

Ted Anderson, pastor at the Fairport United Methodist Church, for his 35 years of service to CCYM. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017youngpeople> to learn more about what the young people had to say during their June 3 service.

The Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Bishop Webb ended the 2017 session of Annual Conference with the Service of Commissioning and Ordination. This year, there were two commissioners for the work of a deacon and nine commissioners for the work of an elder. There were three ordinands to the order of a deacon and seven ordinands to the order of an elder. Also, Yohan Moon's orders were recognized as the order of an elder. The Ordination and Commis-

sioning Service sermon, *Resources for the Journey*, was delivered by Dr. Junius B. Dotson, The Discipleship Ministries General Secretary; he described the importance of readiness, accountability, and commitment as the commissioners and ordinands move forward on the journey. To read more about the Service of Commissioning and Ordination, visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017ordination>.

Additional Coverage

Be sure to check out <https://vimeo.com/221010123> for a full video recap of UNY AC2017!

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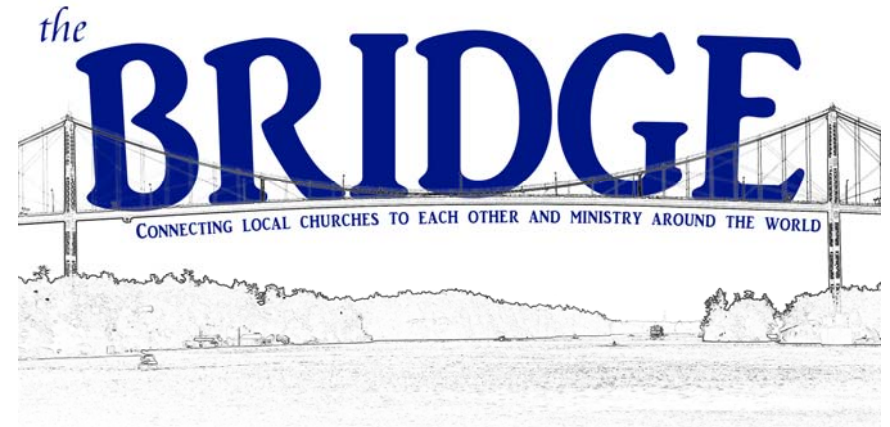
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Together in Prayer: Trusting that God is Enough

Opening Worship on Thursday June 1 began with music and videos showcasing the annual theme of “Together in Prayer: Trusting that God is Enough.” Bishop Webb spoke about the importance of our Conference focusing on our “Why” more than our “What” or “How” as we move forward. He urged the crowd to “Trust that God is Enough” and used biblical examples of others who have overcome hardship by trusting that God is enough. He also explained that the best way to healthfully discover our future is to make a commitment to be “Together in Prayer.”

Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017opening> to read more about the Opening Worship service.

The Budget

On Thursday June 1, Pastor Nate Lang of the Cornerstone District made a motion to move the Budget Report to the consent calendar. Much to Bishop Webb’s surprise, Pastor Lang’s motion was supported. However, there was a question as to whether or not the amendment was in constitutional order. After researching it Thursday evening, Bishop Webb announced on Friday morning that the amendment was in constitutional order so the 2018 budget was placed on the consent calendar and supported. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017budget> to read more about the supported budget.

Memorial Service

Thursday June 1 ended with the Memorial Service led by the Rev. Natalie Hanson. The service served to remember clergy and clergy spouses who passed

away since Annual Conference 2016. Rev. Hanson’s sermon focused on the way that compassion can play as much of a role in leaving behind a legacy as job titles and other accomplishments. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017MemorialService> to read more about the Memorial Service.

Study Sessions led by The Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean

The Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean’s first study session. Dr. Creasy Dean—an ordained United Methodist pastor in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and professor of youth, church, and culture at Princeton Theological Seminary served as the study leader of AC2017. Friday June 2, Day 2 of AC2017 kicked off with Dr. Creasy Dean’s first study session, which focused on missional entrepreneurship and how churches can become entrepreneurial. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017studysession1> to read more about Dr. Creasy Dean’s first study session.

Dr. Creasy Dean held her second study session, “Doing a New Thing: The Church of No Excuses,” in the afternoon on June 2. During this session, she focused on the new spiritual communities and how churches can be open to change and adapt. She discussed the three categories of churches — Fresh, Flipped, and Fuzzy — and encouraged churches to be open to change at the very least. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017studysession2> to learn more about Dr. Creasy Dean’s second study session.

Commission on a Way Forward

Scott Johnson was asked to speak about his involvement on the Commission on a Way Forward—a committee that was formed by the Council of Bish-



ops to help resolve the division on the topic of sexuality in the United Methodist Church. Scott admitted he was hesitant when he was selected to be on the Commission, but once meeting with everyone on the committee, he noted “their integrity as they have approached this incredibly challenging task has given me hope.” Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017Commissiononawayforward> to learn more about how the Commission on a Way Forward provides hope for the future of the UMC.

The Service of Blessing and Anointing

Friday June 2 ended with the Service of Blessing and anointing, a time to recognize retired clergy, the deacons and elders to be commissioned and ordained the following day and new church appointments. Everyone in the service was invited to receive an anointment with unscented olive oil and a blessing for their season of life or ministry. The retiree videos were not aired at the service, but can be viewed by visiting <http://www.unyumc.org/events>

[/2017retirees](http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017retirees). You can read more about this service by visiting <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017serviceofblessing>.

Petition & Resolution Results

Of the 19 resolutions presented at Annual Conference, 15 were supported, two were not supported and two were withdrawn. To read more about the resolution results, visit <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2017resolutions>.

Young People’s Worship Service

At the Young People Worship on June 3, the sermon “Trust: God is Enough” depicted three young people sharing their struggles, followed by scripture relating to the story. Also, during this service, former Conference Council on Youth Ministry co-chairs Katie Allen and Elyse Muder took the stage to give an update on CCYM for the past year. They also passed the baton to the new co-chairs — Sam Smith and Maria Schermerhorn. Elyse also took time to thank and present a plaque to the Rev.

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