

BUILDING BRIDGES
Making Connections



**2022
Annual
Conference**



West Virginia Area
The United Methodist Church

WORSHIP BOOK

June 9-12, 2022
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop

Historic Questions and Ministry Celebrations

Friday, June 10, 2022 • 7:30 pm

(Gathering music will begin at 7:15 pm)

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

offered by Julie Janisch

INTRODUCTION TO HISTORIC QUESTIONS

We have gathered today to celebrate the ministry of the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. We recognize the commitment and covenant being made by those who will answer these Historic Questions and are ready to begin commissioned or ordained ministry. We offer them our prayers as they prepare for the next phase of their journey in their ministry and work.

These questions come from John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and they have been asked of all clergy who have ever served our church. The questions are answered with more than just words. They require a devoted life of service to Christ.



Since 1773, United Methodist pastors have answered nineteen historic questions as a way of agreeing to how they will live into this ministry life. Before answering these questions in the presence of the Annual Conference candidates have reflected and written answers to the Board of Ordained Ministry. In addition, each has heard a meditation and explanation of the questions from our Bishop. As a church, we are grateful for the time and careful reflection of all who answer these questions as they prepare for ordained ministry.

PRESENTATION OF THOSE BEING COMMISSIONED OR ORDAINED

Jay Parkins, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

Bishop Steiner Ball, I am pleased to present to you these persons who will be commissioned or ordained as servant leaders for the work and ministry of the Church.

THE HISTORIC QUESTIONS

(Candidates respond in bold)

Bishop Steiner Ball:

You have indicated that you are convinced you should enter the ministry of Christ's holy Church. You have declared that you are willing to face any sacrifice that may be involved in the consecration of life. You have indicated that you are so situated in life that you can accept the obligations of ordained ministry. You have affirmed that you will respect the purity of life in body, mind, and spirit, and that you will keep before you as the one objective of your life the advancement of the reign of God.

Remember the words of Christ, who said:

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In accordance with the usage and Discipline of The United Methodist Church and the historic usages of our communion, and in the presence of this conference, I ask you:

Have you faith in Christ?

I have.

Are you going on to perfection?

I am, by the grace of God.

Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?

God willing, I do.

Are you earnestly striving after it?

With God's help, I am.

Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and God's work?

I am so resolved.

Do you know the General Rules of our Church?

I do.

Will you keep them?

I will so endeavor.

Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?

I have studied them.

After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?

I believe that they are.

Will you preach and maintain them?

To the best of my ability, I will.

Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity?

I have.

Do you approve our church government and polity?

I do so approve.

Will you support and maintain them?

I will, with God's help.

Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?

I will.

Will you visit from house to house?

This is my commitment.

Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, by both precept and example?

I will so recommend.

Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?

That is my intention.

Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?

I am not.

Will you observe the following directions?

Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.

Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time.

And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience sake.

The Lord being my helper, I will.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Most gracious God, you showed your love in sending Jesus Christ into the world that all might have life through him. Pour out your Spirit upon your Church, that it may fulfill your command to preach the gospel to every creature. Send laborers into your harvest, fill them with the Holy Spirit and with faith, defend them in all dangers and temptations, and hasten the time when your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All those who answer the Historic Questions can only do so because congregations have raised, empowered, encouraged, and lifted them up to do so. Do you know someone in your congregation who could benefit from your encouragement and mentorship? How might you talk to children in your church about the variety of ways people serve the church?

*God of Grace,
God of Glory*

UMH 577

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† CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

God of Grace, God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry;
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king-dom's goal) lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv-ing thee whom we a - dore.

PRESENTATION OF MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

SENDING MUSIC

offered by Julie Janisch

Liturgist

Jay Parkins

Preacher

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

Musician

Julie Janisch, Piano

Worship Team Welcome

Greetings from the Annual Conference Worship Team. We are delighted to be together at Wesley Chapel and excited that ever-evolving technology, access, and ease of use helps us worship with people all over the connection who cannot be with us in-person. In the last two years, the Annual Conference Worship Team learned new ways to design and host services. We have adapted, yet we continue to be people of scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. Like all of you, we are finding a new normal.

Amid this new normal is an old, old story we love to tell. God came among us in the person of Jesus. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, we have been grafted into an infinite grace. The Holy Spirit holds us in that grace as we seek to be the beloved community Jesus envisioned. This year, we give thanks that the story of God is rooted in hope and is extended by bridges of connection.

We pray that worship can be a space where we acknowledge the hardships we endured and that worship can provide a time for healing and recovery. Above all, we pray God will be glorified, and we can humbly receive a commission to go forth and do as Christ has done.

To model what it means to "Build Bridges: Make Connections," we have created margin notes in the worship book as a teaching tool for use in your local church. We hope you will take your book back to your faith communities. Please note the resources on the back cover, which allow you to see where the information for the margin notes originated.

Special Thanks

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SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERED BY

Opening Worship

Logan Memorial Praise Band:
Donald Boykin, Vocals
Deric Davis, Bass Guitar
Ricky Ray, Electric Guitar
Cal Malcolm, Drums Guitar/Backup Vocals
Steve Devereaux, Acoustic Guitar
Steve Peck, Harmonica

Memorial Service Worship

Sarah Carr Parsons, Director
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ABBREVIATIONS

TFWS = The Faith We Sing
UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal

Our Offerings: 2022 West Virginia Annual Conference

We always thank God for the opportunity to offer ourselves and our gifts for outreach. The West Virginia Conference acts as a steward of our gifts and is pleased to announce all financial contributions will be shared among three transformational ministries:

DaySpring

DaySpring is the mobile camping ministry of the West Virginia Conference and a ministry of Spring Heights Camping & Retreat Center. In 2021, DaySpring involved 720 children and adults across the conference in discipleship through camping.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. Because of our apportionment support of UMCOR, 100% of funds given to a specific need are able to go directly to the project.

The Ministerial Education Fund for West Virginia Conference Students

The MEF provides essential financial assistance to those pursuing theological education and credentialing within the West Virginia Conference, reducing student debt and freeing students for future pastoral leadership.

Our Offerings: Ways to Give

At Annual Conference

Offerings will be collected during worship sessions throughout the Annual Conference Session. All checks need to be made payable to WV Conference Treasurer. No specific designations should be provided on the memo line since all cash and checks will go into one fund and will be distributed evenly to the above three ministries.

Individual Online Giving

Anyone who wishes to donate toward the Annual Conference Offering Fund can do so starting now through the end of the day Thursday, June 30th. See instructions on the following page.

Church Giving

Churches may join in to give until June 30th by mailing a Church Remittance Form along with a check made payable to WV Conference Treasurer. On the remittance form, please indicate “2022 Annual Conference Offering Fund.” This allows credit to be given to your church on your monthly statement.

If you have any questions regarding donations or if you encounter technical issues with giving online, please notify Paula Koontz OR Myra Bess using the contact information below.

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 - Complete Your Billing Information and Address
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