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Central Texas Annual Conference
White's Chapel UMC, Southlake, TX
June 7-9
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World
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*In addition to the services listed above, we will observe Holy Communion during morning worship services on Monday and Tuesday of Annual Conference. The services begin at 7:30 am in the Chapel.*
A Word of Welcome

Bishop Mike Lowry
Fort Worth Episcopal Area

At the heart of our faith as Christians is the deep conviction that we encounter the one true God through the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You hold in your hands a guide to our worship. It is designed to lead us in effusive praise for the One who alone is worthy of our highest honor and obedience. It is my hope and prayer that we will come together in such praise and leave this Conference in recommitted obedience.
Conference Preacher

Rudy Rasmus is a pastor, author, and global humanitarian with a passion for outreach to the world’s poorest citizens. He often says his primary spiritual gift is “hanging out.”

From his previous life of owning and operating a “borderline bordello,” today Pastor Rudy co-pastors the St. John’s United Methodist Church located in Downtown Houston with his wife Juanita that began with 9 existing members in 1992. St. John’s has grown to over 9,000 members (30% were formerly homeless) in 21 years into one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the country where every week people of every social and economic background and ethnicity share the same pew. He attributes the success of the church to a compassionate group of people who have embraced the vision of tearing down the walls of classism, sexism, and racism and building bridges of unconditional love, universal recovery, and unprecedented hope. A recent in-house poll revealed the number one reason people attend St. John’s is because they can “feel the love” from the parking lot to the pew.

For three years Pastor Rudy was a monthly contributor to Oprah Winfrey’s “O Magazine’s” ethics column entitled “Now What Do I Do” and is currently a featured faith-blogger in the Houston Chronicle’s on-line edition. He is a 2008 gospel music industry Stellar Award nominee for the music project “Touch” and is the author of two books including the newly released “Jesus Insurgency” with Co-Author Dottie Escobedo-Frank (Abingdon Publishing, Nashville), and “Touch: Pressing against the wounds of a broken world” (Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville). Pastor Rudy joined SiriusXm Radio as an on air personality in 2010 and can be heard weekly on his show “The Love Revolution with Pastor Rudy” on SiriusXm’s Praise Channel.

Pastor Rudy founded the Bread of Life, Inc. (a not for profit corporation) with Juanita in December of 1992 and began serving dinners to the homeless in the sanctuary at St. John’s. Years later the Bread of Life has changed the landscape of Downtown Houston providing an array of services to homeless men and women seven nights a week in the Bread of Life facility on the St. John’s campus. The project provides over 12,000 hot meals each month to the homeless men and women, distributes over 9 tons of fresh food weekly to hungry families, and provides shelter to over 100 homeless individuals every night from 6pm-6am in a pioneering “housing-first” initiative called “After Dark” where services are provided during the critical night-time hours. St. John’s is also one of few faith communities in the U.S. providing HIV/AIDS testing to churchgoers on Sundays through the innovative “Get Tested Project.” After many years of service to the community, Pastor Rudy received the coveted Jefferson Award (considered the Nobel Prize of community service) at a ceremony in Washington, DC in 2009. For years Pastor Rudy has coordinated domestic and global anti-hunger initiatives in conjunction with Beyoncé’s concert tours and travels extensively developing food programs around the world for people experiencing food insufficiency. After a recent life-altering trip to India, Pastor Rudy is now reflecting on the need for Americans to address the issues of human trafficking and mass incarceration with urgency.

Thanks to generous donations from long-time friends and church members Beyoncé Knowles, Tina Knowles, Mathew Knowles and Kelly Rowland; the campus includes the $1.2 million Knowles-Rowland Center for Youth and the $6 million Knowles-Temenos Place Apartments. The Temenos project is a 43-unit Single Room Occupancy development designed to provide permanent living accommodations for formerly homeless women and men. Temenos CDC is currently developing a $9million, 80-unit apartment community to meet the growing need for permanent supportive housing for the previously homeless in Houston, Texas.

Rudy and Juanita have been married for 28 years and are the proud parents of two phenomenal daughters, Morgan and Ryan.
Opening Worship
A Service of Remembrance and Resurrection

Sunday, June 7th, 2015
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

An interpreter for the hearing impaired is located near the front of the worship area. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other mobile devices.

Opening Selections
Invocation
Welcome & Greeting
Offertory
Offertory Music
Introduction of Conference Preacher
Reading of The Word
2 Chronicles 7:14
Special Music
Message
“If My Church”
Introduction of Service of Remembrance
Selection

White’s Chapel UMC Music Ministry
Dr. Bob Holloway
Dr. John McKellar
Dr. Todd Renner
Dr. Clifton Howard
White’s Chapel UMC Music Ministry
Bishop Mike Lowry
Maddie Pittman
CCYM President
Micah Blalock
Pastor Rudy Rasmus
St. John’s Church (Houston, TX)
Bishop Mike Lowry

* Please stand as you are able
*Naming of The Saints

Dr. Ginger Bassford

After each name is read and a bell is tolled, the congregation will respond with
“Thank you, Lord, for this your servant.”

Clergy
Rev. Robert H. Briles
Rev. John N. Flynn
Rev. Hubert W. Foust
Rev. Arcynthia Louie
Rev. James R. Olney
Rev. Alfred G. Sanford
Rev. John H. Williams
Rev. Robert E. Young

Clergy Spouses
Lorraine Massey Ansley
Wanda Tatum Ballard
Anne Lorene Bedford
Sudie Katherine Black
Doris Jean Clifford
Bernice M. Cooper
Elizabeth Glazener
Billie Lou Herrington
Vivian McCleskey
Harold S. Scott, Sr.
Gayla Hornell Sellers
Sue Beth Sorrells
Myra Elizabeth Sprinkle
James Milton Summers, Sr.
Dr. Robert J. Wordinger

The congregation may be seated at the end of the reading of the names.

Naming of The Saints

Mrs. Kim Simpson

Lay members from all of our Central Texas Conference churches have been remembered during the annual meetings of their respective District Conferences. Memorial books with the names of those lay members from each district are present at the altar this morning.

As the name of each district is called, the members of that district will stand as they are able. After the name of the district is read and a bell is tolled, the entire congregation will respond with
“Thank you, Lord, for these your servants.”

The members of that district may then be seated.

