

“The Outwardly Focused Church”

A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

**THE ORDER FOR
COMMISSIONING
AND
ORDINATION**

with

The Giving and Receiving of Appointments

**2014 Session of the
Indiana Conference
The United Methodist Church**

Indiana Visitors' & Convention Center
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Saturday, May 31st, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

WE GATHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Carmel St. Marks UMC Orchestra
Directed by Ed Rowell

Prelude

Charles Manning, Organist
St. Luke's United Methodist Church -- Indianapolis

THE PROCESSION

*Symbols of ministry and faith are carried in and laid upon the altar.
Please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rev. Joe Johnson, Song Leader

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
MUSIC: Welsh melody from Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapted by John Roberts

The people remain standing.

GREETING AND PRAYER

Bishop Michael Coyner

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray:

**God of welcome and reception,
we present ourselves before you this day
in celebration of the new things you are doing among us,
and especially what you are doing through these persons
who are presenting themselves for ministry.**

**Let this place and these faithful servants
be transformed by your welcoming grace.**

**For those who enter into covenant with you this day
may their lives be forever given over to your lead.
That all our lives may be touched by your promises
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
and through union with your Holy Spirit. Amen**

The people remain standing.

RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMON MINISTRY & REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The bishop, standing near a vessel of water, begins:

Ministry is the work of God,
done by the people of God.
Through baptism
all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers,
the Church, Christ's body, made visible in the world.
We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service
for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God's people gathered here:

The Bishop scoops and pours water from the font saying:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

The people are seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Micah Thomas Cassidy son of Rev. Ben Cassidy & Eva Cassidy

Elijah Youngsuh Cho son of Rev. Daniel Seunghyun Cho & Hyemin Na

Amara Rose Ellis daughter of Rev. Sarah Ellis & Benjamin Ellis

PRESENTATION

Representing the Laity and the Board of Ordained Ministry:

Laypersons:

Ike Williams & Kayc Mykrantz
Co-Conference Lay Leaders

Bishop Coyner,

On behalf of the laity of the local congregations who have examined and approved
these candidates,

Member of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

Rev. Steve Ailes
Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry

and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Indiana Annual Conference which has recommended and approved these persons, we present these candidates to be commissioned into ministry in Christ's holy Church:

Each candidate stands when his or her name is read.

Andrew Charles Baker	Crystal Ann Jacobson
Mark Allan Brock	Jared Michael Kendall
Lois Kay Cannon	Hye Sook Kim
Catherine Ann Clayton	Glenn James Knepp
Steven Paul Clouse	Christopher Allen Tiedeman
Adriane Rene Curtis	Sharon Lorraine Washington
Mary Rebekah Ward Dicken	

And these persons to have their ordinations in another Christian faith recognized while being received as provisional members:

Brian Edward Cook	Maureen Knudsen Langdoc
Bryan William Langdoc	

Presented by an elder:

Rev. Tim Burchill
Chair, Order of Elders

Bishop Coyner,

I present to you these persons to be ordained into the Order of Elder:

James William Clark	Daniel Lee Payton
Jungbum Kim	Donna Lynn Ward
Samuel Leon Padgett	

After the candidates have been presented, all candidates remain standing, and the bishop says:

These persons are, by God's grace,
to be commissioned or ordained to ministry in Christ's holy church.
Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them
have discerned that they are persons
of sound learning and of Christian character,
possess the necessary signs of God's grace,
and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.
Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God,
to declare your assent to the commissioning or ordination of these persons.
Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,
to be commissioned or ordained?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

All members of the Order of Deacons and the Order of Elders stand as bishop addresses them.

As members of the Order of Deacons and the Order of Elders,
you are reminded today of your own ordination vows.
I ask that each of you personally reaffirm those vows.
Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the Order in which you serve?

I do! Thanks be to God!

And as members of the Order of Deacons and the Order of Elders,
will you nurture, encourage and pray for these candidates who seek
commissioning?
And will you receive these candidates for ordination into your respective orders,
that together you may live out your mutual calling by God?

We will!

All are seated except the bishop and the candidates for commissioning and ordination.

