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26TH SESSION

OF THE

EAST AFRICA EPISCOPAL AREA

(Burundi, Kenya/Ethiopia, Uganda /South Sudan Annual Conferences & Rwanda Provisional Conference

THEME:

THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,

Venue:

NANGINA CATHOLIC MISSION PASTORAL CENTER IN SAMIA SUB COUNTY BUSIA COUNTY

DATE:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH - SATURDAY 27TH 2016

......And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
The 2016 CONFERENCE THEME:
Therefore Go… (Mathew: 28

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1. Rev Lazare Bankurunaze  Assistant to the Bishop
2. Rev Carol Alois Ososo  Outgoing Conference Secretary
3. Mr. Charles Bamutya  Conference Treasurers
4. Mrs. Sarah Cissy Kunya  Administrative Secretary
5. Mr Sam Mdunne  Director Connectional Ministries
7. Ms Asha Namulinda  Director Communications
8. Benjamin Musasizi  Youth Coordinator
9. Rev Bruce Stensvad  Mission Interpreter
10. Fred & Libby Dearing  Missionary – South Sudan
11. Drs. Lynn & Sharon  Fogleman Missionary – South Sudan
12. Mr. Francis Kihara  Conference Lay Leader

BOARD, COMMITTEES & COUNCILS

Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee of Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference reported on 26/08/2016 at Busia (Nangina), Kenya during the Session included Annual Conferences of Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference, Burundi Annual Conference, Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference, and Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference.

The members of the Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference Nomination Committee members presented the following committees which were nominated and voted for during the conference sessions of year 2016-2017.

1. Nomination Committee:
   Baliyanya Marc : Chairperson
   Nzabonimpa Alexis : Secretary
   Muharirwa Elias : Member

2. Church and society
   Rev. Rusizana Manashe: Chairperson
   Kagoyire Marthe : Secretary
   Gisimba Innocent : Member
3. Discipleship Ministries
Rev. Bayingana Elie : Chairperson
Ntaganda Viateur : Secretary
Busimba Jean Claude : Member Member

4. Global Ministries
Rev. Baliyanga Marc : Chairperson
Barajiginwa Samuel : Secretary
Uzabakiriho Aloys : Member

5. Higher Education & Ministries
Rev. Muhairwa Elias : Chairperson
Bunani Faustin : Secretary
Bideli Zacharie : Member

6. Finance and Administration:
Mrs. Kankindi Francoise : Chairperson
Bahati Augustin : Secretary
Muyango Emmanuel : Member
Manishimwe Daniel : Member

7. Pension & Health Benefits
Rev. Mastaki Pascal : Chairperson
Nsengiyumva Tharcisse : Secretary
Gatsinzi Emmanuel : Member

8. United Methodist Publishing House
Mr. Habiyambere Emmanuel : Chairperson
Mponimpa Rusizana : Secretary
Nemeyahizi Wenseslas : Member

9. Commission on Communication
Rev. Nzabonimpa Alexis : Chairperson
Solange Umuhoza : Secretary
Yatubabariye Augustin : Member
Ntirenganya Prosper : Member

10. Commission on Church Unity & Religious Concerns
Rev. Karekezi J.M. Vianney: Chairperson
Habarurema Faustin : Secretary
Dusabimana Moise : Member

11. Commission on Religious and Race
Mrs. Mukabucyana Bernadette: Chairperson
Dusabimana Theogene : Secretary
10

Nyirabahire Edith : Member

12. Commission on Status on role of women
Mrs. Dusabe Pelagie : Chairperson
Aline Nyirabigondo : Secretary
Uwizera Godelive : Member
Ntihinyurwa Jean Berchmas: Member

Reported by: Rev. Marc Baliyanga (Chairperson)

Leaders on Conference level
Dean & Legal Representative/Rwanda
Rev. Marc Baliyanga
Email: balymark@yahoo.fr
Conference Secretary:
Rev. Alexis Nzabonimpa
Conference Treasurer:
Mr. Augustin Bahati

Conference Statistician:
Rev. Elias Muhalirwa

Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference Committees
The committee was yet to submit all the remaining names of committee’s members.