Central District
East District
North District
New Church Start District
South District
West District

* Please stand as you are able
Hymn of Remembrance
“Lift High the Cross”
UMH, #159
Maddie Pittman
CCYM President

Act of Enstolement

Communion
Bishop Mike Lowry

Sending Forth
“The Church’s One Foundation”
UMH, #545

Benediction

Postlude
Bishop Mike Lowry

Presiding Bishop
Bishop Mike Lowry

Guest Preacher
Pastor Rudy Rasmus

Liturgists
Dr. Ginger Bassford
Dr. Bob Holloway
Dr. Clifton Howard
Dr. John McKellar
Ms. Maddie Pittman
Dr. Todd Renner
Mrs. Kim Simpson

Worship Support
White’s Chapel United Methodist Church Music Ministries

* Please stand as you are able
Central District

**AUSTIN AVENUE**
Garland Back
Fred Bischoff
Agnes Britt
Chester Carlson
Jack Curry
Sue Kethley
Tim Sanders
Fred Schultz
Roy Taylor
Carolyn Winters

**BLOOMING GROVE**
Joe Frederick
Quilla Varnell

**BOSQUEVILLE**
Ruth Chamrod
Sue Harper

**CAYOTE**
Jack McMillan

**CENTRAL**
Ruby Beatty
Georgia Carroll
Joe Gilbert
Alice Henderson
Percy Hough
Richard Jackson
Ruby Klatt
Marie Linder
Amelia Mathews
Fleeta Nutley
Cynthia Powell
Betty Roberts

**CHATFIELD**
Dot Hodge

**CHINA SPRING**
Curtis Beckham
Bill Maxwell

**CLIFTON**
Clyde Billington
Doris Fenn
Estelle Hill
Carol Holder
Vance Hutton
Charles Jorgenson
Nadine Munden
WD Nuckols
Dick Owens
Charles Rice
Louise Utgard

**COGDELL MEMORIAL**
Marie Boyd
Sue Brown
Elaine Gulley
Charlotte Petty

**COOLIDGE FIRST**
Reagan Jacobs

**CORSICANA FIRST**
Bob Adair
Bill Batton
Mabel Carpenter
Corinne Lee
Helen Montfort
Marlene Morgan
Wayne Morgan
Calvin Myers
Michael Prim
Bonnie Rhoads
Sid Schutte
Zane Stites

**COVINGTON**
Douglas Allison

**CRAWFORD**
Gary Clark
Billie Davis
Bill Holmes
Ruby Mergele

**ELM MOTT FIRST**
Chris Damants

**EUREKA**
Nan McLain

**FROST**
Bob Bernea
Leila Cosby
Alex Flores
Walter McLure
Carolyn Stevenson

**GROESBECK FIRST**
Johnie Gunn

**HILLSBORO FIRST**
Turner Hennig
Ruth Kendrick
Imozelle McGee
Dale Ozment
Denise Tuggle

**HUBBARD FIRST**
Ray Foster
Eileen Hammer
Roger Pitts

**ITALY FIRST**
Shirley Ratliff

**ITASCA**
John Merritt

**KERENS FIRST**
Joyce Crawford
Larry Fields
Hattie Kent
Bill Wright

**KING MEMORIAL**
Betty Baker
Dorothy Bruno

**LAKE SHORE**
Bob Province
Earl Snow

**LAKESIDE**
Bill Brunson
William Peden
Brinkley Snowden

**LAKEVIEW**
Weldon Barnes
Debi Dawe
Ruth Garris

**LEBANON**
Tom Montgomery

**LINE STREET**
Pollyanna Cavett
Madeline Luethauser
Helen Nelson
Rick Russell

**LORENA FIRST**
Betty Bethke
Gale Huntzinger-Story

*Please stand as you are able*
Central District (cont’d)

MART FIRST
David Connally
Frances Leggott
Paxton Littlepage
Robert Rush

MCGREGOR FIRST
Maxine Connor
Marc Fisk
Maxine Powell

MEIER SETTLEMENT
Martha Shaw

MERIDIAN FUMC
Betty Almy
Anna Bell Carpenter
Maleta Pallmeyer
James Walling

MEXIA FIRST
Francis Fletcher
Billy Howze
Wynona Lipsett
Jim Ramsey
Margaret Williams
Alleen Womack

PERRY CHAPEL
Michelle Bowers

PERRY
Lucille Baresch
Shelton Grote
Ellen Jo Lessman
Daniel Nowaski
Nelson Wieting

PLEASANT GROVE
Jack Elmore

RICHLAND
Doris Patrick

ROBINSON DRIVE
James Daugherty
Doyle Elliott
Jack Harris
Viola Snell

SPARKS MEMORIAL
Alvin Adams, Jr.
Carol Adams
Enrique Alejo, Sr.
Herman Buro
Wilma Vinson

SPEEGLEVILLE
William McDaniel

ST. JAMES
James Gooden
Eloise Lewis
Harold Scott, Sr.
Lee Seals
Verta Wheeler

ST. LUKE-MEXIA
Juanita Brooks
Lillian Smith

TEHUACANA
Dell Erskin

UNION MEMORIAL
Tom Gee

VALLEY MILLS
Jack Hinton
Oleta Martin
Kinzley Myer
Penny Steinke
Pauline Walsleben

WACO FIRST
Bill Aman
Atlah Ambrose
John Ashby
Bill David
Eloise Hahn
Marjie Haning
Malcolm Hart
Glen Hobart
Dalton Jaynes
Christine King
Barbara Larson
Judy Lepar
Paul Lindloff
Mary Mann
Marvin Mercer
Louis Miller
Mary Pearcy
Beverly Quinius
Emily Springer
Jean Streetman
Daryl Vahrenkamp
Juanita Williams
Edna Williamson

WESLEY-CORSICANA
Calvin Myers
Jerry Donaho

WESLEY-WACO
Nadine Belcher
Viola Lewis
Larry Smith

WEST
Marvin Drews

WOODWAY FIRST
Marvin Bentley
Diane Booth
Ann Cassell
Joe Cox
Margaret Hair
Bill Hinkle
Tom Johnston
Lillian Rice
Lola Sanders
Gloria Stabeno

WORTHAM FIRST
Deward Lefevre
Morris Lefevre
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* Please stand as you are able

**East District (cont’d)**

**RICHLAND HILLS**
Mary Nell Apple
Denise Cochran
Tommy Ellich
Gary (Tap) Fore
Myrtis Gray
Bonnie Grisham
Mark Hancock
Mary Hipp
Mickey Jones
Madge Kite
Phil Orr, Jr.
Darrell Peters
Mary Wilson
Ted Yaggi

**ST. ANDREWS - Arlington**
Margie Ruth Cook
Joan Jones
Mary Lou Wilson

**ST. BARNABAS**
Suzanne Alcala
Richard Barham
Brenda Chambell
Sid Eckstein
Nona Ellis
Carol Hey
Wilma Howie
Walter Kelch
Deane Shirley
Loraine Wisdom

**ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE**
Tina Harris
Walter Meil
Betty Sweat Thurston

**ST. LUKE**
Brad Bailey
Betty Biles
Weldon Gaither
Ricky Mayfield
Joan McAfee
Gladys McFarland
Mac McNeill
Oneta Rothfelder
Ben Shelman
Margie Worthington

