

2016 UNYUMC Annual Conference Daily Notes

Friday, June 3, 2016

- **Adam Hamilton session one**
The Rev. Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., conducted three 90-minute sessions. The first session focused on what makes an effective leader, what leaders do, unleashing the power of laity, and five key leadership principles. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/AH-session1> to read more.
- **Leadership Report**
During the Leadership Report, Cornerstone District Superintendent the Rev. Sherri Rood stated the main goal of the Conference, "... to equip local churches to live the mission by increasing the capacity of Christ-following leaders." And the Conference is working toward this goal by striving to be local, utilizing a "farm-to-table" concept, customizing training, providing resources to local churches. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/AC16Leadership> to read more.
- **Nomination of Lay Leader**
During the Nominations Report, Susan Hardy was nominated and officially elected as the next Conference lay leader. Drew Griffin was nominated and officially elected as Associate Lay Leader.
- **New building, discontinued churches, abandoned buildings**
During the Trustees Report, an update was given on the renovation of the future UNY Conference Center. The hope is that the majority of the building will be operational by the end of the year. The Annual Conference also recognized the following discontinued churches: the Andover, Dorloo, Hyndsville, Mineral Spring, Tolcottville, and Watkins Glen United Methodist churches. They also recognized the ministry of North Mexico UMC, which has been abandoned.
- **Adam Hamilton session two**
Study session two began with a wrap-up of session one. The main topics covered in the duration of the session included ways to improve worship, the five components of preaching, and examples of the types of sermons at Church of the Resurrection. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/AH-session2> to read more.
- **Black College Fund**
During the afternoon plenary, Markus McKinney, a rising senior at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss., thanked the Conference for the opportunity the Black College Fund afforded him. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/AC16-BCF> to read more.
- **Conference budget**
Following the shortened dinner break, there was discussion about how the Conference budget reflects our priorities. Two amendments were proposed that would shift funding to ministry areas that saw budget cuts with the proposed budget and spending plan. Both amendments were not supported. Discussion of the budget continues Saturday.
- **Findley Camp & Retreat Center resolution**
A motion was made by the Rev. David Cooke to refer the Findley Camp & Retreat Center (Camp Findley) resolution to the Board of Trustees and Camp & Retreat Ministries to have them explore more options through conversation with the Family Bible Camp Board, the Findley Lake UMC, and Fit 4 Life Ministry, with a recommendation to be brought back to the 2017 UNY Annual Conference session. This motion was supported. In response to the discussion, Adirondack District Superintendent the Rev. Bill Mudge brought forth a motion to require every UNY congregation to appoint a Camp and Retreat agent with their leadership selection in 2016 to begin serving in 2017. This motion was also supported.
- **Adam Hamilton session three**
Rev. Hamilton's third and final session dealt heavily with tips for churches, from ideas on how to prepare for visitors to ways to take someone from visitor to a member.
- The evening ended with the Celebration of Ministry.

To see more coverage of the 2016 Annual Conference session, visit <http://tinyurl.com/AC16news>. To see AC16 photos taken on June 3, visit <http://tinyurl.com/AC16-June3photos>.