

IV. Daily Proceedings

Saturday, April 18th 2020

From the Board of General Superintendents: “Due to COVID-19, the 2020 District Assembly was cancelled. By emergency/temporary ruling of the Board of General Superintendents, ‘if the District Advisory Board determines that an assembly cannot be held in person or electronically, then the District Advisory Committee, in consultation with the jurisdictional general superintendent will be authorized to act on behalf of the District Assembly.’”

The One hundred and thirteenth Annual District Assembly and Mission Advance convened with a morning session. Dr. David W. Bowser, District Superintendent of the Mid Atlantic District, welcomed delegates and guests. Special guest included: Dr. Jack Connell, President of Eastern Nazarene College, Dr. Kenneth L. Mills, District Superintendent Emeritus, Rev. Dan Eddings, Pittsburgh District Superintendent and Dr. Carla D. Sunberg, Jurisdictional General Superintendent.

Dr. Kenneth L. Mills brought greetings to delegates and guests and prayed for the Assembly.

Rev. Terry S. Sowden presented the motion to adopt the approval of assembly organization. It was moved and seconded and was approved by the delegates.

A motion was made to adopt Board of Ministry Partial Report No 1, Ministerial Transfer and was seconded and approved by delegates of the assembly.

A motion was made to adopt Board of Ministry Partial Report No. 2, Ordinands was seconded and approved by delegates of the assembly. Rev. Terry S. Sowden read the names of those presented for Elder ordination by the Board of Ministry: Tamara R. Adams, Scott A. Beattie, Beauvior Duperoy, Jade E. Fredrick, Kevin R. Liddle, Lenae M. Ross. If possible, an ordination service will be held later this year. If this is not possible, then the ordination will be postponed to the following year.

A motion was made to adopt Board of Ministry Partial Report No. 3, District Minister License renewals, retirees and other items (see report) was seconded and approved by the delegates of the assembly.

There was an introduction of the NYI / NMI sponsored “YES” (Youth Equipped to Serve) participants.

A motion was made to adopt the nominating committee reports of the District Assembly & SDMI (reports # 1, #2, #3), the NYI, & the NMI. The motion was seconded and approved by assembly delegates.

Attention was called to the provided 2020 nominee information for the district assembly delegates.

District Superintendent, Dr. David W. Bowser presented his annual report to the assembly. A motion was made to receive his report and seconded. The motion passed.

The district assembly took time to vote for the following: District Advisory Board, Board of Ministry, District SDMI Council, District NYI Council, General Assembly Delegates and the Delegates for the Global SDMI & NYI Conventions.

The District NMI Council also voted for the Global NMI Convention Delegates.

The assembly received a report from Eastern Nazarene College President Dr. Jack Connell.

The assembly took a 5 minute break.

The election results were announced as follows:

District Advisory Board – Ordained Minister (vote for 2): A. Gregg Alsbrooks – 7; Jonathan W. Batchelder – 9; Osmany Espinosa – 11; Shane R. Valenstein – 5

Declared elected were Osmany Espinosa and Jonathan W. Batchelder.

District Advisory Board – Lay (vote for 2): Leah Garrett – 9; Cheryl McCoy – 3; Sheila Spangenberg – 12; P. Wade Thompson – 8

Declared elected were Shelia Spangenberg and Leah Garrett.

Board of Ministry – Ordained Minister (vote for 3): Tara L. Alton – 8; Jonathan W. Batchelder – 13; Joshua A. Kleinfeld – 12; Matthew D. Moser – 1; Brian S. Remsch – 8; Bryan D. Todd – 10

Declared elected were Jonathan W. Batchelder, Joshua A. Kleinfeld and Bryan D. Todd.

2021 General Assembly Delegates – Ordained Ministers (vote for 3): A. Gregg Alsbrooks – 4; Tara L. Alton – 3; Jonathan W. Batchelder – 4; Osmany Espinosa – 3; Norman J. Huffman – 9; Paul D. MacPherson – 9; Brian S. Remsch – 6; Benjamin L. Spitler – 2; Terry S. Sowden – 7

Declared elected as delegates were Norman J. Huffman, Paul D. MacPherson and Terry S. Sowden; First Alternate – Brian S. Remsch; Second Alternate – Jonathan W.