**ST. MATTHEW**
Jerri Brauer
Sue Davis
Jay Lawrence

**ST. PAUL - HURST**
Katherine Hudgins
Alpha Lovell
Keith Phelps
Fred Robeson
Mary Beth Smith
Rebecca Thompson
Bobbie Williams

**ST. STEPHEN**
Kay Castner

**TRINITY - ARLINGTON**
Suzanne Biscomb
William Byrd
Wayne Chambers
Janis Kay Childress
Ben Collins
Carl Crofford
David Harnden
Wanda Houghton
Dennis Laughlin
Aubrey Lester
Gina Partlow
Jimmye Pickle
Cal Reimer
Gordon Teague
Ralph Trinkle
Mary Bess Ward
Courtney Weaver
Debi Weaver
John Weaver
Jean Wilkinson
Jack Woolf
Joyce Yetian

**WAXAHACHIE FIRST**
Ruth Almand
Lucille Bellamy
Norma Beller
Billie Fuller
Tom Howard
Peggy Martin
Pete Ann Norrell
Jerry Peebles
William (Bill) Pitts
James Ranton
Don Van Zandt
Beverly Worthington
Frank Wright

**WHITE’S CHAPEL**
Geri Allen
Edric Drell Allen
Deryck Barber
Allene Barnhill
Adeline Bross
Billy Brown
David Dusendshon
Astrid Eatherly
Lois Evans
Chris Furrow
Carol Giffin
Timothy Highfill
Curtis Johnson
Joyce Klein
Marjorie Laughlin
Claudette Lucibello
Bill Makins
Frank Maykus
David McMahen
Jo Anne McMillon
Jane Nalley
Christy Newman
Nancy Oldenbuttel
Dave Ostang
Bettye Parish
June Parry
Edwina Pote
Steve Savage
Kathy Serene
Ed Shellhorn
Charles Simmons
Jeff Spence
B.J. Stockstill
Jim Underwood
Keith Vegors
Patti Walter
Zach Walton
John West
Danny White
Hamilton Wilson
North District

ACTON
Fiddle Bird
Emma Sue Brookmole
Randy Browder
James Bursey
Dorothy Bursey
Robert Carter
Virginia Carter
Glenn Cauble
Mary Evelyn Champion
Dorris Estes
Robert Ferry
Doris Freeman
Alvin Griffith
Ed Jarrett
Jay Justice
Paul Gene Masters
Reba Moore
William Moore
Pamela Padget
Hazel Porterfield
Shelly Rountree
Monte Sirmon
Dale Stafford
Joyce Williams
Ola Wittie

ALEDO
Gene Cress
Alta Fisher
Kristen Hicks
Stetsen Rector

ALLIANCE
John Lewis
Marcel Muller
Eva Sturdevant

ANETTA
Robert “Bob” Watson

ARBORLAWN
Ben Baker
Gabriella Bennett
Patti Bennett
Earl Conrad
Elizabeth Crawford
Dick Davis
Gloria Dunson
Loraine Frantz
Dorothy Gauntt
Joy Graham
Marcy Head
Jewell Henderson
Mary Nell Johnson
Charlene Jones

ARBORLAWN (cont’d.)
John Jones
Jack Little
Wayne Maddux
Nova Mahon
Blanche Mandell
Dallas Maples
Norfleet Martin
Janice Moore
Art Murphy
Valma Nader
Peggy Pritchard
Ryan Raines
Ben Simons
Glen Stone
Jim Swink
Wynama Taylor
Paula Thomas
Michael Toner
Betty Tutt
Bruce Washmon
Dauphin Whitehead
Bill Williams

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
Lee Angle
Lorraine Ansley
Sudie Black
Tabitha Bruton
Jack Casement
Donald Fleming
James Parker Harland
Thomas Howle, Jr.
Joanne Lobrecht
Mike Pasquet
Dorothy Price
Jan Rhinefort
Sam Peter Saladino
James Smith
Chris Stitle

ASBURY
Jimmy Griffin

AZLE FIRST
Robert Groom
George Nail
Lonnie Venable
James Young

BENBROOK
Lorene Cheatham
Finis Largent
Rosina Largent
James Rainwater
Bertha Reed

BETHEL, WEATHERFORD
Dana Crabbs
Robert E. Wright, Jr.

BETHESDA
Amanda Bransfield
Anna Carroll
Charlie Edgmon
Gwen Matthews
Jeff McMaster

BROCK
Veneda Hayter

BURLESON FIRST
Judy Kay Brabham
Hazel Brown
Miriam Louise Burkins
Helen Hall
Eugene George Leduc
James Watkins Lewis
Peter Merwin Love
Mary Ellen Norris
Don Rial
Robert Morris Segerstrom
Robert Stephenson

CAHILL
Roger Moore
Sue Kurtenbach

CALVARY
Jeanie Fox
Sam Fox
Lillian Massie

CHRIST
Lorraine Franz

CLEBURNE FIRST
LaWanda Branum
Tom Dulin
Glenn Faver
Joe Sam Hays
Milbra Long
Jim MacDonald
Charles Rebstock

COUTS MEMORIAL
Janey Collier
Evelyn Grimes
Russell Justice
Danice Mainard
Eloise O’Donald
J.C. Sears
Donnie Swancey
Jim Tilger
Margaret Wossum

* Please stand as you are able
North District (cont’d)

CRESSON
Billy Baker
Emma Gilbreath
Peggy Scarbrough

CROWLEY
Buzz Graves
Judy Henning

EDGE PARK
Mary Adair
Martha Beal
Jean Cantrell
Jo Chamberlain
Lucille Chessmore
David Churchwell
Wayne Ferguson
Bob (John R.) Hancock
Ruby Jones
Jean Kinsey
Amanda McMullen
Virginia Meinhardt
Carolyn Rogers
Doris (Dottie) Thompson
Dorothy Turpin
Lottie Wheat
Evelyn Wilson
Bill Yeabower

FAITH
James Dillon
JoAnn Hayes
Jerry Jackson
Claudia Wade
Wayne Waters

FORT WORTH FIRST (cont’d.)
Glenn Johnston
Arthur Keller, Jr.
Helen Kolodey
Anita MacFarlane
Nelda Martin
Lucile Montgomery
Juanita Ozee
Elizabeth Shipman
Billie Sommermeyer
Tom Teal
Jeanette Thompson
Kenneth Tudor
C. L. Turner
James Van Buskirk
Michael White
G. Wright Wilemon
Carolyn Winn
K. T. Wolff
Mike Young

GENESIS
Windell Anderson
Bill Bugelholl
Bill Cooper
Valorie Cox
Dick George
Jim Graham
Milo Hill
Mozelle Kimble
Oteen Manuell
Joe Nichols
Keith Thompson
Bill Trice
Jerry Vaughan

GLEN ROSE
Mary Lee Lilly
Doug Ransom

GODLEY
Robbin Berry
Martha Countryman
Gracie Frick
Edna Frye
Joe Garvin
Linda McBroom
Bobby Richardson
Ben Smelley

