

COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION

2019 MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE





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Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church

SUNDAY ~ JUNE 9 ~ 2019

9:30 am Gathering Music ~ 10:00 am Worship

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts ~ Springfield ~ Missouri

PLEASE SILENCE ALL MOBILE PHONES

THE ORDAINED DEACON IN FULL CONNECTION

These persons are called by God to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion and Justice. These persons lead the church in relating the life of Christians to their ministries in the world, interrelating worship in the gathered community and service to God.

THE ORDAINED ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION

These persons are called to a lifetime ministry of Service, Word, Sacrament and Order. Servanthood is expressed by leading worship and prayer, administering sacraments, exercising pastoral supervision and leading the Church in mission to the world.

PROVISIONAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

The United Methodist Church requires a provisional period of at least two years before ordination. These commissioned persons will serve under appointment by the bishop and learn and grow as residents in ministry in preparation for Ordination.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

These persons have served at least four years as a licensed local pastor, have completed course of study or masters of divinity, and are now recognized as associate members to serve as full clergy in the itinerant ministry of the Church under appointment by the bishop.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Stoles and other decorative fabrics are red in color to symbolize the action of the Holy Spirit's fire at Pentecost and the Spirit's active presence in ordination. The white dove is also a symbol of this same mystery.

BAPTISM

The water basins and pitcher represent baptism where we are born anew by Christ's grace and incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation.

SYMBOLS

Signs and instruments convey the identity and work of each order.

DEACONS

The stole is placed over the left shoulder and fastened under the right arm. The instruments are the towel, pitcher and basin.

ELDERS

The stole is yoked at the back of the neck, hanging straight down from the shoulders. The instruments are the paten and the chalice.

 Please stand in body or in spirit where noted.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

GATHERING MUSIC | The Great Romance

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elsie Quintanilla-Perez: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts! *(Spanish)*
Ignite a spark within us that we might be awakened to answer your call.

Rev. Dr. Choongho Kwon: Come, Holy Spirit. Fly over us with your winged mystery! *(Korean)*
Swirl around us with your wind of hope that we might be lifted from complacency.

Rev. Dr. Lydia Istomina: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour out your presence. *(Russian)*
Fall afresh on us, that we might speak new languages, dream new dreams, and go to new places for you. AMEN.

ENTRANCE OF THE CANDIDATES

PROCESSIONAL SONG | Good, Good Father

EPISCOPAL GREETING & PRAYER | Bishop Robert Farr | Missouri Episcopal Area

THE BISHOP GREETS THE PEOPLE AND THEY RESPOND

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We come together to praise God,
to hear the Holy Word,
and to seek for ourselves and others
the power, presence and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Please be seated.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.
Give your grace
to all servants of your church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill our various ministries.
Grant that we your people may follow where you lead,
perfect our ministries,
and live in joyful obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY & REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

God reminds us we are God's through the gift of water and Spirit

THE BISHOP, STANDING NEAR THE BAPTISMAL FONT 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 WATER FROM THE FONT AND SAYS

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Amy Thompson | Conference Lay Leader

Rev. Dr. Steve Breon | Representative of the Board of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Lori Lampert | Representative of the Order of Deacons

Rev. Jim Downing | Representative of the Order of Elders

On behalf of the laity of local congregations who have examined and approved these candidates, and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this annual conference, which has recommended these persons, and this annual conference, which has approved them,

With our prayers and support we present, these persons to be received as associate members:

Benjamin Crawford Bainbridge | Tim Schulte

This person to be commissioned as a provisional deacon:

Benjamin Lee Rush

These persons to be commissioned as provisional elders:

Dawn M. Gerard | Jess C. Horsley | Kayla Kelly | Adam G. Lauman

Jose Marino Chacon Mayorga | Christopher Sams

Kristi Saviers McGuire | Tracey Lynne Wolff

These persons to be ordained elders:

