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**Holy Conferencing**

The Colossians 3:12-16a, 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ... And whatever you do, in word or deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Purpose**

\*To model for the church, how members with widely divergent and often contending viewpoints can explore their different understanding through prayerful and civil dialogue

\*To acknowledge and address honestly and forthrightly the deep wounds generated by our disagreements and hardness of heart toward each other

\*To dispel harmful, inaccurate stereotypes that we hold toward each other

\*To experience healing and reconciliation, if possible

\*And to continue to be the church in the midst of disagreements

**Ground Rules**

1. Remember all are children of God and defined by their relationship with God.
2. Use facilitators and mediators trained in dialogue groups and informed by the information regarding Holy Conferencing.
3. We believe that it is critically important that people with a variety of differing theological perspectives on issues have opportunity to engage each other in a safe, politically non-divisive forum. Avoid inflammatory words, derogatory names, excited and angry voice.
4. Speak personally, for yourself as an individual not as a representative of an organization or position. The facilitator will assure that each speaker will be given time. Speak respectfully and patiently listen, observe before formulating response.
5. Confidentiality will be observed. Do not repeat what is said in the group today to anyone outside the group unless you have permission from the person who said it.
6. Anyone using disrespectful language, disrupting the discussion, or disregarding the instruction of the moderators will be dismissed from the discussion and may be asked to leave the premises.
7. Participants are always allowed the opportunity to "pass" when they do not wish to speak.

**Use these guidelines during all of Annual Conference.**

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**LAITY SESSION**

June 11, 2008  
Saint Paul UMC

1. **Opened** by Lavina Schwaninger
2. **Devotions** by David Jefferson
  - a. Psalms 133
  - b. Prayer
3. **Introductions**
  - a. Tom Watson, Associate Lay Leader
  - b. District Lay Leaders
4. **Recognized** first time attendees
5. **Courtesies:** Where things are located
6. Lavina read from The Book of Discipline on duties of Lay Members  
Importance of reporting to the local church
7. **Report** – Tom Watson - How legislation arrives at Annual Conference and process
8. **Report** – How to report at local church
9. **Report** – Co-Chairs of Transition Team – Marilyn Moore and David Stock
10. **Introduction** – Anita Hall
11. **Report** – Anita Hall – Holy Conferencing
12. **Announcement** – From Bishop Sherer remember the Awards Ceremony Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
13. **Appreciation** was shared for the leadership
14. **Closing** and meal prayer – Bob Aderholt
15. **Adjourned** 10:45 A.M.
16. District Laity Awards were recognized.

**CLERGY SESSION**

June 11, 2008  
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lancaster Room

1. Opening Words and Prayers
2. Remarks Jim Wallasky
3. Report – Gary Main
  - a. Question 17 – no unresolved charges
  - b. Question 18 changes
4. Remarks
5. Report Dan Spearow
  - a. Question 21- a,b,c,d,e,f -**Affirmed**
  - b. Question 22,
    - i. Motion-Richard Melano, In accordance with the provisions of Para. 358 of the 2004 Book of Discipline, I move, Richard Melano be granted incapacity leave without loss of relationship to the annual conference. **Seconded.**
      1. Discussion
      2. Great West dCOM moved to to recommend Richard Melano be continued so he can receive disability benefits. **Seconded.**
      3. Cabinet accepted the recommendation of the dCOM.
      4. Board of Ordained Ministry accepted the recommended
      5. Motion was withdrew his motion.