GRACE
Carl W. “Bill” Buckman
Sammie Lane Irvin

GRANBURY FIRST
Bob Austin
Robert Bennett
J. Carl Brown
Flora Champion
Gene Erwin
Bud Fox
John Gaunce
Ed Hall
Tom Hayes
Boyd House
Jackie Jackson
Bill Leet
Sandy McLeod
Estele Morrison
Veryl Moser
Amy Owens
Robb Robertson
Carol Rodgers
Don Shanklin
Kermit Smith
Shannon Smith
Harold Stace
Tom Taylor
Kyndall Twitty
Jack Williams

GRANDVIEW FIRST
Joette Brigman
Jack Rudduck

HOLDER’S CHAPEL
Anna Harper
J. M. McDonald

JOSHUA
Marilyn Goodspeed

KOPPERL
Ollie Davis
Maxie Page
Mackin Withers

LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP
Dorothy Goodwin
Cindy Sanderson
Tom C. Schnell

MILLSAP
Eunice Mugg
Edna Pierce

POOLVILLE
Mary Lou Bryant
Joann Hardin
Carolyn McNally

* Please stand as you are able
RIVER OAKS
Gordon Green
Kyle Humphrey
Pat Knight
Betty Wall

SAGINAW
Tom Abel
Bobbie Anderson
John Etheridge
Mary Hauerwas
Ina McGregor
Vicky Mooty
Jim Perkerson
Bobby Rann
James Robertson
Shirley Robertson
Mildred Vick

SILVER CREEK
Ross Bird
Bruna Couch
Mary McClendon
Billy Pickel
Dudley Sherrill
Don Wright

SPRINGTOWN
Steven Bawcum
Patricia Larimore
Beatrice Lorenz
Lisa Peebles
Dudley Simmons
Mary Dacy Woody

ST. MARK, CLEBURNE
E. G. Glover
Elizabeth Boyd

TOLAR
Laverne Liles UNIVERSITY
Jim Carpenter
Brandon Clark
Bobbi Conlee
Doris Cripliver
James Dumas
Evalyn Ellis
Terry Ensor
John Hart
Milady Hejl
Juanita Sisk
Martha Stovall
John Wortham
Robert Young

WATTS CHAPEL
Doris Collins
Charles Dobbins
Billy Elwood
Helen Moresco

WEATHERFORD FIRST
Theo Fory
Dorothy Lynch
Joy Murray
Bill Schroedter

WESLEY MEMORIAL
Debra Cudd
Jimmie Ann Jeschke
W.B. Massey, Jr.
Ruby Putnam
Edna Reed
Doris Yule

WESTERN HILLS
Lucille “Jerine” Dorsey
John Gulley
KayLynn Newman
Mary E. Rudd

New Church Starts

BRACKS UMC
Vera Johnson
Hillary Standifer

THOMPSON CHAPEL
Arthur Conley
Lorene Stubbs

WESLEY GHANAIAN
Barbara Mens

* Please stand as you are able
South District

**GEORGETOWN FIRST**
- Horace Davidson
- Betty Emery
- Eilene Gayhart
- Paul Griffith
- Jim Gross
- Wayne Harmon
- Ruth Holcomb
- Royleen Houser
- Bob Key
- Midge Krieg
- Terry Mantz
- Tadge O'Donnell
- Miles Plzak
- Howard Pool
- Leroy Schubert
- Richard Scrivener
- Ned Sneed
- Vera Stanley
- Jean Wareing
- Barbara Wisby

**GEORGETOWN ST. JOHN’S**
- Ira Gallaway
- Denise (Hopkins) Harkins
- Louise Hilliard
- Midge Krieg
- David Lindell
- Don McLaren
- Claude Nelson
- Robert Quartell
- Helen Stansbury
- Mattie Staton
- Neal Underwood

**GEORGETOWN ST. PAUL**
- Wanda McDonald

**GEORGETOWN WELLSPRING**
- Daisy Barrow
- Kathy Burrier
- Judy Butler
- Robert Cooke
- Idis Kelley
- Robert Mallonee
- Dorothy Sullivan

**HARKER HEIGHTS**
- Joyce Davis
- Pat George
- Kim McQueen
- Aileen Quackenbush

**HOLLAND**
- Matea Rodriguez

**HUTTO DISCOVERY**
- Aleda Crislip

**KILLEEN FIRST**
- Lolly Buckley
- Edith Gilmore
- Dorothy Gotcher
- Julia Greene
- Anita Holmes
- Bonnie Kern
- Ray Lott
- Doreen McMinn
- Waneta Odle
- Gene Rogers
- David Smith
- Dick Thomas
- Elsie Tolliver
- Jim Wheeler

**KILLEEN ST. ANDREW’S**
- James Cearfoss
- Merrill Clark
- Barbara Cunningham
- Audrey White
- Linda White
- Dorothy Rathmell

**KILLEEN ST. LUKE**
- Hyo-Sun Johnson
- Chong-Sun Kim
- Chong McHale
- Rueben Robinson

**LANHAM**
- Prudence Jones

**LITTLE RIVER**
- Mike Avina
- James Cain
- Jean McNeese
- Howell Moore
- Shirley Thompson

**MOODY FIRST**
- Mildred “Jane” Sterling
- Ruby Greenhoe

**MOOREVILLE**
- Charlie Dolezel
- Winston Jones
- Edna Kraemer
- Joan Smith
- Linden Spradling
- Evelyn (Billie) Stowers
- Alton Tobias

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*Please stand as you are able*
OGLESBY
Leola Everett
Nathan Fegette
Antonece Rogers

ROUND ROCK FIRST
Herbert Bilhartz
Jack Cromwell
Linda Emry
Paul Gilillard
Dick Hill
Richard Larymy
Dorothy Reed
Jim Ridlehuber
Carl Schomburg
Deanna Sliva
Scott Smith
George Sneed
Benjamin Stover
June Strickland
Berry Sullivan
Deeba Vandiver
Gianna Weaver
David Worden
Frances Young

ROUND ROCK JOURNEY OF FAITH
Jean Brubaker
Stan Kingery

ROUND ROCK ST. PHILIP’S
June Edwards
Paul Guerard

SALADO
Priscilla Beadle
Daron Fettig
Jim Hays
Winston Hays
Ike Isakson
Nell Neinast

TAYLOR FIRST
Della Velau Borgne
Bill Jackson
Norvin Parr
Fran Talbot

TAYLOR 10TH STREET
Lorraine C. Wallace

TAYLOR THRALL
Bill Mitchell

TEMPLE FIRST
James Akin
Audrie Bonnette
Lucille Cathey
HC Farrell
Camilla Gidden
Sue Gideon
Janey Gunlock
Margaret Hardin
Walt Holkins
Ellen Isensee
JW Perry
Kirby Richter
Lorene Tomblin
Frances Wall
Dick Wenber
Fritz Wendler