Nomination Committee
Rev Paul Matheri
Rev Carol ALois Ososo
Rev Susan Momanyi
Mrs Nelly Ruuri
Rev Kenned Mwita
Rev Patrick Wandera

CHURCH & SOCIETY
Rev Anthony Maiga
Mrs Alice Wasilwa
Mrs Doris Karagara
Rev. Kennedy Mwita

Discipleship Ministries
Rev Moses Maina
William Onyango Sokobe
Jerioth Githigi
Robert Kinywa
Esther Njoki
Rhessa Mwiti
Pst. Thomas Chacha

GBGM
Mrs Evelyn Bwire
Rev Stanley Ringeera
Mr. Joseph Ndaa

Higher Education Ministries
Rev Wilton Odongo
Mrs. Alice Robi Emanuel
Mr. Meshack Oduke
MS JANE KANANA

Health Benefits and Pension
Rev Carol Alois Ososo
Mr. Ben Oduke
GLADYS MUTHURI
Rev. Andrew Agalla Adede

UM Publishing House
Mr. Alex Khalonyere
BENSON GUANTAI
Rev. John Bobo

Commission on communication
Mr. Reuben Ososo
Mr. Jackson Marwa
NEWTON MURIUKI

Church Unity & Interreligious Concerns
Rev Eliud Karanja
Mr. Chris wafula Mugwang’a
Ms Janet Kainda
Mrs. Caroline okullo

Religious and Race
Rose Oyosa
Ayub Kimathi
Rev. HarisonOdhiambo

On the status and role of women
Ms Adline Mudibo
Ms Judith Karamuta
Francisca Elnora Mwandau
Ministries with Young People
Boniface Wanyama
John Atoyo

Archives and History
Ferdinand Egessa

Finance and Administration
Pastor George Shaba Chair
Juliet Ojiambo
David Barasa
Joshua Kirimi
Mr. George Chacha

The Commission on Women
Mrs Evelyn Anne Bwire
Hendrika Ouma Alois
Nelly Ruuiru

Uganda – South Sudan Annual Conference Committees

The Uganda-South Sudan Nomination was also yet to submit the whole list of all committees.

However, below are some committees which were named during the Conference session.

Nomination Committee
Rev Manasse Toko
Rev James Mwoho
Rev Isaac Kyambadde

The nomination committee was to submit other names for the remaining committees.

1. CHURCH & SOCIETY

2. Discipleship Ministries

3. GBGM

4. Higher Education Ministries
Rev Michael Ssekandi
Fad Lugobe
Rev Isaac Kyambadde

5. Health Benefits and Pension

6. UM Publishing House

7. Commission on communication
Asha Namulinda
Benjamini Musasizi

8. Church Unity & Interreligious Concerns

9. Religious and Race
Mr. David Muwaya

10. On the status and role of women

11. Ministries with Young People
Benjamini Musasizi

12. Archives and History

13. Finance and Administration

14. Commission on women
ROLL CALL

BURUNDI DISTRICT SUPERITENDENTS
1) Rev. Manasse Kanyumayinzu: Ruyigi & Cankuzo Districts
2) Rev. Abel Niyukuri: Bujumbura & Ngozi District
3) Rev. Mordecai Nzirubusa: Kinyinya District
4) Rev. Corneille Ruzobavako: Gitega District
5) Rev. Joel Hwinyirako: Makamba District
6) Rev. Gervais Vyimana: Cibitoki District
7) Rev. W. Joseph Kanani: Rutana District
8) Rev. Samuel Nyandwi: Kiramvyia

ETHIOPIA ASS. DISTRICT SUPERITENDENTS
1. Rev. Gezu Mossissa: Ethiopia District Absentia