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

The bishop addresses all the candidates for commissioning and ordination:

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
you have been called to a commissioned or an ordained ministry.

The Church now confirms your calling.

As commissioned or ordained ministers,
you are to be co-workers with the laity, bishops,
deacons, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries,
commissioned ministers, local pastors and elders.

Remember that you are called
to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the Church and no other,
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So that we may know that you believe yourselves
to be called by God and that you profess the Christian faith,
we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of ordained ministry?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God,
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded
that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
contain all things necessary for salvation

through faith in Jesus Christ,
and are the unique and authoritative standard
for the Church's faith and life?

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer,
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
and with the help of the Holy Spirit
continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life
in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,
lead the people of God
to faith in Jesus Christ,
to participate in the life and work of the community,
and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,
defending against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,
and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you,
and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

I will, with the help of God.

The bishop addresses all the candidates:

May God,
who has given you the will to do these things,
give you grace to perform them,
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

All attending affirm the action, saying: Amen!

MINISTRY HYMN

Rev. Joe Johnson, Song Leader

"God of Love and God of Power"

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

We are not the first to be banished by our fears of thee;
Give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
Slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Words: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939
Music: Joachim Neander, 1680
Tune: Unser Herrscher

WE PROCLAIM

THE LESSON FOR COMMISSIONING

Psalm 40:1-11

Josie Clark
President United Methodist Youth

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

(NRSV)

THE EXAMINATION OF PERSONS BEING COMMISSIONED

The bishop says to the congregation:

By affirming the covenant of baptism,
all members of Christ's holy church pledge
to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:
"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."
We have asked, and the Lord has answered.

These sisters and brothers know our Savior's concern for God's people,
see the plentiful harvest,
and are ready to respond generously to the Lord
in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
they now come to declare in public
their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism
by binding themselves to the service of God
under the supervision of the bishop
and the guidance of ordained colleagues
and by being appointed to share as servant leaders
in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

All candidates for commissioning stand.

The bishop, facing the congregation and extending arms toward the candidates, prays:

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church.
By your Holy Spirit
help these, your servants,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.
Deepen their sense of purpose
as they exercise commissioned ministry.
Empower them, and those who will walk with them, to guide their ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick,
love the outcast,
resist evil,
preach the Word,
and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

One at a time the candidates come forward and kneel.

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying
on of hands for each candidate.*

The bishop lays both hands upon the shoulders of each candidate and prays:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Name*.
Send *him/her* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God,
and to equip the church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying, Amen.

A Bible & certificate are presented and the newly commissioned person returns to her / his seat

WELCOMING THOSE COMMISSIONED

Bishop says:

I present to you these newly commissioned members
of the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church!

The congregation may applaud as praise to God as the newly commissioned are seated.

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS

The candidates for recognition of orders come forward.

The bishop addresses the provisional elders whose orders are to be recognized.

After due examination

of your call and ministry in another part of Christ's holy church,
we now welcome you to this communion.

You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience.

You have renewed the vows of your ordination and committed yourself to uphold
faithfully The United Methodist Church.

We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us,
and pray that God may guide your ministry.

The bishop greets them each in turn:

Brian Edward Cook, we now recognize you as a provisional elder
in The United Methodist Church.

Bryan William Langdoc, we now recognize you as a provisional elder
in The United Methodist Church.

Maureen Knudsen Langdoc, we now recognize you as a provisional elder
in The United Methodist Church.

The congregation may applaud as a sign of praising God while the provisional elders are seated.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

HYMN

Rev. Joe Johnson, Song Leader

"How Shall They Hear the Word of God" verses 1-3

How shall they hear the word of God unless the truth is told?
How shall the sinful be set free, the sorrowful consoled?
To all who speak the truth today, impart your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

How shall they call to God for help unless they have believed?
How shall the poor be given hope, the prisoner reprieved?
To those who help the blind to see, give light and love and clarity.

How shall the gospel be proclaimed that sinners may repent?
How shall the world find peace at last if heralds are not sent?
So send us, Lord, for we rejoice to speak of Christ with life and voice.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 4:1-8

David Martin
Representing United Methodist Men

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

(NRSV)

All stand as Gospel is read

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-12

Carolyn Maxey
Representing United Methodist Women

“After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.”