TEMPLE FOUNDATION
Lloyd Carrell
Mary Simmons

TEMPLE OAK PARK
Alvis Bailey
Peggy Cook
Louisa Gilmore
Betty Goros
June Grimes
Sam Jones, Jr.
Marion Ringwald
Catherine Schaub
Dorothy Sullivan
Marjorie Wilson

TEMPLE ST. JAMES/
KELL’S BRANCH
Ruby Harris
LeAnna Houston
Arcynthia Louie
Billy Mayse
Julius Mayse

TEMPLE ST. PAUL
Grady Bagby
Sarah Brookshire
Evelyn Buro
Nathan Mayes
Marcia Sanders Wesson

TROY
Freeland Rea

* Please stand as you are able
West District

BALLINGER FIRST
Oran Bigby
Taylor Bowman
Lanham Carter
Mary Cole
Billie Crockett
Martha Speckels

BANGS FIRST
Zelda Donley
Evangeline Eads

BLANKET FIRST
Tony Poorman
Ted Shouton

BLUFF DALE
Billie Nell Engler

BRECKENRIDGE FIRST
Morie Epperson
Doris Hogan
Gorfey Ledbetter
Andy Morris
Linda Nobel
Virginia Toland

BROWNWOOD FIRST
Frances Allen
Marjorie Bradley
Stuart Coleman
Mary Taylor
Allison Wilson

CEDAR SPRINGS
Wayne Hunter
Dorothy Lane

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD
Robert Bilton
Margaret Chesser
Pat Clark
Maxine Clark
Zane Ellett
Melvin Felch
Alton Hiller
Mary Horne
Sue Lewis
Frances McCune

CENTRAL MINERAL WELLS
Andy Boyd
Matt Pennington
Lucille Pilgrim

CISCO FIRST
Robert “Bob” Gattis
Effie Marie McCormick

COLEMAN FIRST
Ronnie Cogdill
Winston Elkins
Marie Kennedy
Beth Mercer
Sue Sorrells
Donald Turner
James West

COMANCHE FIRST
Dan Burton
Carmen Carnes
Helen Croft
Betty Defoe
Robert “Bob” Dudley
Joe Strong
Sue Vines

CROSS PLAINS FIRST
Tom Adams

DELEON FIRST
Margaret Campbell
Mike Carlin
Lou Ella Morris
Ruth Painter
Garth Priddy
Louise Sadberry

DUBLIN FIRST
Mickey Belew

EARLY FIRST
Pete Tackett

EASTLAND FIRST
Elaine Bennett
Jack Christopher
Ruth Cowley
Onella Griffin
Dorothy Perkins
Howard Wilson
Mildred Wilson

GORDON FIRST
Ron Main
Robert Reasoner

GOULDBUSK
Ann Slate

GRAHAM FIRST (cont’d.)
Nita McAfee
Joe Ramsey
Jimmy Reedy
Ann Schultz
Joy Shack
Weldon Spivey
Rosie Steele

GUSTINE
Maye Applewhite

HAMILTON FIRST
Lou Kinsey
Frank O’Hara
Bobby Stephen
Georgia Williams

HICO FIRST
Minnie Anderson

IREDELL FIRST
James Arthur Guinn
Valeta M. Phillips

LAKE BROWNWOOD FIRST
John Ricker

MAY
Bobbie Meixner

MINERAL WELLS FIRST
Willie Clemmer
O.D. Cole
Larry Ducket
Barbara Harkelrode
Lula Kelm
Mary Ann Miller
Jess Turner

MORGAN MILL
Gailen Parker
Shirley Pipkin

MORTON CHAPEL
Linda Straub

MULLIN FIRST
Peggy Chesser
Keith Landau
Evelyn Smith

NEWCASTLE FIRST
Horace “Dutch” Morgan

OAKDALE, STEPHENVILLE
Al Hoag
Ruby Jo Jones

* Please stand as you are able
West District (cont’d)

OLNEY FIRST
Lisa Hughes
Red Livingston
Margie Mixon
Mary Nell Rodgers
DeWayne Strea'y

PALO PINTO FIRST
Donald Fuller
Barbara Thompson
John Waddell

RISING STAR FIRST
Samuel Payton Scott

SALEM-CRESTVIEW
Joyce Williams

SANTA ANNA FIRST
Allene Allen
Carmilla Baugh
Eva Calk
Derriel Warnock

SANTO
Scott Lumpee

ST. PAUL, BRECKENRIDGE
William “Bill” Joseph Boland
Billy Crudgington

STEPHENVILLE FIRST
G.K. Lewallen
Christine Pendleton
Norma Schwartzkopf
W.C. Smith
John Springer

TRINITY, COLEMAN
Clovis Billings

WINTERS FIRST
Ray Alderman
Bill Barberousse
George Brown
Melba Gerlach Emmert
Sam Smith

ZEPHYR
Mary Fisher

* Please stand as you are able
CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Commissioning and Ordination
Monday, June 8th, 2015
White’s Chapel United Methodist Church • Southlake, TX
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World
An interpreter for the hearing impaired is located near the front of the worship area.
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**Centering in God’s Presence**

Prelude

**Call To Worship**

Leader: On this glorious night, will you please stand as you are able and join me in our Call to Worship.

Leader: We have come to praise the Lord!

People: We have come to rejoice in God!

Leader: To remember what God has done...

People: ... and to celebrate what God will do!

Leader: To celebrate our many gifts, and the one Spirit who gives them all...

People: ... to celebrate those called to lead, knowing all are called to serve.

Leader: ... to testify to the risen Christ...

People: ... and to glory in his name!

*Processional  All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name  UMH, #155

*Greeting and Opening Prayer  Dr. Jim Conner

Leader: We come together as the Church to offer praise and thanksgiving to God. We also gather to hear the Holy Word, to affirm our common ministry, and to seek for ourselves and others God’s call on our lives.

Together let us pray.

People: God of light and truth, you led your apostles to appoint ministries in every place. Guide your Church, through the wisdom of your Holy Spirit, that we may choose men and women with gifts and graces called to servant ministry. May they with diligence and faithfulness fulfill their various ministries with the gifts you have given them. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will. Amen.
Presentation of Candidates

Presentation

Mrs. Kim Simpson

Today, these witnesses to Christ have been called forth from us in the same way that the witnesses of the past were called by the Holy Spirit. On behalf of the laity of local congregations who have examined and approved these candidates; and of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this Annual Conference, which has recommended these persons; and this Annual Conference, which has approved them; we present these persons, who are responding to their call, to be commissioned or ordained to ministry in The United Methodist Church.

Candidates To Be Commissioned

Dr. Chris J. Hayes

Bishop Lowry, we recommend the following persons for commissioning as Provisional Members in Christ’s Holy Church:

Provisional Deacon

Provisional members planning to give their lives as Deacons in Full Connection shall be in ministries of Word, Service, Compassion and Justice in the local church or in an approved appointment beyond the local church, as outlined in Paragraph 326.1 of the 2012 Book of Discipline.