KENYA DISTRICT SUPERITENDENTS
1. Rev Carol Alois Ososo: Dean kenya & D.s Busia District
2. Rev Francis Odongo Opondo: Associate D.s Busia District
3. Rev Paul N. Matheri: Naivasha District
4. Rev Paul Mbugua: Associate D.s Naivasha
5. Rev. Shenk Samson: Central Nyanza District
6. Pst Benedict Odhiambo: Associate D.s Central Nyanza
7. Rev Daniel Wanjau: Nakuru District
8. Rev. Moses Maina: Gilgil District
9. Rev Susan Momanyi: Eastern Nyanza District
10. Rev Kennedy Thomas Mwita: South Nyanza District
11. John O. Bob: Ass. South Nyanza
13. Rev Davies Musigo: Associate D.s Nairobi District
17. Rev Enos Amadi Kadididi: Ass Mombasa District
18. Rev Josam Kariuki: Central District

BUSIA K- DISTRICT

Clergy
1. Carol Alois Ososo
2. Francis Odongo Opondo
3. Douglas Bwire
4. Thomas Juma Wanyama
5. Abuid Ambunya Alustetse
6. Alois Bwire Odongo

Laity
15. Hendrika Ouma Alois
16. Denis Wandera
17. Evelyn Anne Bwire
18. Lilian Nekesa
19. Moses Murunga
20. Rose Ateka
7. Saul Wekesa  
8. Wilfred Nambwamba  
9. Emmanuel Ouma  
10. Steward Namwamba  
11. Joseph Wabwire  
12. David Egessa  
13. Emmanuel Juma  
14. Roselyn Iserene  
21. Aston Wamalwa  
22. Benard Wandera  
23. Isaac Gement  
24. Wilson Ouma  
25. Nerea Barasa  
26. Corofina Auma Were  
27. Jerusa Okumu  
28. Risper Wandera

**SOUTH NYANZA DISTRICT**

Clergy  
1. Kennedy MWITA  
2. Andrew Agalla

**NAIVASHA DISTRICT**

Clergy  
1. Paul Matheri Njuguna  
2. Gerge Shaban  
3. Jeriot Gichigi  
4. James Kinoti  
Laity  
5. Francis Kihara  
6. Beth Wangui  
7. Catherine Gachio  
8. Rehab Wairimu

**NAKURU DISTRICT**

**NAIROBI DISTRICT**

Clergy  
1. Wilton Odongo  
2. Patrick Wandera  
3. Meshack Lumbe  
4. Boniface Wanyama Ghero  
5. Anthony Maiga  
6. Eluid Karanja  
7. Davies Musigo  
8. Joseph Ouma  
9. Chrispinus Mugwang’a  
10. Reuben Ososo  
11. Ben Khalonyere  
12. Rodah Nyansarora  
13. Edith Minayo  
14. Juliet Mugwang’a  
15. Kizot Mugwang’a  
16. Shaleen Namrembo

**CENTRAL NYANZA DISTRICT**

Clergy  
1. Kephas Oloo  
2. Shenk Okello Apology  
Laity  
3. Jael Akoth  
4. John Atoyo Ojimbo
EASTERN NYANZA DISTRICTS

Clergy
1. Susan Momanyi
2. Wycliffe Wanyari
3. William Onyari

Laity
Mary Mwangangi
Peter Atanja
Josephine Wangari

GILGIL

Clergy
Moses Maina

Laity
Simon Githinji

UPPER EASTERN

Clergy
1. David Gitumu
2. Josephine Muriithi
3. Lawrence Muthuri
4. Shadrack Kirema

