



North Carolina Annual Conference  
of The United Methodist Church

Wrap-Up Edition  
June 13, 2010

## Conference Sent Forth in Christ

Ten new clergy were commissioned and another 23 clergy were ordained Saturday morning. (One person who couldn't attend Conference was ordained on June 6th.) Bishop Gwinn, in delivering the ordination sermon, told them, "You have been called to die to self. . . Dying to self must have a time when there is an intentional act of the will but it is also a daily and continual act." The Bishop reminded the clergy that one of the biggest temptations they will face is to make their role "a job instead of a calling; a profession instead of a vocation." After the acts of commissioning and ordination, a representative of the retiring class of 2010 presented a mantle, or stole, that Bishop Gwinn symbolically placed on a member of the class of ordinands.

At the end of the service, the bishop fixed the appointments for the 2010-2011 ministry year. The churches

to whom a pastor was being newly appointed numbered 150 this summer. With a blessing, Bishop Gwinn sent the Annual Conference forward into ministry.



## Ordained, Commissioned Clergy

### Provisional Member – Deacon Track:

Kathie Stevens Wilkinson

### Provisional Member – Elder Track:

Jeffrey Ryan Babajtis, Philip Robert Chryst, Karen Melinda Crutchfield, Joseph Weldon Franklin III, Martin Park Hunter (for the Wisconsin Conference), James Elvin McConnell II, Heather Michele Rodrigues, Ismael Agustin Ruiz-Millan, Colin Llewellyn Snider

### Full Connection – Deacon Track:

Christie Anne Burley, Amanda Fleishman Wilson

### Full Connection – Elder Track:

Benjamin David Alexander, Karen Baker Angel, Owen Edwards Barrow, Teresa Leigh Buckner, Larry Michael Chandler, Kellie Kathleen Gallagher-Smith, Ronald Edward Gurganus, Jay David Helms, Terry Allen Hobbs, Cathy McCabe Hoyle, Terry Hunt, Jessie Shuman Larkins, Cheryl Moffett Lawrence, Harold Cleveland May III, Ellen Margaret McCubbin, Martha Kimball McLean, Hannah Pinckney McManus, Kent Christopher Smith, Laura Wacker Stern, Henry Edgar Swanzy, Lisa Naa-Shormey Yebuah

## Clergy Entering Retired Service

To accommodate the shortened schedule for Annual Conference this year, the retiree videos were shown during Conference breaks. The following 29 clergypersons move into retired status this year:

Ann Giles Benson, William Edward Braswell, James Stanley Brown, Larry Dean Crane, Douglas Brian Currin, Brenda Ann Davis, Howard Dennis Draper, Earl George Dulaney, Faye Ethridge, Walter William Gas-

kins, Rodney Gene Hamm, Cary Glenn Hancock, David Heath, Lawrence Edward Johnson, Daniel Jones, Diana Killian, Dennis Patrick Levin, Barbara Price Mann, William Joseph Mann, John Edward Morrison, Sandra Mull, Robert O'Keef, James Harrington Pace, Carolyn Pilgrim, Sally Plowman, Joyce Ruth Reynolds, John William Ruth, Harold Salmon, and Shirley Acker Ward

Correction: Saturday's edition of The Saddlebag contained an error near the end of the article "Financial Challenges Addressed." The following strikethrough text should be replaced with the bold text: "The Committee brought a proposal in ~~2010~~ **2009** for an increase for ~~2011~~ **2010**, but the Conference changed it to no increase."

### Laity Celebration Offering:

**\$5,018.92**