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6. Report – Ron Roemmich
  - a. Question 24 – **Affirmed**
7. Report – Ray Weinerman
  - a. Introduced Question 27 b- Jim Corson, ValJean Warman
  - b. Introduced Question 33b –Jaime Farias, Harun Gatobu, Pauletta Joy Lehn, Nancy Leonard, Nora Mendyk, and Joel Rathbun
  - c. Bishop asked Historic questions asked
  - d. Affirmed Question 27b
  - e. Affirmed Question 33b
8. Report - Michelle Reed
  - a. Question 35b – **Affirmed**
  - b. Question 28b – Motion to exempt Portia Cavitt from being present for voting. Seconded. **Affirmed**
    - i. **Elected Affirmed**
  - c. Question 30, 31 – **Affirmed**
9. Report – Ron Roemmich
  - a. Question 41, 42 – **Affirmed**
10. Report – Michelle Reed
  - a. Question 46 – **Affirmed**
11. Report – Ron Roemmich
  - a. Question 47 – **Affirmed**
  - b. Question 48 – **Affirmed**
  - c. Question 52c prayer of thanksgiving
  - d. Question 53 – **Affirmed**
  - e. Question 54 – **Affirmed**
  - f. Question 55 – **Affirmed**
  - g. Question 57a, c – Richard Melano added -**Affirmed**
  - h. Question 59a – **Affirmed**
  - i. Invitation to retirees to join ARMS – Roger Casteel
12. Report Ray Weinerman
  - a. Question 60a – **Affirmed**
  - b. Question 60b – any corrections
13. Report Jim Wallasky
  - a. Question 67 – **Affirmed**
  - b. Question 83 – **Affirmed**
  - c. Question 85
  - d. Question 88 – **Affirmed**
    - i. Change Pauletta Lehn to (FE)
14. Remarks – Jim Wallasky
  - a. Recognized retiring BOM members
  - b. Recognized incoming BOM members
15. Announcements
16. Report – Kelly Karges -Order of Elder
  - a. Explained handouts
  - b. Clergy Session – January 20 – 22, 2009
17. Remarks – Bishop
18. Adjourned

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## OPENING SESSION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

## First Plenary Session

1. **Opening Worship** - 1:00 pm  
 "Come to the Great Banquet" with Children's Annual Conference and Rev. Mark Crist and Rev. John Pitney.  
 Song: "O Come" by Rev. John Pitney, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
 Sermon: Bishop Ann B. Sherer, "Well Fed and Able to Feed!"  
 Scripture: John 6:22-58  
 Rachel Harvey – "The Advance" The 60th Anniversary of the Advance  
 Offering: Nigeria/Nebraska Project  
 Closing Remarks:
2. **Welcome to Lincoln** – Mayor Chris Beutler  
 Welcome from the Governor Dave Heineman  
 Welcome from Fred Ohles, President of Nebraska Wesleyan University
3. **Organization of the Conference** - Bishop Sherer - 2:38 pm  
 Opening motions by Darlene Hall  
**MOTION** - I move the Secretarial Staff for the 2008 Annual Conference be: Kay Alnor, Marie Brhel, Roger Gillming, Amy Hasemeyer, Patti Jones, D.R. "Buck" Linton- Hendrick, Bonnie Linton-Hendrick and Sam Rathod. **Carried**  
**MOTION** - I move the roll call be by signing 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 lay person to be seated shall report to secretarial staff members, Patti Jones or Amy Hasemeyer. After filling out a roll card, they shall receive the right to be seated without a formal vote of the Conference. Clergy members shall report to secretarial staff members, Sam Rathod or Marie Brhel.
4. **Remarks** – Chad Anglemyer  
 General Announcements  
 Please turn off cell phones or put on vibrate  
 Meditation Room  
 Health Screening
5. **MOTION** - Chad Anglemyer  
 I move that the revised schedule in the conference packets be the agenda for the 2008 Annual Conference. **Carried**
6. **MOTION** - Chad Anglemyer  
 I move the voting area be in front of and including the last row of round tables. **Carried**
7. **MOTION** - Chad Anglemyer  
 I move that the secretary send greetings to all Conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction that are meeting this week and others as appropriate. **Carried**
8. **MOTION** - Chad Anglemyer  
 I move the following persons serve on the Committee of the Journal: Melody Adams as chairperson, Darlene Hall, Michael McInnis, Robin Kilgore, Chad Anglemyer, Kathryn Witte and Barb Grenemeier. **Carried**
9. **MOTION** - Chad Anglemyer  
 I move that the following I move the following persons are the 2008 Committee on General Reference: Scott Evans, Marvin Neubauer, Jim Wallasky, Nancy Lambert, Barbara Jo Burns. **Carried.**