Laity
5. Robert Kinyuwa
6. John Muriithi
7. Benson Mbugua
8. Gladys Ntarara

LOWER EASTERN

Clergy
1. Stanley Mwiti
2. Andrew Ndereba
3. Hellen Kinanu
4. Janet Kainda
5. Ann Kanini
6. Gladys Ndubi
7. Joshua Murangiri
8. Moses Kirimi
9. Mary Kirimi
10. Mary Paul
11. Julian Mugambi
12. Rhessa Mwiti
13. Zablon Mwobobia
14. Stella Mburu
15. Kenneth Mutembei
16. Joseph Kiogora
17. Judith K. Mwiti
18. Gladys Muthuri
19. Zipporah Muriuki
20. Samuel Muriuki
21. Angela Kathure
22. Martin Kaume
23. Bundi Ntara
24. Mutethia Ntara
25. James Muchangi
26. John Kimathi
27. Boniface Mwiti
28. Peter Mwirigi
29. Elias Mutethia
30. Betty Karwitha
31. Hilda Gatwiri
32. Rufus Munene

MOMBASA

Clergy
1. Enos Amadi Kadididi
- RWANDA DISTRICT SUPERITENDENTS
1. Rev Marc Baliyanga        Dean Rwanda & D.s Eastern (Kibungo) District
2. Ps. Pascal Masitaki        Ass. Kigali (Central) District
3. Rev Karekezi Jean Marie VianneyMusanze District
4. Rev Alex Nzabonimpa        Gisenyi District
5. Rev. Elias H. Muhalirwa    Muhanga District

SOUTH SUDAN DISTRICT SUPERITENDENTS
1. Rev. Fred Dearing        Sudan District- Apology

UGANDA DISTRICT SUPERITENDENTS
1. Rev Manasseh Toko        Dean Uganda & D.s Kampala District
2. Rev Moses Dhikange       Mukono District
3. Rev James Mwoho          Busia District
4. Ps. Achille Ron          Arua District
5. Rev. David Ntongooseya   Gulu District
6. Ps. Clement Wanyama      Soroti District
   Ps. Alitema Franco        Ass. Soroti District
7. Rev. Isaac Kyambadde     Jinja District
8. Rev. Musooko Moses       Kamuli District

KAMPALA DISTRICT
Clergy                       Laity
1. Toko Manasseh             Charles Bamutya
2. Ddamurira Christopher     Benjamin Musisi
3. Cissey Kunya              Asha Namulinda

JINJA DISTRICT
Clergy
1. Fad Lugobe
2. Kyambaddye Isaac
3. Segonga Robert

BUSIA UG DISTRICT
Clergy
1. Clement Wanyama
2. Richard Oundo
3. Charles Rubia
4. Caroline Mwoho
5. James Mwoho
GULU DISTRICT
Clergy
  1. Musobya Ephraim
  2. Solomon Obita

ARUA DISTRICT
Clergy
  1. Achile Ronny
  2. Sezzey Penzunga

BUDAKA DISTRICT
Clergy
  1. Byansi Geoffrey

Mukono District
  1. Moses Dhikange
The 26th SESSION AGENDA OF EAST AFRICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BURUNDI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

1. The conference time shall be:
   8:00am - 10:00am - Session
   10:00am - 10:30am - Break
   10:30am - 1:00pm - Session
   1:00pm - 2:00pm - Lunch / Break
   2:00pm - 4:30pm - Session
   4:30pm - 5:00pm - Session
   5:00pm - 6:30pm - End of Session

Day One: Wednesday August 24th, 2016
- All day Arrival and Registration of Delegates and participants
- Cabinet Meeting
- Dinner & Rest

Day Two: Thursday August 25th, 2016
- Breakfast
- Cabinet Meeting
- Clergy Session
- Lay Session
- Youth & Young Adults session
- Opening Worship & Holy Communion – Liturgist Dean Rev Carol Alois Ososo
- Preacher for Opening worship Bishop. Dr. Yvette Flunder
- Offering: Bishop’s Discretionary Fund
- Recognition of Leaders (Government & Religious of other Denominations)
- Break
- Organization of the Conference
- Welcome to Annual Conference – Dean of Superintendents, Kenya
- Setting of the Bar of the Conference
- Roll Call of Members
- Adoption of the Agenda
- State of the Church Address – Bishop Daniel Wandabula
- Adoption of Rules of Order and Plan of Organization for business of plenary Sessions
- Introduction of the delegations
- Recognition of New District Superintendent
- Recognition of Students, Grandaunts
Break