Kelly Christine Anderson
Suzanne Byrd
Allen Charles Lutes
Kyle Edwin Roberson

Provisional Elder

Provisional members planning to give their lives as Elders in Full Connection shall be in ministries of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service in the local church or in an approved extension ministry, as outlined in Paragraph 326.2 of the 2012 Book of Discipline.

James Matthew Bailey
Wendi Allison Bernau
Eric Scott Douglas
Margret Linda Fields
Jarrod Daniel Johnston
Alex F. Latu
Kimberly Liane Long
Stefani Elizabeth Reed
Jon Mark Reeves
Rezolia Johnson Roberson
Stacy Nycole Roberts
Dale Alan Wilbanks
Alison Michelle Zollinger

* Please stand as you are able
Provisional Elder Received by Recognition of Orders

Provisional members planning to give their lives as Elders in Full Connection shall be in ministries of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service in the local church or in an approved extension ministry, as outlined in Paragraph 326.2 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. These persons have been ordained in other denominations. They have been approved by the Bishop, by vote of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and by vote of the clergy session of the Annual Conference and elected to provisional membership in the Annual Conference.

Tomeca L. Richardson
Charles Anthony Robinson

Candidates To Be Ordained Deacon

Bishop Lowry, we recommend that Sarah Elizabeth Roberts be ordained as a Deacon in Full Connection in Christ’s Holy Church.

Deacon in Full Connection

These persons are to be ordained to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion and Justice. They have been under appointment in service ministry. They have participated for two years in Residence in Ministry, and completed written and oral review with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. They have been approved by vote of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the clergy session of the annual conference, and elected to full membership in the annual conference. The ministry of Deacon exemplifies and leads the Church in service to God in the world, remembering and celebrating the gifts of God and living faithfully in response to God’s grace.

Sarah Elizabeth Roberts
Candidate stand when name is read.

Candidates To Be Ordained Elder

Bishop Lowry, we recommend the following persons to be ordained as Elders in Full Connection in Christ’s Holy Church or received under Recognition of Orders:

Elders in Full Connection

These persons are to be ordained to a lifetime ministry of Service, Word, Sacrament and Order. They have been under appointment in service ministry. They have participated for two years in Residence in Ministry, and they have completed written and oral interviews with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. They have been approved by vote of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the clergy session of the Annual Conference and elected to full membership in the Annual Conference.

Scott Jeffrey Goodfellow
Daniel Koos Hawkins
Cynthia Suzanne Moss
John Richard Nader
Charles Randal Tucker
Candidates stand when name is read.

* Please stand as you are able
Affirmation of Candidates

Brothers and sisters in Christ, these persons are by God’s grace to be commissioned and ordained to ministry.

Christ gave this command: “Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.” In Antioch, the Holy Spirit instructed the community to “Set apart Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I, the Holy Spirit, have called them.” 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.”

The Church has 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 commissioning and ordination of these persons. Do you trust that they are worthy, by God’s grace?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God’s help, we will!

The candidates are seated.

Proclamation

Anthem
Jennifer Chung

Scripture Lesson
Rev. Carol Gibson

Sermon
Acts 29: “No Reservation, No Retreat, No Regret”
Bishop Mike Lowry

Offertory Prayer
Dr. Randy Wild

The 2015 Annual Conference Offering will go to support three vital ministries of the Central Texas Conference - CTC Serve, UMCOR Health and School Kits and the Vital Leadership Academy.

**CTC Serve:** CTC Serve is a one-day mission opportunity for CTC churches in their local communities. The 2015 focus is on alleviating hunger and is designed to help churches engage their community by serving in some way that connects to hunger. A portion of the conference offering will be re-invested in the food ministries of local churches through a grant program. The “official” date for this event is September 13. For more information please go to ctcumc.org/ctcserve.

**UMCOR Health and School Kit Shipping Costs:** The Conference ERT Trailer will be collecting health & school kits to deliver to the Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana throughout AC15. The cost of getting these vitally important kits to those who need them is approximately one dollar per kit. A portion of the AC15 offering will go to fund the required $1 delivery fee. To learn more about the UMCOR kits, click here or visit umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.

**Vital Leadership Academy:** The CTC’s new, eight-month leadership program launches this fall. It is designed to identify, inspire, train and support lay people as they partner with clergy to lead effective change in local congregations. A portion of the conference offering is going to support the launch of the VLA. The planned dates for 2015-16 VLA are: November 6-7 2015; January 15-16, February 26-27 and April 8-9, 2016.

* Please stand as you are able
My sisters and brothers, all Christians are called through Baptism to share in Christ’s ministry of love and service, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to work and live for the redemption of all people and the whole creation. You have been called, by the Spirit of God working in you, to a particular form of service within God’s people, and today the Church, the Body of Christ, confirms, reaffirms, and blesses your calling through commissioning or ordination.

As representative ministers in the Church, you are to be co-workers with the Bishops, Deacons, Diaconal Ministers, Commissioned Ministers, Local Pastors, Associate Members, Elders, and Laity. It is your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ, and to conform your life in accordance with the Gospel.

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 Christ above all.

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

Do you trust that God has called you to the life and work of commissioned or ordained ministry?

I do so trust.

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, God being my helper.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, 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, God being my helper.

* Please stand as you are able
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. Amen

Clergy are seated. Candidates remain standing. The Bishop calls the people to pray.

Let us offer a few moments of silent prayer for these persons to be commissioned or ordained by God and the Church.

The people pray in silence, and the Bishop concludes:

We give you thanks, Living God, that in your great love you sent Jesus Christ, your only begotten Son, to take the form of a servant of all. You have taught us, by His word and example, that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry. Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, humble servants, and wise counselors. Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation, and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

(Verses 1&2)

UMH, #57

During the hymn, those being commissioned come forward.

Examination of Provisional Members

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, these persons stand here today, elected as provisional members of this Annual Conference and commended to us for commissioning to ministry among us.

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 you have witnessed that Christ calls you into ordained ministry. Serving among us as faithful disciples, we have seen in you gifts and graces for leading the people of God in service.

Will you give yourself fully to the work of God in the world and to servant leadership in the life and work of Christ’s Church?

Following Christ, I will.

Will you join with other provisional members for mutual support in the practice of leadership among the people of God?

With God’s help, I will.
**Commissioning**

[Name], I commission you to be a faithful servant leader among the people, to lead the church in service, to proclaim the Word of God, and to equip others for ministry, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After the laying on of hands and prayer for the Holy Spirit, those being commissioned as provisional members will receive a Book of Worship.

**Hymn**

“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”  
(Verses 3&4)

UMH, #57

During the hymn those commissioned may return to their seats.  
The Deacon candidates come forward.