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10. **Report from the Cabinet** by Carol Roettmer Brewer  
MOTION OF DISCONTINUATION - **Carried**  
Comstock  
Memphis  
Ravenna Zion
  11. **Changes in District and charge lines:**  
Brownville/Nemaha/Julian now one charge  
Cedar Hill moved to Missouri River District  
Cedar Hill/Ashland now one charge  
Lincoln St. James/Warren now one charge  
Roca now a single charge  
Lincoln Faith/Lakeview now one charge
  12. **MOTION** - Lew Kaye-Skinner  
I, move to refer the three resolutions found on pages 37 and 38 to General Reference.  
**Carried**
  13. **Report** of Transition Team, Council on Finance and Administration and Conference Council on Ministries - Marilyn Moore, Darrell Stock, Pat Duncan and Rev. Charlotte Abram
  14. **Video** of Conference Council on Ministries
  15. **Congregational Development Report** – Rev. Wayne Alloway  
Video –
  16. **Recess** - 3:45 PM
  17. **Holy Conferencing** – Rev. Kay Alnor and Rev. Jim Wallasky
  18. Talking Circle Demonstration for Holy Conferencing
  19. **Board of Ordained Ministries Report** – Jim Wallasky
    - a. Introduction of Associate Members – Ray Weinerman
    - b. Introduction of Commissioning Candidates – Jerry Brabec
    - c. Introduction of those being ordained – Michelle Reed
    - d. Introduced Interns for 2008 – Sam Rathod
      1. Scott Ritterbush at Kearney First
      2. Tyler Kaufman at First UMC at Columbus
    - e. Introduction of new officers  
Chair – Sally Ruggia-Haden  
Vice Chair – Ray Weinerman  
Secretary – Cathy Cole  
Treasurer – Bette Trumble
  20. **Conference Treasurer** – Robin Kilgore
  21. **United Methodist Foundation** – Jim Heller
  22. **Closing Prayer** – Rev. Gary Main
  23. **Dinner Break**
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008**  
Memorial and Communion Service  
Saint Paul UMC  
7:30 PM
24. **Communion and Memorial Service** - Bishop Ann Brookshire Sherer, Presiding  
Rev. Mike Benischek preached at the Communion and Memorial Service which was held at Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Special music was provided by Saint Paul Chancel Choir, Lincoln. Rev. Dr. Carol Roettmer Brewer and Rev. Gary Main read the names of the

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deceased clergy: C. William Bicket, K. Roy Brown, Alva H. Clark, Anderson “Andy” Kwankin Marvin Coffey, John Lee Minert and N. Joan Ranney. They also read the names of the deceased spouses: Elizabeth Jean Garrison, Marjorie Bachenburg, Susan Kloppenborg, Delia Vance, Victor Jensen, Martha Spellman, Carolee King, Opal McClure, Evelyn Kennicott. Bishop Sherer and David Lux, assisted by Conference members, served communion. An offering was received for the Central Conference Pension Initiative - CCPI.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Plenary Session

25. **Gathering Music**
26. **Bible Study** – Dr. Shannon Jung, “Food for Life: The Spirituality and Ethics of Eating”
27. **Report** – Lydia Patterson Institute – Dr. Socorro Brito de Anda, President
28. **Video** – “Walking the Land”
29. **Presentation** – Dr. Mary Hendrickson, “What’s On Our Table? Global and Local Food
30. **Break**
31. **Legislative Session #1**
32. **Lunch Break**
33. **Courtesy** – Rev. Roger Gillming – NE United Methodist Disaster Response
34. **Offering** – Central Conference Pension Initiative
35. **Presentation** – Rev. Nancy Flader, “100th Anniversary of the United Methodist Social Creed
36. **Report of the Personnel Committee**– Charlene Adden  
See attached report.
37. **Introduction of Staff and Members of the Cabinet**
  - a. The staff and Cabinet were thanked
38. **Music** – John Pitney – “The Earth Is the Lord’s”
39. **State of the Church/Laity** - Lavina Schwaninger, Lay Leader  
See attached report.
40. **Board of Trustees Report** – Rev. Alan Davis
  - a. See attached report.
  - b. Building Task Force Report
  - c. Camping Adhoc Committee Report – Steve Voigt
    1. Operating Policies of the Nebraska UM Camps, Inc, page 240
41. **Board of Pension Report** – Dennis Headrick
42. **Presentation** - General Conference 2008 – Nebraska Delegation – Melody Adams
43. **Presentation**- Rev. Lowen Kruse – Admiral in the Great Nebraska Navy – Bishop Ann Sherer
44. **Historical Moment** – Lona Dearmont and Terri Raburn, Archives and Historical Center
45. **Announcements** – CCPI Offering – \$ 9,911.37, Children’s Orphanage Offering \$3,499.78
46. **Presentation** – Dr. Mary Hendrickson – “What’s on Our Table? Global and Local Food Connections”
47. **Commissioning Service** -
  - a. Persons to be Commissioned
    1. Craig Collins
    2. Matt E. Fowler
    3. Jason Kennedy
    4. Debra McKnight
    5. Lynda Parson