- Plenary Session
- Committees Assignments
  
  **Group I Committees**
  
  - Board of Educational Institutions and Social Service
  - Board on Publication and Communications
  - Committee on Ministry
  - Board of World Missions and Ecumenical Relationships
  - Committee on Conferences
  - Rev Bruce – Word of Hope for Ministry in the connectional church

- Cabinet Report:
- Episcopacy Committee – Rev. Lazare Bankurunaze
  - Conferences Reports
  - Organizational Report
- Women Reports
  - Men Reports
  - Lunch
  - Opening Prayer by Rev James MWOHO
  - Plenary Session
  - **Constitution Task Force Reports**
  - Burundi:
  - Kenya:
  - Rwanda:
  - Uganda:
  - South Sudan:
  - Ethiopia:
  - UMC Bible College Report

Break

**Plenary Session**

Briefing on GC 2016;
-Petitions
Adjourning for the day

-Closing Prayer
Day Three: Friday, August 26th, 2016

- Breakfast
- Present Consent Calendars – Legislation
- Memorial Service & Holy Communion Liturgist Rev Paul MATHERI
- Preacher at Memorial Service – Bishop Joseph Tolton
- Plenary Session
- Report of the Committee on Ministry
- Introduction of Episcopal Nominees

- Country by country Reports
- Budget Proposal -Conference Treasurer - Charles Bamunya
  - Burundi Annual Conference
  - Uganda- South Sudan Annual Conference
  - Kenya- Ethiopia Annual Conference
  - Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference

- Conference Board of Pensions
- Laity Report
- Rules of Annual Conference
- Report on Village Church Planting
- Clergy Women Report

Lunch

Group II Committees
- Committee on the State of the Church
- Committee on Men’s Work
- Committee on Women’s Work
- Committee on Youth Work
- Council of Ministries
- Committee of Finance and Administration
- Committee of Nominations and Personnel

Break
- Plenary session – Reports
- Board of Educational Institutions and Social Service
- Board on Publication and Comm.
- Board of World Missions and Ecumenical Relationships
- Committee on the State of the Church
- Committee on Men’s Work
- Committee on Women’s Work
Committee on Youth Work
- Statistics Secretary
- Council of Ministries (Connectional Ministries)
- Committee of Finance and Administration
- Committee of Nominations and Personnel
- Dinner and rest

Break:
- Youth & Young Adults Ministries
- Reading of Appointments
- Offering: Leadership Development
- Ordination Rehearsals
- Resolutions
  - Picture i.e Executive picture, clergy picture, laity picture.
  - Executive Committee
  - Lunch break

- **Ordination Service**
  Preacher - Dr. Dorcas Chebet Juma lecturer at the Presbyterian University
  - Communion Service. Liturgist - Rev Marc Baliyanga
  - Disciplinary Questions
  - Next site for the next Annual Conference
  - Benediction: Bishop Daniel Wandabula

Day Three: **Saturday August 27th, 2016**

Departure:
CHURCH ANTHEM:

F  Hymn:  To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He has done!
   So loved He the world that he gave us His son,
   Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
   And opened the life gate that all may go in.

   Chorus:
   Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
   Let the earth hear his voice!
   Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
   Let the people rejoice!
   O come to the Father,
   Through Jesus the Son
   and give him the glory!
   Great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
   To every believer the promise of God!
   The vilest offender who truly believes,
   That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

3. Great things He has taught us,
   Great things He has done,
   And great our rejoicing through Jesus the son
   but purer and higher and greater will be
   Our wonder our rapture
   When Jesus we see

SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that these minutes are the true copy of all the deliberation of the 26th session of East Africa Annual and Burundi Annual Conferences, held at Nangina Pastoral Centre, Samia in Busia District of the United Methodist Church in Kenya, from the 24th to the 27th of August, 2016, and that the above mentioned Conferences accepts its contents as official.