(NRSV)

The gospel of our Lord!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The people are seated.

ANTHEM

Carmel St. Marks UMC Orchestra

SERMON

“Poured Out In Ministry”

Bishop Michael J. Coyner

WE RESPOND

HYMN

Rev. Joe Johnson, Song Leader

“The Voice of God Is Calling”

The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
“Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?

“I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
No field or mart is silent no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?”

We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer; Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
Purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
Take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

WORDS: John Haynes Holmes, 1913
MUSIC: William Lloyd, 1840

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

Candidates stand.

The bishop examines the candidates for ordination as elder:

An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ
and of the whole church:
to preach and teach the Word of God
and faithfully administer the sacraments
of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;
to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
to exercise pastoral supervision,
order the life of the congregation,
counsel the troubled,
and declare the forgiveness of sin;
to lead the people of God
in obedience to Christ’s mission in the world;
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;

and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church
and in service in and to the community.

These are the duties of an elder.

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of an elder?

I do so believe.

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,
covenant to participate in the order of elders?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders
in order to sustain and build each other up
in prayer, study, worship, and service?

**I will, with the help of God,
and the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of elders.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

The bishop, facing the ordinands, calls the people to prayer, using these or similar words:

As these persons are recognized or ordained by God and the church
for the ministry of elders
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Veni Sancte Spiritus"

Sung by all: Holy Spirit, come to us.

WORDS: Pentecost Sequence
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

The bishop, with hands extended toward those being ordained, prays:

We praise you, eternal God,
because you have called us to be a priestly people,
offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death
and, having ascended into heaven,
has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people,
making some apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
to build up Christ's body,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need
to serve you in this ministry.

Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.

Enable them to serve without reproach,
to proclaim the gospel of salvation,
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to offer with all your people
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Candidates for ordination as elder are invited to kneel before the bishop one at a time.

Representatives from the order of elder joining in the laying on of hands stand with the bishop.

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying
on of hands for each ordinand.*

The bishop lays both hands on the head of each ordinand, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit,
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

*All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.***

*Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the
ordinand and says:*

Name, take authority as an elder
to preach the Word of God,
to administer the Holy Sacraments,
and to order the life of the Church
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.***

Each new elder returns to stand at their seat until all are ordained.

PRESENTATION OF NEW ELDERS

The bishop says:

I present to you these newly ordained and recognized elders of the Indiana Annual
Conference of the United Methodist Church!

The congregation may applaud as a sign of praising God while the elders are seated.

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

*Today's offering will be used by the Cabinet to aid pastoral families in times of medical or other
emergencies and is handled through **Rejuvenate**.*

*The Bishop invites forward those who feel a call to ministry or simply want to recommit themselves to
the ministry to which they have already been called.*

All sing together as the offering is collected and respondents come forward.

HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty.
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and,
Amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978
Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941



HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me!”

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

Jesus call us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more!”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these!”

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
Music: William H. Jude, 1874

WE GO FORTH

THE ORDER FOR COMMISSIONING OF A MISSIONARY FOR SERVICE

Other Participants: Rita Gaither-Gant, Conference Secretary of Global Ministries
Shawn Bakker, Deputy General Secretary of Development and Communication
representing the General Board of Global Ministries

Bishop says:

Dear Friends, as we take part in the celebration of blessing and commissioning, we are reliving a practice of the early church. We read in the book of Acts that the Holy Spirit set apart Saul and Barnabas for the work of mission, and the church at Antioch, after fasting and praying, laid hands on them and sent them out. Today we also send our sisters and brothers to serve the needs of the Church throughout the world. This commissioning and sending will strengthen the bonds we maintain with the faith-filled communities to which they are going, and the prayers we offer are an expression of the ties that bind us together in the larger body of Christ.

Presentation of the Candidate:

Today we present Sara Cook. Sara's placement is with the East Belfast Mission. This is a key mission of the Methodist Church in Ireland working along the still very vivid lines of separation between Catholics and Protestants in this part of Belfast. Her placement is as a Community Work Director, coordinating youth and women's community networking, a long standing position of United Methodist Church missionaries. She has met all the requirements of the General Board of Global Ministry and we present her for commissioning.

