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Bishop Koikoi: 'Be a Good Feet Church'

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"
— Isaiah 52:7

For Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, this verse brings to mind a popular television ad campaign shown throughout her Western Pennsylvania Conference area: The Good Feet Store.

In those commercials, she said, customers testify about their lives before and after purchasing the company's life-transforming arch supports.

"After donning their professionally fitted supports, their lives are changed in an instant," she joked, even adding a legal disclaimer to clarify that she was not



trying to promote the business, only to point out the power of its testimony-based marketing campaign.

But there really is a lesson to be learned from The Good Feet Store. Perhaps, she said, we need to be a Good Feet Church. Find out how at www.wvumc.org/2023-ac/

Laity: Called and Chosen

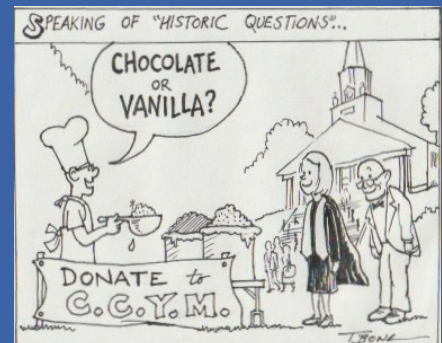
West Virginia Wesleyan College President James Moore gave Annual Conference lay members insights into interacting with a new generation of young people. He finished his remarks with a jazz trumpet solo during Thursday afternoon's Laity Session in the See Dining Center. Conference Lay

Leader Kristi Wilkerson spoke, and Conference Secretary Judi Kenaston explained the upcoming vote for a lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference at the session and highlighted opportunities to learn about outreach. Each lay member received a coaster imprinted "Laity: Called and Chosen."



What's Happening Today

- 8:30 Plenary Session, Wesley Chapel
 - Rules vote, Pensions/Health resolution
 - Global Ministries, Celebrations
- 11:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Plenary Session (laity only)
- 1:30 Plenary Session (all members)
 - Awards, State of the Church
- 4:30 Historic Questions & Retirement
- 6:00 Dinner, CCYM Ice Cream Social
 - Celebration of Mission Cornhole Tournament



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Get to Know Your Global Ministries



Annual Conference is a great opportunity for networking, visiting, and getting re-acquainted with friends. Friday during the lunch hour members of Annual Conference have a unique opportunity to spend time with the various members of the Global Ministry team.

Representatives from our Mission Projects, Disaster Ministries, Disability Ministry and more will be on hand in front of Wesley Chapel Friday starting at 11:30 a.m. While you're getting to know our new team members, be sure to pick up a free USB flash drive containing Global Ministries videos, Undie Sunday Flyers, and other

resources for use in your local church.

"This is a great opportunity to get to know our mission projects and leaders," said Kristi Wilkerson, Director of Upshur Parish House. "We hope you'll take time to stop by and say hi."



School-Church Partnership Resolution on Friday Agenda

Children spend a majority of their week in school. If a church really wants to engage with families, they have to be involved with the daily activities of their lives.

School-Church partnerships help communities know that their local church is engaged with their needs and is willing to help support them through the highs and lows of growing up and parenting. A resolution is before us this year that asks us to consider such partnerships. This is an initiative that has its roots in existing programs across our state.



Volunteers with House of the Carpenter in Wheeling work on a new playground.

Voting Machines Will Be Used to Elect Delegate

For the first time since 2019, voting machines will be used to elect a delegate, a lay person.

This person will serve as a reserve delegate to the 2020 General Conference (to be held April 23-May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, N.C.) and as a delegate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference (to be held July 9-12, 2024, in Western Pennsylvania).

In 2019, Annual Conference lay members and clergy used the machine system to elect six delegates — three lay people, three clergy — to the May 2020 General Conference and to elect an additional three lay and three clergy

delegates to the July 2020 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

But Annual and Jurisdictional Conference postponements and other circumstances have made three of those General Conference lay delegates unable to serve.

So, two reserve delegates automatically moved into the two vacant laity positions, but the third spot remains open.

Only lay members will vote to fill this opening during Friday's 1 p.m. business session.



For more information and a complete list of nominees, visit www.wvumc.org/2023-ac/