Rev Wilton T.A ODONGO
Conference Secretary
DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Day One: Wednesday August 24th, 2016

The delegates started arriving all day and getting registered waiting to participate during the twenty sixth sessions of the Burundi and East Africa Annual Conferences.

There was Cabinet Meeting as from 5 pm setting the morning session agenda.

All delegates were served with Dinner as they left at their own pleasure to Rest.

Day Two: Thursday August 25th, 2016

Breakfast: All the delegates were served with breakfast as early as 7.00 am in the morning in readiness for the business of the day.

Cabinet Meeting: the cabinet met from 8.00 am to adopt the business of the day before the session began.

Clergy Session – This session was led by the Bishop and Rev Wilton Odongo. The Rev highlighted on the rolls of Pastoral Ministry and steps of candidacy for ordination. He outlined the roles and duties of an Elder lead and serves the entire church in the ministries of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service Whereas the Deacon are called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice, to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two. Deacons exemplify Christian discipleship and create opportunities for others to enter into discipleship. The Local Pastor answers God’s call to serve the mission of Jesus Christ through serving a local congregation in The United Methodist Church. When appointed, the local pastor performs the usual duties of a pastor, including preaching and teaching; leading in worship and liturgy; receiving new members; performing ecclesial acts such as the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion; and the services of marriage (where state laws allow), burial, and confirmation.
The local pastor’s authority is only within the appointment setting and does not extend beyond his or her Local church.

In regard to the provisions of the Book of Discipline of the UMC-2012, para ¶620 States the obligations of the itinerancy, required to be made at the time of admission into the traveling connection, puts upon the Church the counter obligation of providing support for the itinerant ministry of the Church.

These calls for pastoral support in each pastoral charge shall include provisions for:

- the support of pastors,
- district superintendents,
- bishops, and
- Conference claimants.

It is therefore, according to Para ¶623, the charge conferences shall determine the pastors’ base compensation pay as regards the provisions of 247.13 after the charge conference consultations with the district superintendent set the compensation of the pastor and other staff appointed by the bishop.” It is the obligation of the charge has an obligation to pay the full compensation as approved by the charge conference, to its pastor(s)para ¶624. If it becomes apparent that a church or charge will be unable to so provide the compensation approved by the charge conference,

- the church or charge SPRC chair,
- finance chair,
- or treasurer,

They shall immediately notify, both in writing and verbally, the pastor, district superintendent and congregation. This communication shall indicate all avenues explored to meet the salary, including requesting consideration for a short-term emergency subsidy grant from the Equitable
Compensation Fund (625.7). If it becomes necessary to modify a pastor’s compensation, it shall occur at the end of the conference appointment year. Any pastor who does not receive a full scheduled payment of the approved compensation shall immediately report such, in writing, to the church or charge SPRC chair, church council chair, and district superintendent.

In the history Clergy the time of John Wesley advised his Preacher’s then included in the 1956 (Methodist Episcopal Church Discipline). Wesley used his 10 rules as pastors’ conduct in paragraph ¶202, 1956 discipline up to date in the 2012 Discipline. That “Be Diligent”Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed.

**Lay Session** - the Laity Session was taught by Conference Lay leader Mr. Francis Kihara and Mrs Cisssy Namukose. The Laity session brought altogether the Youths, Women and Men.

Mr. Kihara emphasized the laity to be actively involved in guarding the all church properties. He highlighted that a number of years the church has lost her great properties to unscrupulous fraudulent people who do not have the passion of the church. Thus, it’s our duty as lay people to safe guard the church for its future growth and progress. On the other hand Sister Cissy talked about the role of the laity in carrying out their ministerial mandate. As lay persons we have a large scope to serve our church even in the entire connection.

