

2019 UNYUMC Annual Conference Daily Notes

Saturday, June 8, 2019

- The theme of the Young Peoples' Worship Service focused, on "I know a Church of love, but I also know a Church of pain." During the service on June 8 at the 2019 Upper New York Annual Conference session, young people shared powerful testimonies speaking to both when they felt loved as well as when they endured pain, such as racism, ageism, sexism, and discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals. In addition to worship, three reports were delivered via video at the service: the Conference Council on Youth Ministries Report, the Mission of Peace (MOP) Report (with an MOP offering collected while the video rolled), and the Young Adult Ministries Report.
- Reserve lay delegates for the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference Dan Fuller and Rachel Giso were elected; Clergy delegate for the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference the Rev. Rebecca Laird was elected.
- According to COSROW Monitoring Report for June 7, 110 people spoke of which 23 percent were minority and 77 percent were white. Clergy females spoke the most with just over 31 percent, followed by clergy men with 29 percent, lay males with 23 percent, and lay females with 20 percent.
- UNYAC2019.5 -Discerning Gifts and Graces for Ministry Without Partiality was presented by Vivian Ruth Waltz. Bishop Webb advised that the petition as originally submitted would be ruled out of order, as its "therefore be it resolved" was not aspirational.
- Matt Williams, director of Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center, made a motion to suspend the rules to institute the "bow tie solution" limiting debate on any further resolutions to one speech for and one against for 90 seconds, giving the submitter 90 seconds to present and respond and only 60 seconds for amendments, motions and wrap-up can have 90 seconds to respond. Suspension of rules was supported. The "bow tie solution" was supported.
- Molly Golando of Randolph United Presbyterian amended UNYAC2019.5. to help it be in order.
- Merrill Bender of County Line United Methodist in Lyndonville made a motion to table UNYAC.5 and address GC2020.1. The motion was not supported.
- The amendment to UNYAC2019.5 was supported. The petition as amended was supported.
- UNY2019.6-UNYUMC AU Scholarship Named for the Rev. Ann Stanton Blair and UNYAC2019.7-UNYUMC AU Scholarship Named for Virginia Phoenix were bundled together for conversation but voted on separately per Bishop Webb's request. Both petitions were supported.
- UNYAC2019.8-Caring for LGBTQIA+ Ministry Candidates was presented by Harold Wheat of Centenary/Salem Parish. Paul Sweet of North Gouverneur amended the petition to encourage conference and district boards of ordained to offer the opportunity for a Queer Clergy Caucus support person to all candidates. The amendment was supported. The petition as amended was supported.
- UNYAC2019.9-Assiting with the Interpretation of Speeches by Ecumenical Inter-Faith Leaders was referred to the Conference Planning Team and the Conference Committee on Religion and Race and the referral was supported.
- The Rev. Sue Russell recognized those who have been certified as local licensed pastors since last Annual Conference.
- The Rev. Bill Allen and the Rev. Harold Wheat were elected as delegates to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- There was a blessing of all the delegates elected for General and Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

- Paul Sweet of North Gouverneur made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for no debate and only “therefore be it resolved” to be read, time for prayer, immediate up-down vote. Motion to suspend the rules supported. Sweet’s motion was supported.
- UNYAC2019.10-Let’s Talk About Sex was not supported.
- UNYAC2019.11 A Call for Attention to the Worth of All Immigrants was supported.
- UNYAC.12-Standards for Conference Leadership by Bishop’s Appointment and UNYAC.13-Standards for Conference Leadership by Nominations were withdrawn.
- UNYAC2019.14 was ruled out of order. Alan Kinney challenged the ruling. The ruling of the chair was supported.
- GC2020.1-A Way Forward pursuing a Considered Cooperative Schism was supported.
- GC2020.2 Division on Ministries with Young People Reform A was supported.
- GC2020.3 Division on Ministries with Young People Reform B was supported.
- GC2020.4 Division on Ministries with Young People Reform C was supported.
- GC2020.5 Reducing Resources in Construction was supported.
- The Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding as part of the agenda committee made a motion that the remaining General Conference petitions be submitted to the General Conference at the conclusion of the UNY Annual Conference by the UNY Conference Secretary. This motion was supported.
- The Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding as Director of Connectional Ministries presented the Advanced Specials—they were unanimously supported.
- Bishop Webb thanked everyone involved in helping to put together a successful Annual Conference.
- The Rev. Dave Maslad, Director of New Faith Communities, updated the UNY Conference letting them know that at this UNY Annual Conference there were 83 new “New Places for New People” partners who together donated more than \$10,000. Rev. Masland reminded attendees that this campaign continues until November 1.
- The day ended with the Service of Commissioning and Ordination with a message from the Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball.

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