

2018 North Central District Conference
Sunday, May 6, 2018
Webster City, Asbury United Methodist Church

At 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Webster City, Asbury United Methodist Church, Webster City, Iowa, Rev. Carol Myers opened with prayer and celebration of North Central District Conference Superintendent Rev. Harlan and Deb Gillespie. North Central District Board of Laity Co-Chair, Duane Kruckenberg welcomed attendees to the 2018 North Central District Conference. Duane as well as Co-Chair Dan Corrow both presented a special memory of Harlan and Thanked him for his 4 years of ministry as the North Central District Conference Superintendent. Rev. Alberta presented a gift made by Rev. Anita Bane's father from the North Central District Operational Team. 94 people attending.

LOVING

North Central District Harlan Gillespie opened with Ministry Celebrations - God Sightings, Joys and Concerns followed with a Special Prayer and Thank you's.

Election of Secretary, District Administrative Secretary Alanna Warren was nominated – **Approved**

The 2017 District Conference minutes – Julie Poulsen moved – Lorene Dykstra 2nd - **Approved**

LEARNING

North Central District Ministry Celebrations – *Making a Different for Jesus Christ,*

Healthy Church Initiative,

IAC Wildly Important Goal – Local Church Discipling Process Development (Note: Would be discussed further in detail during Pre-Conference Session)

LEADING

- Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie led the District Conference through the printed reports

Transformational Lay Leadership

- Recognized Board of Laity, Lay Servant Ministry Committee, School for Lay Ministry

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- Recognized those who would be attending Licensing School in May; Local Licensed Pastors, those to be Ordained & Commissioned at Annual Conference; those who are moving from our District; and those who are retiring. A gift was presented to the retirees. Conference registrar, Lisa Steel was recognized and spoke about the Retreat at Pictured Rocks that will be held August 10-11, 2018 for all individuals in the Candidacy process. This retreat will give them an opportunity to connect with others for support.

Transformational Leadership Partnerships: NCD Nominations

- Julie Poulsen (Current Nominations Chair) went over Nominations and noted the seats that we still need to fill. Rev. Don & Cindy Morrison stated that their names were still listed on dCOM & Church Building and Location and needed to be removed.

Discernment: *Nominations for District and Conference Board, Agencies, and Committees - APPROVED*

Discernment: *Enabling Motion to allow the District Council on Connectional Ministries to fill vacancies between now and next year's district conference – APPROVED*

North Central District Operational Team was introduced and asked to stand

District Ministries

- Recognized the NCD Ministry Team, NCD Committee on Building & Church Location
 - At this time, District Superintendent focused on *remembering in thankfulness and faithfulness* the NCD Closed Churches –*Beaver UMC (Beaver Yoke) effective July 22, 2017 and the Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church effective June 30, 2018.*
 - ✚ Rev. Jim Barnett – Pastor Fort Dodge, Riverside & Boone, Marion St was asked to come up. Jim provided a prayer.
- Connectional Giving – Apportionments, Rainbow Covenant and NCD Asking – *Recognition of Churches and Pastors for Apportionment Giving, Rainbow Covenant Giving, and District Asking Giving*
 - Margaret Aiseayew (Radcliffe, St. John's-Ellsworth) made a statement: She stated that she was ashamed of our District due to all the zeros for Apportionments and District Askings. She questioned how many people said "Amen" in celebration and yet had a zero behind their church.
 - Judy Eilders (Morgan-Bradford-Lee Center) stated that Morgan UMC paid 100% apportionments.
- Matthew 25 Grants in Action
- ***2019 District Askings:*** *The North Central District Connectional Ministries Council moves that the NCD Asking for 2019 be \$4 per member to be evenly divided between the Ames Korean United Methodist Church and Vida Nueva Hispanic Ministries located in Corwith. – APPROVED*
- ***Ventura Mission Funds Grant:*** *The NC District Connectional Ministries Council moves that granting decisions for the Ventura Mission Fund be placed with NCD Missions Committee effective July 1, 2018. APPROVED*

North Central District Conference adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted – Alanna Warren – May 6, 2018

Pre-Annual Conference – began at 3:45 PM

Pre-Annual Conference Reports/Conversations were presented by:

Conference Finances: Lorene Dykstra, HCI – Staff Alignment with Strategic Priorities - (WIG): Harlan Gillespie, Picture Rock Camps: Jeff Flagg