

In Conference Business...

RS - 214 (discontinuance of Livermore UMC), friendly amendment to keep local Board of Trustees active for a time. Approved, with thanksgiving for the ministry of the congregation.

RS - 215 (discontinuance of Phillips, ME congregation), approved, with thanksgiving for the ministry of the congregation.

RS - 222 (organization of board of congregation and community development), approved.

RS - 112 (united insurance plan), presented with friendly amendments to clarify the enrollment of the Vermont churches, approved.

RS - 203 (deleting items from polices/procedures under "sunset rule"). Motion to extend parsonage guidelines and clergy couple compensation for one year, approved. The other two items "sunset."

RS - 212 (call to end the Korean War), presented with an editorial correction, and friendly amendments. Approved after discussion.

RS - 205 and RS - 206 (clergy and lay background checks), both resolutions amended to acknowledge pain caused by performing checks on victims of profiling, etc., approved.

RS - 117 (budget resolutions) Parts "a" and "b" (2010 revised budget), approved; Parts "c" and "d" (2011 budget) - motion to table, failed. Parts "c" and "d" then passed, which by default, passed the budget without discussion (see story—page 2). Consent Calendar approved.

Leadership Nominations approved with multiple amendments and corrections.

Advanced Special Requests:

N.U.H.O.P.E., friendly amendment to add foster care to the list of ministries supported, approved.

We C.A.R.E. VILLAGE of Zimbabwe, approved.

Our God a "Missionary" God



Bishop Gaspar Domingos of the West Angola Conference preaches the ordination sermon.

After the conclusion of Annual Conference business, but before returning to our separate shores, we gathered Saturday afternoon to celebrate worship and communion with the 2010 Ordinands and Commissionees.

We welcomed Bishop Gaspar Domingos (West Angola Conference), Bishop Margaret Payne (ELCA), and the 2010 Confirmands as we celebrated God's work in human lives and renewed our commitment to serve all people in all places for God's glory.

Bishop Domingos affirmed the journey of the ordinands and commissionees, and challenged all to live the call to serve our communities and our world. "Our God is a missionary God" he said.

"To be involved with the God of the Bible is to be ready to go" ... to be sent as a servant, for the needs of our neighbors—in the community and the world.

The following persons were recognized during the service:

Licensed as Local Pastors

Clinton Brake
Linda Briggs
Steven Dale
Bruce DeWitte
Geoffrey Gross
Wesley Lavigne
Ken Mantler
Sophie C. K. Mpunzwana
Patricia Pena
Carole Reale
Hee Seob Sohng
Jordan Shaw
William Simpson
John Staples
Raymond St. Pierre
Susan Walker
Caroline Wiggin

Commissioned for the work of a Deacon:

Julia Daley

Commissioned for the work of an Elder:

Shinhyung Ahn
Jamie Arrison
Matthew Bowles
Jeffrey Hooker
Bob (Song Bok) Jon
Shandirai Mawokomatanda

Ordained as Deacon:

Erika Hirsch

Ordained as Elders

Heather Ryan Bailes Baker (California-Nevada Conference)
Chong W. Choi
Sharon Lovejoy
Kathy Macedo
Linda Stetter
William Taylor
Kristin White

Recognized as an Elder:

James Blair

Save The Dates:

Annual Conference 2011: June 8-11

Bishop Minerva Carcaño, keynote speaker.

In Brief

ANNUAL CONFERENCE "LIVE"

This year's Annual Conference was webcast live from the conference floor! The webcast was viewed **1,996** times over the three conference days.

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OFFERINGS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Memorial service offering for Haiti relief: **\$5,467**

Leap Forward for Missions: **\$3,877**

Ordination Service: Bishop's Discretionary Fund: **\$3,676**

TOTAL of all offerings: \$13,040

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NEW HAMPSHIRE WINS AGAIN??: With Northern Maine in the lead with the CCYM Check Challenge (formerly the Penny Challenge) for most of the Annual Conference session, it is almost beyond belief that New Hampshire pulled out a last-minute victory once again...for the 5th win in a row!

Of course, our Conference youth are the real winners, with **\$7,823.37** raised for the mission of the CCYM organization!

Thanks to all—in ALL our districts—for your support!

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The SpiritNET Daily News

Articles/reporting: Rebecca Clark

Editing, layout and production: Alexx Wood

Photographs: Rachael Roberts-Toler and Joanna Mueller

See all the daily news reports at www.neumc.org/AC10news.

Budget Passed in the Blink of an Eye

With a rare parliamentary technicality, the New England Annual Conference budgets for 2010 (amended) and 2011 were passed without discussion or amendment. Acting on a four-part resolution from the Council on Finance and Administration, the body approved first a revised 2010 budget, which reflects the additional ministries in the Vermont District, supported by the mission shares of the Vermont churches.

Second, the delegates considered both a budget cap and a proposal to approve the 2011 conference budget as presented. Narrowly defeating a motion to table these portions of the resolution until after a discussion, the body instead approved both sections, which passed the 2011 budget.

Bishop Weaver entertained a motion to reconsider the budget, but no discussion was forthcoming.

Rene Wilbur, lay delegate from Vermont, expressed deep gratitude on behalf of the entire Vermont district, that the New England Annual Conference agreed to support all of the ministries in Vermont previously approved by the Troy Conference, at least through 2011.

For the moving forward in faith and mission together, "we are so thankful," she said.



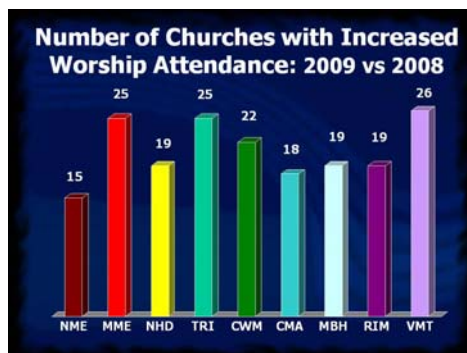
A Conference First! We "Skyped" with missionaries Belinda Forbes in Nicaragua and Jeremias Franca in Mozambique! (Belinda Forbes shown in photo)

Reports Available Online

Many of the reports and presentations from Annual Conference sessions will be available online by July 1, 2010 at www.neumc.org/ACnews. In addition, the Daily News Reports, retiree videos, and other information will be posted. These items can be valuable resources for clergy and lay members to bring news from Annual Conference back to their congregations.

The Conference Statistician's presentation by Joy Mueller, which was not presented live but was noted at Annual Conference as sorely missed, is available on the www.neumc.org/ACnews site.

An order form for DVDs of some of the key sessions is posted on the ACnews site as well. In addition, videos of select conference sessions may be viewed online after July 10.



Dollars Spent on Mission (beyond Mission Shares) 2009 Statistics

Conference Total	\$ 2,236,438
NME	62,317
MME	191,814
NHD	143,028
TRI	250,014
CWM	221,255
CMA	414,101
MBH	250,964
RIM	403,241
VMT	299,704

Presentations and reports from Annual Conference can be found at www.neumc.org/ACnews. Shown here are a few slides from the Statistician's Report, which give a snapshot of the Annual Conference, the Districts, and the overall picture of our local churches.