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6. Robert Perry
48. **Dinner Break**
49. **Awards, Courtesies and Dessert Gala** featuring John Pitney music
- a. Courtesy - The Advance – Rachel Harvey, Mission Specialist, General Board of Global Ministries
  - b. Courtesy – United Methodist Community Center-Wesley House – Paul Bryant
  - c. Laity Awards  
Blue River: Harold DeVries Lincoln Calvary UMC  
Elkhorn Valley: Jean Schlickbernd of Trinity UMC/UCC West Point  
Gateway: Robert Burton of Pleasanton UMC  
Great West: Lillian Confer of Culbertson UMC  
Missouri River: Joanne (Jody) Holdcroft of Rockbrook UMC  
Prairie Rivers: Charlene Turner of Hastings First UMC
  - d. Courtesy – Clinic with a Heart – John Lacey
  - e. Presentation - Denman Awards – by Karl Lent to Cynthia Stewart
  - f. Courtesy – Mt. Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center – Sheri Altland
  - g. Offering – 25th Anniversary of Nebraska Conference Peace with Justice Ministries
  - h. Presentation - Danner Scholarships – By Paul Bryant, UMCC-Wesley House
  - i. Courtesy – Perkins School of Theology
  - j. Presentation - Black College Fund Representative – Josefa Bethea Walls
  - k. Presentation - Angie Newman Award – By Deanna Holland, Commission on the Status and Role of Women
  - l. Courtesy – Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska – Marilyn Mecham
  - m. Presentation – Merit Scholarship Awards – To Hannah Johnson, Johnstown, NE and Blake Patterson, Callaway, NE - by Karen McCearry, Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
  - n. Courtesy – Nebraska Wesleyan University – President Fred Ohles
  - o. Presentation – United Methodist Men’s 100 Club Scholarships – Randy Fleming
  - p. Courtesy Seminary School Message
  - q. Presentation – Epworth Village – Tom McBride
  - r. Presentation – NOMADS – Peggy and Glenn Shorney

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008**  
**Plenary Session**

50. **Gathering Music**
51. **Bible Study** – Retired Bishop Ken Hicks “Poverty Has A Face”
52. **Peace with Justice Ministries Report** – Rev. Carol Windrum
53. **Volunteers in Mission Report** – Rev. Nan Kaye-Skinner
54. **Report from Higher Education** – Karen McCreary
55. **Report from Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry** –Rev. Kathy Bullard
56. **Recognition of Retired Clergy** – Rev. Ron Roemmich
- a. Those recognized as retiring  
Richard Brian  
Richard Dimond  
Dennis Hanneman  
Marvin Koelling  
Larry Michael-Rush  
Clarke Mundhenke

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Ray Norris  
Sam Rathod  
Joy Savage  
Joe Scahill  
Murray Schmechel  
John Yost  
Mary Jensen

57. **Transferring of the Mantle** – Joy Savage to Matt E. Fowler  
58. **Break**  
59. **Report #2**– Transition Team Co-Chairs  
60. **Report from Legislative Committees** – Lew Kaye-Skinner

a. Workbook page 42

The Common Table structure is designed to support the conference's common work and help answer the question, "What must happen to make disciples who transform the world?" Example measures of success include the fruits of our ministry, the six signs of discipleship, as well as measures that could include increases in the number of people in weekly worship, the number of people participating in leadership development programs, the number of clergy participating in covenant groups, the number of people participating in risk-taking mission and justice work, etc. – **Affirmed**

Integration (Workbook page 42, right column, near the bottom)  
(from Legislative Group 6)

The recommended structure effectively undergirds and implements the mission and vision of the Nebraska Conference. Teams and methods of operating are being recommended. The goal is to strengthen the connection and streamline the organization so that the Conference can aid the local church to can become more effective in making disciples who transform the world. - **Affirmed**

b. Function of the Common Table (Workbook page 43, left column, near the top)  
(from Legislative Group 6)

- ~~Casts the vision, monitors the flow, and ensures alignment to the mission and vision of the conference.~~
- Creates and supports culture that discerns God's vision for the Nebraska Conference.
- Casts the vision, monitors the flow, and ensures alignment to the mission and vision of the conference. - **Affirmed**

c. Function of the Common Table (Workbook page 43, left column, near the bottom)  
(from Legislative Group 4)

- Monitors the work of the Nebraska United Methodist Conference to ensure diversity and full inclusivity for all persons.
- Maintains transparency about decisions regarding Conference Programs and Ministries by making agenda of future meetings and minutes of past meetings available through UMCConnect in time to allow for feedback. – **Affirmed**

d. Function of the Teams (Workbook page 43, right column, near the middle)  
(from Legislative Group 4)