**Opening Worship & Holy Communion 9.00 am - 10.30 am** – The Liturgist service was led by Dean Rev Carol Alois Ososo and D.s for Busia District. The minister of the word was given by Bishop Yvette Flunder presiding bishop of the Global Fellowship of Affirming Ministries in California. In her preaching Bishop Flunder thanked the United Methodist Church in East Africa for their great friendship and promised that this partnership will not end at this but will continue
to render spiritual and financial assistance for those women who will be willing to pursue their education in theology because usually it’s the women that are left out.

**Offering: Bishop’s Discretionary Fund- the opening offering raised ksh 9,000.00.**

**Recognition of Leaders** (Government & Religious of other Denominations)

The Session recognised other religious leaders present namely:

1. Bishop Edward Ouma of Glory Church,

2. Father Julius Oyoo -Father in charge of Nagina Roman Catholic Parish also a surgeon at Nangina Catholic Mission Hospital alias Finance Administrator.

3. Local Administration of the area.

**Break- the session had a 30 minutes break**

**Welcome to Annual Conference – Dean of Superintendents, Kenya.**

The Dean of Superintendent Kenya, Rev Carol Alois Ososo did welcome all delegates present at the conference session.

**The Conference Secretary Set the Bar of the 26th Conference sessions.**

The bar was set as the first five rows including the row on left hand on the wall were within the bar. The remaining three back rows were left for observers. The Guest sat on the front table with the Presiding Chair. The table on the rights with five sits was lefts for secretariat and tellers

**Roll Call of Members – The** Conference Secretary Rev Carol Alois Ososo took roll call District by District in the entire East Africa Annual Conference of all present delegates.
Adoption of the Agenda –

The Conference delegates adopted the agenda of the session for the three days.

It was proposed by Rev Francis Odongo Opondo from Busia (K) District of the UMC and seconded by Rev Kennedy Mwita, D.s from South Nyanza District of the UMC.

State of the Church Address: – 11.00 a.m – 12.00 noon

Episcopal Address
Bishop Daniel A. WANDABULA

The Bishop thanked the distinguished guests, superintendents, Associates Superintendents, Pastors and Laity, and all delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen for attending the 26th session of the August conference. He thanked the Busia District planning committee for their commendable efforts and ministry at large.

The historic 26th session of the East Africa Conference, at its last session it will dissolvemarking an end of one conference and creating two new Annual conferences, plus one provisional conference. Thus, it will be ushering us into a new dispensation of:

1. Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference
2. Uganda –South Sudan Annual Conference
3. Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference

Thereby, adding on Burundi Annual Conference which was created by the 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church now East Africa Episcopal Area will have three full conferences and one provisional conference. He further said it is the mandate of the Central Conference to create or form annual conferences and setting out or determining of the boundaries.

The theme for the conference was from Mathew 28: 19-20, “Therefore go and make disciples of Jesus Christ.” Bishop Daniel Wandabula presided.
As result of the 2016 conference, the East Africa Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church is now composed of four annual conferences: Burundi Annual Conference, Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference, Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference and Rwanda provisional conference. The Bishop therefore, asked the Deans and sratistians of the newly established Conferences to work their Statisticians after electing them to come up with new statistics of the respective conferences and a provisional annual conference.

“This 26th session marks the final conference where we shall be meeting together as East Africa Annual Conference,” said Wandabula. The move will bring an end to the stress of traveling long distances and will increase representation to the global church, he added.

However, on general conference representation, East Africa Episcopal Area was represented by 8 delegates from Burundi Annual Conference and 4 from East Africa Annual Conference totaling to 12 delegates.

“When we talk about the Great Commission, implicitly we are talking about the reason and purpose of the Church,” Wandabula said in his episcopal address.

“The East Africa Episcopal Area has been faithful to this great commission despite the many challenges we have experienced in the last five years. Because of God’s faithfulness and our obedience to the Gospel, East Africa and Burundi annual conferences have grown in membership and spiritual maturity. We now have four annual conferences.”