**Examination of Deacon Candidates**

The Bishop addresses the Deacon candidates, saying:

A Deacon is called to share in Christ’s ministry of servanthood, to relate the life of the community to its service in the world, to lead others into Christian discipleship; to teach and proclaim God’s Word, to lead in worship, to assist elders at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, to nurture disciples for witness and service; to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, to interpret to the church the world’s hurts and hopes, to lead Christ’s people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation even in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice. These are the duties of a Deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a Deacon?  
I do so believe.

Will you, for the sake of the Church’s life and mission, covenant to participate in the Order of Deacons? Will you give yourself to God through the Order of Deacons in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?  
I will, with the help of God, and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the Order of Deacons.

**Laying On of Hands for Deacons**

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands.  
One by one the candidates go to the Bishop and kneel. While the hands are imposed, the Bishop prays:

Almighty God, pour upon [name of candidate] the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Deacon. [Name of Candidate], take authority as a Deacon to proclaim the Word of God and to lead God’s people to serve the world.

After the laying on of hands and prayer for the Holy Spirit, those being ordained as deacons will receive a Bible and a stole.

**Hymn**

“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”  
( Verses 5&6)

UMH, #57

* Please stand as you are able
Examination of Elder Candidates
The Bishop examines the Elder candidates, saying:

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 of 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 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 for Elders
Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands. One by one the candidates go to the Bishop and kneel. While hands are imposed the Bishop prays:

Almighty God, pour upon [name of candidate] the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an Elder. [Name of Candidate], take authority as an Elder to preach the Word of God and to administer the Holy Sacraments.

After the laying on of hands and prayer for the Holy Spirit, those being ordained as Elders will receive a Bible and a stole.

Hymn
“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”
(Verse 7)

Those ordained Elder may return to their seats.

* Please stand as you are able
Sending Forth

*Dismissal With Blessing

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in Christ’s name. Thanks be to God!

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

Amen.

*Recessional

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

UMH, #89

Please remain in your places until all worship leaders, commissioned ministers, Deacons, and Elders have recessed. The congregation is invited to greet the newly commissioned and ordained ministers, and the retiring ministers following the service.

Postlude
The Symbols of Commissioning and Ordination

In the service of commissioning and ordination, the primary sign and act is the laying on of hands. The laying on of hands is an ancient practice continuing through the life of the Church. Beginning in the Acts of the Apostles, we find Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius and Saul being led by the Holy Spirit, and the church in Antioch responded. “Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.” (Acts 13:3) The laying on of hands and prayer invokes the Spirit to be active in the person for the office to which God has called them.

To all those being commissioned, a copy of The United Methodist Book of Worship is given. The gift of The United Methodist Book of Worship reminds those commissioned as Elder and Deacon that they are called to lead the faithful in worship.

Those being ordained receive a stole and a Bible. The stole historically reminded those being ordained that they are yoked to Christ as a servant to the Church. The Bible is given as the primary tool for proclaiming and teaching the word of God to the people of God.

These symbols of ordination and commissioning are visual reminders given by the Church to remind each one called to ordained ministry of God’s intimate call on their life. It is by the grace of God these individuals have been called to serve Christ’s holy Church in ordered ministry.
THOSE TO BE COMMISSIONED
PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Kelly C. Anderson
College: Southwestern University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Fort Worth

Matt Bailey
College: University of Texas at Arlington
Seminary: Asbury Theological Seminary
Home Church: First UMC, Midlothian
Spouse: Jennifer Bailey
Children: Emma and James Bailey

Wendi A. Bernau
College: Tufts University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: First UMC, Glen Rose
Presently Serving: First UMC, Glen Rose
Spouse: William Mac Davis, Jr.
Children: Andrew and Abigail Butler

Suzi Byrd
College: Robert Schumann Hochschule, Düsseldorf
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: William C. Martin UMC
Presently Serving: Ridglea/Thompson’s Chapel UMC
Children: Julia E. and Isabella C. Byrd

Eric S. Douglas
College: Texas Wesleyan University
Seminary: Asbury Theological Seminary
Home Church: First UMC, Belton
Presently Serving: First UMC, Waxahachie
Spouse: Brittney Douglas
Children: Kalea and Anastasia Douglas

Margret Linda Fields
College: Texas Wesleyan University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: University UMC
Presently Serving: Acton UMC
Spouse: Ben Fields
Children: Megan Fields

Jarrod D. Johnston
College: Tarleton State University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Arlington
Presently Serving: First UMC, Arlington
Spouse: Leanne Johnston
Children: Wesley and Eloise Johnston

Alex F. Latu
College: Vision International University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: Tongan First UMC
Presently Serving: Tongan First UMC
Spouse: Kolotile Latu

Kim Long
College: Baylor University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: First UMC, Cleburne
Presently Serving: First UMC, Cleburne
Spouse: Robert Long
Children: Rebecca and Zachary Long

Allen Lutes
College: Texas Christian University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: Arlington Heights UMC
Presently Serving: Arlington Heights UMC
Spouse: Lynaia Lutes
Children: Gabriel and Caden Lutes

Stefani Elizabeth Reed
College: Texas A & M University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Waxahachie
Presently Serving: Christ UMC, Plano

Jon Mark Reeves
College: Southwestern Assemblies of God University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: Couts Memorial UMC
Presently Serving: Couts Memorial UMC
Spouse: Amber Reeves
Children: Jovie and Landry Reeves

* Please stand as you are able
THOSE TO BE COMMISSIONED
PROVISIONAL MEMBERS (cont’d.)

Tomeca L. Richardson
College: Paul Quinn College
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: St. Andrews UMC, Fort Worth
Presently Serving: Alliance of Faith and
St. Andrews UMC, Corsicana

Kyle Roberson
College: Centenary College of Louisiana
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: White’s Chapel UMC
Presently Serving: White’s Chapel UMC
Spouse: Joy Roberson
Children: Cordner and Shepherd Roberson

Rezolia Johnson Roberson
College: Prairie View A & M University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Arlington
Presently Serving: First UMC, Arlington
Spouse: Jerry Roberson
Children: Caylah and Caisa Charleston, Jerrilyn Roberson

Stacy N. Roberts
College: Ouachita Baptist University
Seminary: Asbury Theological Seminary
Home Church: LifePoint UMC
Presently Serving: Morgan Mill UMC and
Bluff Dale UMC
Spouse: Dustin Roberts

Charles A. Robinson
College: Texas College
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: Metropolitan Christian Methodist
Episcopal Church, Houston, TX
Presently Serving: Meadowbrook UMC
Spouse: Kantrice Robinson
Children: Alara, Natalie and Jade Robinson

Dale Wilbanks
College: University of North Texas
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Ennis
Presently Serving: First UMC, Joshua
Spouse: Becky Wilbanks