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- Is able to administer funding plan dollars allocated to the Team's strategic area.
- Maintains transparency about decisions regarding Conference Programs and Ministries by making agenda of future meetings and minutes of past meetings available through UMConnect in time to allow for feedback. – **Affirmed**

e. Members of The Common Table would include: (Workbook page 44, left column, near the top)  
(from Legislative Group 3)

Bishop (non-voting) - **Affirmed**

f. Nomination Process (Workbook page 47, left column, about 1/3 down)  
(from Legislative Groups 2 & 5)

The Conference Nominating Committee working closely with the Transition Team has identified a slate of candidates to fulfill the roles outlined for The Common Table and the three Teams. ~~The acceptance of The Common Table structure proposal includes the acceptance of the slated volunteers willing to fulfill the various assignments for The Common Table and Teams.~~ – **Affirmed**

g. Risk-taking Mission and Justice Ministries Team (Workbook page 48, left column, near the bottom) (from Legislative Group 7)

Native American Ministries Committee ( Move from Congregational Transformation Team)  
– **Affirmed**

h. Leadership Development Team (Workbook page 48, right column)  
(from Legislative Group 6)

Add:  
Stewardship - **Affirmed**

i. Congregational Transformation Team (Workbook page 48, right column, near the bottom)  
(from Legislative Group 6)

Add:  
Small membership churches - **Affirmed**

61. Motion to Accept Transition Report Funding Plan – Conference Council on Finance and Administration – Pat Duncan  
Accept the Funding Plan – **Affirmed**
62. **Recognition** of the Conference Council on Ministries – Rev. Charlotte Abram
63. **Transition Report as Amended** –  
Amendment to the Transition Report – Linda Battelo  
“I move to replace the words ‘Common Table’ with Connectional Council in all places in the report. **Not affirmed**  
Accept the report as amended. **Affirmed**
64. yellow page  
1. Salaries – **Affirmed**

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2. Direct contact – **Affirmed**
3. Committee of experts – **Affirmed**
4. Following bodies – **Affirmed**
65. Dismissal and Lunch Prayer – Bishop Ken Hicks

**Friday**  
**Afternoon Plenary**

66. **Session** reconvened at 1:30 pm.
67. **Gathering Music:** Rev. John Pitney & Jerry Brabec
68. **Announcements** – Nita Hinds-Park and Bishop Sherer
69. **Prayer of concerns** - Bishop Sherer
70. **Announcement** – Melody Adams and Bette Trumble
71. **Report** - Food and Faith Collage by Dottie Halverson along with video presentation.
72. **Report** – Episcopacy Committee by Jim Keyser
73. **Announcement** – Gary Main – Pages to collect the attendance cards.
74. **Rule Change** – Pg. 38 on the Resource Book.  
Amendment – Insert three words “Members of BOOM shall not be elected to serve on any other board, committee, or council that is elected by the Annual Conference with the exception of having a representative at the Common Table. (Amendment from Group #8) Motion for referral to committee on rules – Brian Kottas. **Motion affirmed.**
75. **Question** – Lynn Seiser
76. **Amendment** – Board and Communion - **Amendment affirmed.**
77. **Pg. 58-61** – Robin Kilgore reported that only editorial changes were made from last year. **Affirmed.**
78. **Pg. 62-63** Equitable Salary Compensation Guidelines. **Affirmed.**  
A concern was raised about the formula used to calculate Equitable salary.
79. **Pg. 71-72** Motion to move to Resolutions – about housing exclusion. **Affirmed.**
80. **Amendment** to Conference Rules of Order, (Workbook, page 38)  
Add at the end of C.8. (page 312, 2007 Journal), “Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall not be elected to serve on any board, committee, or council that is elected by the Annual Conference.”  
Motion for referral to committee on rules – Brian Kottas - **Affirmed**
81. **Board and Commission Chairpersons** and elected members of the Common Table shall be voting members of the Annual Conference...  
Move to refer to the Annual Conference Planning Committee.
82. **Proposed** amendment to: Board of Pension and Health Benefits recommendations for 2009.
83. **Amendment by Joyce Savage:**  
Page 69, Section 16: HealthFlex for Retired Clergy - *Clergy couples retiring after 1 July 2003 shall receive a subsidy equal to 2% per service year of their combined years in the ordained ministry of the United Methodist Church and its predecessors up to a maximum of 35 years. The surviving clergy person shall continue to receive the same subsidy throughout the remainder of his/her life.*  
Referred to the General Reference Committee (it will be brought to the floor within 24 hours).
84. **Session adjourned** at 2:55 pm.