Batchelder; Third Alternate – A. Gregg Alsbrooks; Fourth Alternate – Osmany Espinosa.

2021 General Assembly Delegates – Lay (vote for 4): Doreen M. Armstrong – 11; Stephanie Case – 4; Steve Clarke – 9; Alex Clayborne – 6; Chastity Fredrick – 11; Fernando Ibanez – 3; Aubrey Keinfeld – 10; Alan Kratzsch – 2; E. Jay Lewis – 1; Sheila Spangenberg – 1; Nerky Thomas – 4; Kay W. Wilder – 5

Declared elected as delegates were Doreen M. Armstrong, Chastity Frederick, Aubrey Kleinfeld, and Steve Clarke; First Alternate – Alex Clayborne; Second Alternate – Kay W. Wilder; Third Alternate – Stephanie Case; Fourth Alternate – Nerky Thomas.

SDMI Board – Minister (vote for 1): Steven L. Johnson – 4; Robert P. Merki – 3; Paul D. Merritt – 9

Declared elected was Paul D. Merritt,

SDMI Board – Lay (vote for 1): Vicki Curtis – 3; Heather Ingram – 5; Yolanda Lynner – 6; Caleb Redman – 2

Declared elected was Yolanda Lynner.

2021 SDMI General Convention Delegate –Ministers (vote for 5): Candice J. Adams – 2; Tamara R. Adams – 13; Richard C. Brash – 6; DeVona L. Cordell – 8; Eric R. Folk – 4; Gregory M. Lloyd – 0; Paul D. Merritt – 12; Matthew D. Moser – 4; James R. Moyers – 4; Dean A. Shaw – 10; Jared M. Willemin – 12; Joshua D. Woods – 3

Declared elected as delegates were Tamara R. Adams, Jared M. Willemin, Paul D. Merritt, Dean A. Shaw, and DeVona L. Cordell; First Alternate – Richard C. Brash; Second Alternate – Eric R. Folk; Third Alternate – Matthew D. Moser; Fourth Alternate – James R. Moyers; Fifth Alternate – Joshua D. Woods.

2021 SDMI General Convention Delegates – Lay (vote for 5): Karen Brash – 7; Angie Brooks – 2; Trevor Caplinger – 4; Jhimmy Cenou – 6; Barbara Clarke – 7; Vicki Curtis – 2; Susie Larimore – 4; Yolanda Lynner – 4; Tracie Moots – 3; Alicia Oscal – 4; Katelynn Scott – 4; Kristy Shaw – 3; Shelia Spangenberg – 11; Paul Swope – 3; Amy Varner – 13

Declared elected as delegates were Amy Varner, Sheila Spangenberg, Karen Brash, Barbara Clarke and Jhimmy Cenou; First Alternate – Trevor Caplinger; Second Alternate – Susie Larimore; Third Alternate – Alicia Oscal; Fourth Alternate – Katelynn Scott; Fifth Alternate – Tracie Moots

District NYI age groups representatives 7th-9th grades – (vote for 2): Adelyn Happel (Ellicott City Crossroads) – 14; Candence Kleinfeld (York Stillmeadow) – 12; Mason Moser (Baltimore Dundalk) – 5

Declared elected were Adelyn Happel and Candence Kleinfeld

District NYI age group representative 10th-12th grades – (vote for 2): Dulci Moots (Bel Air) – 7; Maddox Moser- (Baltimore Dundalk) – 6; Chloe Smith (Hagerstown) – 8; Than Tymes (Fawn Grove) – 8

Declared elected were Chloe Smith and Than Tymes.

District NYI age group representative College age – (vote for 2): Jayden Alton (Berlin The River) – 10; Lauren Border (New Cumberland Table Life) – 8; Leah Shaffer (York Stillmeadow) – 7; Maddie Stubbs- (Hagerstown) – 5

Declared elected were Jayden Alton and Lauren Border.

Global NYI Convention Delegates – Ministerial (vote for 2): Jesse Happel (Ellicott City Crossroads) – 8; Kevin Liddle (Hagerstown) – 10; Joshua Massey (Saint Charles LifeStream) – 1; Brian Schafer (Gaithersburg) – 13

Declared elected as delegates were Brian Schafer and Kevin Liddle; First Alternate – Jesse Happel; Second Alternate – Joshua Massey.