Alison Zollinger
College: Southern Methodist University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: Saginaw UMC
Presently Serving: Couts Memorial UMC
Spouse: Jason Zollinger
Children: Amy, Cooper, Ellie and Zoe Zollinger

* Please stand as you are able
THOSE TO BE ORDAINED
DEACON IN FULL CONNECTION

Sarah E. Roberts
College: Texas Tech University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: New World UMC
Presently Serving: Schreiber Memorial UMC and Missional Wisdom Foundation
Spouse: Gary Roberts

THOSE TO BE ORDAINED
ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION

Scott Jeffrey Goodfellow
College: University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Temple
Presently Serving: Brock UMC
Spouse: Christy Arner Goodfellow
Children: Nicholas Scott Goodfellow and Lucas James Arner Goodfellow

John Richard Nader
College: Stephen F. Austin State University
Seminary: Brite Divinity School
Home Church: Arborlawn UMC
Presently Serving: Emhouse and St. Luke Corsicana
Spouse: Casey Nader
Children: Adalyn Nader

Daniel K. Hawkins
College: Baylor University
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: Cogdell Memorial UMC
Presently Serving: Keller UMC - West Campus
Spouse: April Hawkins
Children: Abigail and Chloe Hawkins

Randy Tucker
College: Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: First UMC, Red Oak
Presently Serving: First UMC Midlothian and Britton UMC
Spouse: Kathy Tucker
Children: Zachary, Michael and Katie Tucker and Andrew and Anthony Miller

Cynthia S. Moss
College: University of North Texas
Seminary: Perkins School of Theology
Home Church: Good News UMC, Cedar Park
Presently Serving: First UMC, Killeen
Spouse: Steve Moss
Children: Krystine S. Moss

* Please stand as you are able
**PRESIDING BISHOP**
Bishop Mike Lowry

**LITURGISTS**
Dr. Jim Conner
Rev. Carol Gibson
Dr. Chris J. Hayes
Rev. Kay Lancaster
Dr. Todd Renner
Mrs. Kim Simpson
Rev. Ramon Smith
Dr. Todd Renner

**WORSHIP SUPPORT**
Aldersgate UMC Choir
John Elliott, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Mass Choir
Jennifer Chung
Karla Rodriguez
Ridglea & Thompson Chapel UMC Choir
St. Luke’s UMC Choir

*Please stand as you are able*

**RESOURCES**
* Please stand as you are able
Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other mobile devices.

PRELUDE

*Call To Worship

Leader: We come to celebrate God’s call lived out in faithfulness.

People: We celebrate the ministries of those who stand before us.

Leader: We are grateful for your work, O Lord, through them.

People: Thank you, Lord, for the ministry we share. Bless this time as we affirm what has been and look forward to what will be.

*Hymn

“Ye Servants of God”

UMH, #181

Prayer

Rev. Don Scott

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:7, 11-13, 15-16

Rev. Louis Carr, II

Response of the People

Dr. Katie Long

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you, and you were charged to preach to the broken-hearted, to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised. These things you have done.

People: We thank God for the community of the faithful in which the word of God found response. Countless persons have depended upon you for help. In the providence of God, you know that both suffering and joy can be God’s way of teaching and healing.

Leader: At your ordination, you received authority to read the Holy Scripture in the Church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, to order the life of the Church, and to connect the Church and the world. By grace you did many things that seemed to be beyond your power.

People: We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful. Death and illness have not come on schedule. The truth has not always been easy to preach. We know something of the grace by which you have lived, and we thank God for your vision and faithfulness.
Leader: Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. Continue to be true to your calling. May God’s love and power be with you always. Let us pray together.

All: God of grace, you fill your servants with your vision. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for the ministry of these men and women, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them. Give them a sense of your abiding presence that they may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Recognition of and Reflections from the Retiring Class

After each video, the retiree and spouse stand and are recognized.

Dr. Thomas K. Beaty and Cindy
Dr. Ernest Alan Benson and Ora Mae
Rev. William Max Brennan
Rev. Jerry Phillip Galloway and Betty
Rev. Elizabeth Spell Godbold
Rev. George Allen Grant and Darlene
Rev. Deborah W. “Decee” Horton and David
Rev. Johnny Frank Miller and Diana
Rev. Reed C. Justus and Cathy
Rev. Marilyn Schiffman and John
Rev. Billy Dean Strayhorn and Mary
Rev. William Charles Wood and Cheri Kendrick

Special Music
Derrada Rubell-Asbell

Passing of The Mantle
Bishop Mike Lowry

Representatives of the retiring and incoming class of elders kneel:

Retiring elder, Billy Strayhorn; receiving elder, John Nader.
Retired deacon, Brenda Wier; receiving deacon, Sarah Roberts.

The bishop takes mantles and places them on the shoulders of the representatives of the retiring class saying:

In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah’s ministry. The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

Members of the retiring class rise and place mantles on the shoulders of a deacon and an elder representing the new full member class, saying:

I transfer this mantle from one generation to another, indicating that the responsibilities and dedication of one generation will be caught up and carried on by another, and the spirit of today’s Elijahs will rest upon today’s Elishas.
*Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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*Benediction

Bishop Mike Lowry

Bishop: For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven. So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure, fields of service not yet touched. With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley: May the world be your parish.

Congregation: Go into the world and respond to the love of Christ in all you do. Live out the vision God has given you. May God’s mercy, grace, and peace be with you. May you be channels for God’s mercy, grace, and peace to the world wherever you may be!

Presiding Bishop
Bishop Mike Lowry

Liturgists
Rev. Louis Carr, II
Dr. Katie Long
Rev. Don Scott
Rev. Brenda Wier

Worship Support
Clint Blalock
Derrada Rubell-Asbell

* Please stand as you are able
Please silence all cell phones, pagers and mobile devices.

GATHERING MUSIC
White’s Chapel Music Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Carol Woods
Leader: Will you join me in our Call to Worship...
Leader: In these days, we have been about the work of God...
People: ...and now we prepare to take that work to the world.
Leader: In these days, we have experienced the Spirit’s power...
People: ...and now we take that power to the missions where we’re sent.
Leader: In these days, we have prayed and worshiped, planned and dreamt...
People: ...and now we go in the name of Jesus to lead and serve and heal.
Leader: Here we are, Lord...

*CELEBRATION SONG
“Rejoice the Lord Is King”
UMH, # 715

OPENING PRAYER
Rev. Gary Lindley

SCRIPTURE
Dr. Georgia Adamson
Acts 12:1-17 (CEB)

REFLECTION
“Stuck by the Story”
Bishop Mike Lowry

SELECTION
White’s Chapel Music Ministry

CONFIRMING OF APPOINTMENTS
Bishop Mike Lowry

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER
Bishop Mike Lowry

SONG OF COMMITMENT
White’s Chapel Music Ministry

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Bishop Mike Lowry

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
“On Eagle’s Wings”
UMH, #143

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