Missionary kneels and the hands of the Bishop are laid upon her head

Bishop says:

Sara Cook, I commission you to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit. AMEN.

Prayer of Blessing and Presentation of the Anchor Cross

The anchor cross, a symbol in early Christian iconography, reminds us to the necessity to be firmly grounded in Christ as we engage in God's Mission.

This symbol also connects each missionary to the larger community of United Methodist Missionaries, ever reminding them of these companions in the journey.

Bishop prays:

Wonderful God who calls us all into ministry, we give you thanks and praise for Sara whom you have called into service as a missionary. We ask you to bless her and fill her heart with the power of the Holy Spirit. We send her forth as a messenger of salvation and peace in your name, marked with the sign of the cross and anchored in your grace. Bless the cross that we now give as a sign of Christ's love and a token of our faith.

The congregation may applaud as a sign of praising God while the missionary is seated.

THE RECEIVING AND READING OF APPOINTMENTS

District Superintendents stand.

The Bishop shall say to each Superintendent in order:

Are the appointments in your district correct as printed?

Each Superintendent shall respond in the affirmative or note needed changes.

Are the appointments to extension ministries, to attend school, and to other annual conferences correct as printed?

Any changes are noted by the Superintendents.

Bishop says:

Will all those receiving appointments please stand? By the authority vested in me as a United Methodist Bishop, I joyfully declare the appointments for the Indiana Conference for the year 2014-2015 to be fixed as printed (and corrected). As your Bishop and Cabinet, we have recognized our frailties and have asked constantly for God's direction. My brothers and sisters, do you accept the place of service in the Church of our Lord to which you are now appointed?

All to be appointed respond:

In commitment and renewal to my covenant as a clergy person in The United Methodist Church, I now reverently accept my appointment with a glad mind and will, and pray that I shall be worthy of my call to the ministry, my conference relationship, and the place of labor to which I have been appointed.

Bishop says:

Will all the lay members and alternate lay members please stand?

Dear brothers and sisters, we rejoice and give thanks for you who represent all our pastoral charges and all the members of our conference. We are grateful for your presence here and your dedicated leadership in your local church.

Do you now, on behalf of your church, accept those who have been appointed as your spiritual leaders?

All laity respond:

Recognizing our needs for guidance and the care of those who are called of God and prepared to preach the gospel, to administer the sacraments, to give administrative leadership in our churches, and to equip us for our ministry in the world, we gladly accept our Deacons, Elders, Diaconal Ministers and Local Pastors, as well as District Superintendents, Conference Staff, and those in other Appointments Beyond the Local Church. We pledge to them our cooperation, love and support, as together we strive to fulfill the mission God has given to the church.

The bishop addresses the congregation:

Let us pray.

We thank you, gracious God, for raising up among us faithful servants. Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The bishop blesses the people:

The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.

A Deacon dismisses the people:

Rev. Sandy Harlan
Retiring Deacon

Following the resurrection of Jesus Christ, His disciples and followers could do nothing else than proclaim the amazing and life changing good news! It had transformed them. As you return to your communities and churches let your transformed lives drive you to proclaim the good news outwardly to all the world. Go forth in power and ministry forever more.

All reply:

We go forth as God's representatives. May all the world come to know Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

WORDS: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896
MUSIC: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

POSTLUDE

Charles Manning, Organist

The ordinands and commissioned ministers will receive family and friends in the Hall.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Cross
Bible
Baptismal Bowl
Chalice
Towel & Basin
Elder's Stole
Marshal #1
Candidates to have Orders Recognized
Commissioned Candidates
Marshal #2
Elder Candidates
Guests Laying on of Hands
Board of Ordained Ministry
District Superintendents
Service Participants
Associate Director of Clergy Services
Bishop's Assistant
Bishop's Banner
Bishop Michael J. Coyner, Indiana Conference



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- We also thank you for your gifts to Rejuvenate Ministry which provides additional scholarships to our students and “after the fact” scholarships to our active clergy.
- The stoles presented to today's ordinands were created this year by Joan Pattison - jpat50@wildblue.net.