**Saturday, June 14, 2008**  
**Plenary Session – Morning**

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85. **Gathering Music:** Youth Annual Conference
86. **Worship** - Youth Annual Conference and Pauletta Lehn
87. **Offering** – Youth Service Fund (Adv. Sp.#756) Rachel Harvey, Mission Specialist – GBGM
88. **Youth Report** – Pauletta Lehn
89. **Michelle Reed** presented ... who passed the youngest
90. **UMCOR Truck** – Susan Schoen  
Nearly three thousand kits were received this year and \$4000 for shipping.
91. **Report** – Peace With Justice report was presented by Carol Windrum  
Bread bidding off with profits going to the Peace with Justice Ministries – by Lew Kaye-Skinner.
92. **Song** by Rev. John Pitney and Jerry Brabec
93. **Remarks** – Bishop Sherer made remarks on radical changing
94. **Report** – United Methodist Women's Report along with slides presentation by Dixie Allbery, President
95. **Report** - United Methodist Men's Bill Stambaugh, President  
United Methodist Men Annual Meeting and Summer Rally will be held August 15-17, 2008 at Camp Comeca. The theme is NO MEN LEFT BEHIND.
96. **Presentation** – YAC presented a T-Shirt to Bishop Sherer.
97. **Report** - Nominating and Equipping Committee – David Lux  
Names added to Common Table: Christine Hatterman; Secundino Morales; Melody Adams; Darlene Hall; Lisa Maupin.  
Nominating and Equipping Committee Report was **affirmed**.
98. **Announcement** – College Student List was taken.
99. **Legislative matters:**  
From the Committee on Reference.  
Recommends concurrence this year but referred to Pension board to revision for the next years... - **Affirmed**
100. **Motion** – Annual Conference Planning Committee to limit work day to 12 hours. **Affirmed**.
101. **Presentation** – Cokesbury Bookstore highlighted the books available. A check of \$7518.73 was presented to CCPI.
102. **Report** – Journal Committee by Melody Adams Appreciation extended to the secretaries.
103. **Recess** at 9:50 a.m.
104. **Session** reconvened at 10:10 AM
105. **Recognition of Cabinet**  
Bishop Sherer recognized Rev. Gary Main and Rev. Keith Johnson retiring from the Cabinet and introduced the Rev. Harold Backus and Rev. Galen Wray the new Cabinet members, along with the existing members of the Cabinet and their spouses. Announcement was made about services of installation for the new District superintendents.
106. **Closing worship**  
Song by Rev. John Pitney  
Scripture: Luke 24:28-35  
Introduction of Fred Wilson  
Sermon: Words of Hope, Peace and Forgiveness – Fred Wilson  
Offering: Nothing But Nets (Advance #573) Rachel Harvey - GBGM
107. **Bishop** presented a plaque to Lavina Schwaninger for her years of leadership as the Conference Lay Leader
108. **Fixing of Appointments**  
Blue River District – Galen Wray – **Correct as Printed**  
Elkhorn Valley District – Carol Roettmer Brewer – **Correct as Printed**

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- Gateway District – Secundino Morales – **Corrections made**  
Great West District – Brian Kottas – **Corrections made**  
Missouri River District – Randall R. Sailors – **Correct as Printed**  
Prairie River District – Harold D. Backus – **Correct as Printed**  
Bishop announced the Appointments fixed and offered blessings.
109. **Recognition** of varied Gifts and Ministries
110. **Moving to District Groups**
111. **Closing Motions** – Darlene Hall, Conference Secretary  
**MOTION:** I move that when the Committee on the Journal has approved the Journal for Saturday, June 14, the Bishop and the Secretary shall be authorized to declare said document to be the Official Journal of the 2008 Nebraska Annual Conference. **Affirmed**  
**MOTION:** I move the Conference Secretary be authorized to print 1,750 copies of the 2008 Journal. **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 Tellers and the Conference Office Support Staff for a job well done!  
**Affirmed**
112. **Next Year's Annual Conference** June 10-13, 2009 Wednesday thru Saturday in Lincoln, Nebraska at Cornhusker Marriott Hotel.
113. **Closing Prayer and Sending Forth** – Bishop Sherer.