Global NYI Convention Delegates – Lay (vote for 2): Heather Ingram (Bel Air) – 11; Wyatt Jordan (Bel Air) – 1; Ashley Liddle (Hagerstown) – 11; P. Wade Thompson (Hollywood) – 9

Declared elected as delegates were Heather Ingram and Ashley Liddle; First Alternate – P. Wade Thompson; Second Alternate – Wyatt Jordan.

Global NYI Convention Delegates – Students (vote for 2): Lauren Border (New Cumberland Table Life) – 9; Dulci Moots (Bel Air) – 8; Maddox Moser (Baltimore Dundalk) – 7; Bethany Tymes (Fawn Grove) – 7

Declared elected as delegates were Lauren Border and Dulci Moots; First Alternate – Maddox Moser; Second Alternate – Bethany Tymes.

Sharon Kessler, NMI President provided the assembly with her reports along with the results of Global Convention Delegates.

Delegates to Global NMI Convention – (vote for 20 – The top 10 will serve as delegates and the remainder as alternate delegates.): Ashlie Deneau – 11; Ana Maria Diaz – 5; Mary Alice Eaton – 9; James Ellison – 10; Sheila Ellison – 10; Osmany Espinosa – 7; Rachel Foster – 11; Arlene Griffin – 7; Rachel Hubbard – 10; Holly Kemberling – 11; Sharon Kessler – 11; Lori Kraynek – 4; Joceline Lamy – 4; Trenton Larabee – 3; E. Jay Lewis – 9; Pat Lewis – 7; Jeremy Post – 11; Robert Prescott – 11; Erma Shaffer – 4; Lisa Sharp – 7; Dean Shaw – 6; Tara Smoot – 5; Kim Sowden – 9; Kelly Spitler – 6; Kathy Sprole – 7; Michelle Sullivan – 6; Lorn Taylor – 10; Alvin Tobe – 0; Shannon Wall – 3

Declared elected as delegates were Ashlie Deneau, Rachel Foster, Holly Kemberling, Sharon Kessler, Robert Prescott, Jeremy Post, James Ellison, Shelia Ellison, Rachel Hubbard, Lorn Taylor; First Alternate – ; Second Alternate – ; Third Alternate – ; Fourth Alternate – ; Fifth Alternate – ; Sixth Alternate – ; Seventh Alternate – Eighth Alternate – ; Ninth Alternate – ; Tenth Alternate –

Rev. Derek Parson, NYI President presented his report to the assembly.

Rev. Paul McPherson, SDMI chairperson presented his report to the assembly.

An omnibus motion was made for the approval and/or receipt of the following reports: District Advisory Board, District Ministerial Board/WBI, District NMI President's Report (Sharon Kessler), District SDMI Chair's Report (Paul D. MacPherson), District NYI President's Report (Derek D. Parson), District Missional Leadership Specialist Report (Kenneth R. Balch), and Camp Program Committee Report (Jonathan W. Batchelder). The motion was seconded and approved by the assembly.

Rev Richard A. Wilson, Chairman of the District Finance Committee provided to the District Assembly the finance committee reports to be adopted and received by the delegates which included the District Treasurer's Report, the SDMI District Treasurer's Report, the NMI District Treasurer's Report, the District NYI Treasurer's Report, the WBI Treasurer's Report, the District Assembly Finance Committee Report, the District Budget for the 2020-2021, the SDMI Proposed Budget, the NYI Proposed Budget, the Ministerial Support Committee (Appendix C) and the Audit Reports. The NMI Council approved the Proposed NMI Budget for 2020-2021 according to the NMI Consitution.

A motion was made to receive and/or approve these reports and was seconded. The motion passed.

The District Assembly received a message and greeting by Jurisdictional General Superintendent Dr. Carla D. Sunberg via Zoom.

Dr. David W. Bowser, District Superintendent closed the 2020 Mid Atlantic District Assembly / Mission Advance with a prayer of benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norman J. Huffman, Recording Secretary