for Nothing-But-Nets
- 235. **Fixing of Appointments** – Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer-Simpson
- 236. **Personal Privilege** – Kelly Karges – The conference expressed gratitude to Rev. Ebb Munden for his dedication and service to the conference and to Nebraska Wesleyan University. Rev. Munden has retired from his position at NWU and will be moving, with his spouse Lucy, to Texas to be near family members. Rev. Munden offered the following benediction for the 2009 Annual Conference session:

Go now, remember who and who's you are  
You are God's people. Fashioned with His love, created in His image  
To be co-creators of the new future which emerges now before you  
Go and remember that God goes with you  
And all God's people said, Amen.