Steven Paul Clouse | Adrienne Denson Ewell | Letisha Darlene Green

Steven Russell Jones | Kristopher Keller | Angela Colina McNeil

Kimberly Anne Mitchell | Steven Reding Mitchell

Adam Lawton Mustoe | Laura Colleen Patterson | Mary T. Weaver





AFTER ALL THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, THE CANDIDATES REMAIN STANDING, AND THE BISHOP SAYS

These persons are by God's grace to be recognized, 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, and 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 ordination or recognition of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained, commissioned, or recognized?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

PROCLAMATION

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Exodus 3:1-5 | Amy Thompson

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP SONG | Reckless Love

NEW TESTAMENT READING | Acts 2:1-4 | Rev. Lia McIntosh

The Word of God for the people of God,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON | "Make Some Noise" | Rev. Lia McIntosh

Associate Director of Congregational Excellence | The Missouri Conference

RESPONDING IN LOVE

The Holy Spirit moves among us and we respond with generosity

☉ THE APOSTLES' CREED

Ecumenical Version | Rev. Jim Barnett

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Mozambique Initiative | Rev. Yvi Martin

In late March, Mozambique was hit by one of the worst cyclones to make landfall in the southern hemisphere. The numbers are staggering with millions of acres of crops, homes and public gathering spaces either severely damaged or destroyed, and worst of all, hundreds of deaths. In the days following the storm, the Mozambique Initiative responded. Disaster resources were immediately released, and MI joined in the solidarity movement that began within the Mozambican Conferences. Resources are in short supply for long-term recovery. Your donation today will transform the community as MI works with local churches to restore clean water, provide access to healthcare, and restart education in affected areas. This is the work of lasting change.

☉ DOXOLOGY

☉ PRAYER OF DEDICATION | Rev. Yvi Martin



*UNIVERSAL



GENERAL EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The Spirit acts to maintain the priority of the gospel by setting apart women and men called to apostolic leadership

ALL ARE SEATED EXCEPT THE CANDIDATES AND THE BISHOP, WHO STAND FACING ONE ANOTHER

THE BISHOP EXAMINES THE CANDIDATES

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a solemn hour in your life and the life of the church. You have shared in the ministry of all the baptized and have witnessed to Christ's call to leadership among the people of God. Serving among us as faithful disciples, you have shown gifts and graces for leading the people of God in living and proclaiming the gospel to all people.

Do you believe that you are called to the work of leadership and service among the people of God?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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 give yourself fully to the work of God in the world in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship and service under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be faithful to The United Methodist Church, accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it 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 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 audibly affirm the action, saying, **Amen.**

RECEIVING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Committed to serving God without reservation

Associate members of an annual conference are in the itinerant ministry of the church and are available on a continuing basis for appointment by the bishop. They offer themselves without reserve to be appointed.

I present: **Benjamin Crawford Bainbridge** | **Tim Schulte**

THE BISHOP ADDRESSES THE CANDIDATES

Will you continue to perform your duties as an associate member as faithfully as you are able, the Lord being your helper?

I will.

THE BISHOP FACES THE PEOPLE

Will you the people of God celebrate and affirm these persons in their ministry?

We will.

Benjamin Crawford Bainbridge and Tim Schulte, after fulfillment of all of the requirements and after due examination of your call and ministry, we now welcome you as associate members of this annual conference. You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience. You have committed yourselves to uphold faithfully The United Methodist Church and to the work of a pastor under appointment of the bishop. We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us, and pray that God may guide your ministry.

EXTENDING ARMS OVER CANDIDATES THE BISHOP PRAYS

Almighty God, thank you for your continued presence in their ministries. Strengthen them for the tasks which lie ahead; that in all their works begun, continued, and ended in you, they may glorify your holy name, and advance the coming of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benjamin Crawford Bainbridge and Tim Schulte, in the name of the Missouri Annual Conference we now recognize you as associate members.





COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR SERVICE

Guided by the Holy Spirit to lead and serve

INTRODUCTION

The chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry introduces the act of commissioning, using these words:

Throughout Christian history, the church has commissioned people for leadership and service. This commissioning is always a response to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who calls and sends women and men to share in Christ's ministry. In the early church in Antioch, the Holy Spirit instructed the community to "set apart... Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

In the early stages of such ministerial service, ordained leaders walk with commissioned leaders to mentor and form them in Christ's ministry, just as Ananias, the more seasoned leader, guided Paul, the newly called evangelist, toward the fullness of his calling (Acts 9).

We gather here to commission men and women for ministry in the church.

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.

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

The Bishop, extending arms over all of 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.

The Bishop, laying both hands upon each candidate as they kneel, 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**.

PRAYER

After all the candidates have been commissioned, the Bishop says: Let us pray.

Almighty God, may the grace of ministry rest upon these your servants and may the opportunity to serve lead them into the fullness of your calling. Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that they may glorify you by giving themselves to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS

Called to a lifetime ministry of Service, Word, Sacrament and Order

A WESLEYAN APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

We trace the link from John Wesley to those ordained today.

THE CANDIDATES AND THE BISHOP STAND FACING ONE ANOTHER

THE BISHOP EXAMINES THE CANDIDATES

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.





PRAYER FOR ELDERS

THE BISHOP FACING THE ELDERS CALLS THE PEOPLE TO PRAYER

As these persons are 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.

THE PEOPLE PRAY FOR THEM IN SILENCE

THE BISHOP 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. Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Representatives from the laity, the ecumenical church, and the order of elders who are to join 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. Amen.

Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the candidate 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. Amen.

SENDING

God equips us and sends us in mission to the world

By the mysterious power of the Holy Spirit we are all called and sent. You are invited to a time of discernment and listening for God's renewed call on your life as we worship together.

THE INVITATION TO DISCERNING PRAYER | Bishop Robert Farr

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP | Holy Spirit | How He Loves Us

At this time, we invite those who feel that God is calling them into discipleship and vocational discernment to make their way to the front of the stage for a prayer of dedication. Also at this time, you will have an opportunity to connect with someone from the Board of Ordained Ministry to learn more about discerning a call into Christian ministry and service.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BLESSING | THE BISHOP BLESSES THE PEOPLE

May the wild movement of the Holy Spirit continue to call, inspire, and embolden you. May the same Spirit that we have felt in this place, send us to go to new places and reach new people for the kingdom of God.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Amen.

CLOSING SONG | Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

POSTLUDE



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EQUIPPING FUTURE LEADERS

Reaching out to those called to lead us forward

Today we celebrate God's call and the faithful responses of these persons who are being set apart for leadership through the sacred act of ordination. They bring new gifts and fresh passion to the ministry of the church. One of the ways you can assure leadership for the future is to see that your church fully supports The Ministerial Education Fund. The MEF supports the 13 United Methodist seminaries and provides scholarship support for students from our conference. Through the MEF, you can make a difference in the lives of ordinands such as these, and you can assist in raising up a new generation of ordained deacons and elders for the church.

Persons who want to explore ways one can be in ministry in the world are invited to visit The Call booth in the Expo Center or visit thecalltoministry.org.

COLE SUMMER SEMINARY MINISTERIAL SCHOLARS

Seminarians interested in applying for a summer scholarship/internship (with stipend) in a local ministry in Missouri are encouraged to apply for the Cole Scholar program through the Center for Leadership Excellence. The internship is an opportunity for seminary students to gain experience in the pastoral setting and to expand their learning opportunities and is made possible by the support of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships for college-age persons are offered in a variety of disciplines through the conference and local ministries. These internships offer a connection between the church and the world while also allowing a college-age person to experience the work of the church.

Applications will be made available in Fall 2019 and due in early 2020. Learn more about all of these at moumethodist.org/internships.

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