“There are many reasons for which the church is said to exist,” he said. “The church exists for worship; for justice; and a few others. But the main reason for the church is mission. We are a people redeemed by God and called by God to join God’s mission in God’s world. Alleluia!”

“Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it’s the Great Suggestion.”

However, Bishop reminded the delegates as Christ co-workers that:-

He further reminded the delegates that quote:

“this ministry United Methodist Church is not my ministry,”
“this ministry called United Methodist Church is not anyone’s ministry,”

“this ministry United Methodist Church is Christ Ministry, and that the mission is not his mission but Christ mission, Amen, delegates applauded!!! .”

**On Pastoral and leadership training**

The Bishop thanked the United Methodist Bible College leadership in Uganda and Kenya to have carried on the fire of the college despite the financial challenges being encountered at the time. He was very hopefully that God will enable the students to finish their course work and graduate this time. He also encouraged each conference leadership if possible to start the bible colleges to equip more pastors and laity for Christian ministry. The Bishop encouraged students who want to study at Africa University and beyond as USA to continue applying. It was only through education that the church leadership will be equipped. He also encouraged now different Annual conferences to start their respective training colleges to respond to needs of church at large.

**On Apportionments**

It was observed that UMC in Africa constitutes almost to 40% of the total UMC membership globally. But their membership contributes almost zero to the general church fund. Thus, the 2016 General Conference delegates passed a resolution which now makes African church to make contribution to the global budget which now known as Global Apportionment starting 2017-2020 quadrennial.

Central Conference Theological Education Fund- the Bishop thanked general conference which increased its Budget from $ 5 million US Dollars to $ 10 Million US Dollars also the Africa University Budget was increased from $ 5 million US Dollars to $ 10 million US Dollars.
On the Task Force committee on apportionment

The Conference tasked a three man committee led by Rev Wilton Odongo, Rev Moses Dhikange and Pastor Fad Lugebe to make a presentation on apportionment. Therefore, members you will hear during the session time.

On the Africa representation to UMC agencies /boards / commissions

Africa Representation to Agencies / committees/ Boards was increased to reflect the growth of the church in Africa.

1. **Mrs Cissy Kunya** was appointed to the Standing committee on Central Conferences as well as representative of Africa Central Conference.

2. **Mrs Evelyn Anne Bwire** -Women President Kenya was appointed to represent the Africa Central Conference to General Board of global Ministries.

The Bishop noted the two women to be prayer warriors and hoped they shall represent the Central Conference well. He also appealed for Laity’s space and opportunities to serve the Lord.

On the Commission on the GeneralConference

The Bishop reported that commission on General conference matters voted during its session meeting in Portland, Oregon to take the quadrennial legislative gathering out of the U.S. for the first time in 2024 – and again in 2028. Thus, in 2024 the General Conference session will be held in Manila, Philippines and 2028 to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe. Apparently, the Bishop said that he have to calculate well his ministerial year if that he will still be an active Bishop or not. He affirmed that this was a great milestone for the global denomination to host its legislative sitting outside the United States of America.
On the Human Sexuality

The 2016 General Conference a resolution to form a commission on way Forward to chart the way in identifying the discriminative language in Discipline regarding human sexuality. This commission composed members of extreme left, those in the middle and right thinkers. Delegates he retorted, issues of human sexuality were threatening the unity of the church. The Bishop reiterated that as East African we follow closely what the Bible teaches. We also follow what the African culture and the bible defines marriage as the union of one male and one female. Indeed our Methodist early church fathers thought and fixed this definition of marriage in the discipline. And since 1972, the discipline clause says homosexuality practice is incompatible with the bible teachings.

On the Standing commission Central Conference matters report

The standing commission on central conference matters recommended that Africa will get five new Episcopal areas in 2020. And the General conference voted and passed that resolution. This resolution will come back to the 2020 General Conference for review and implementation. It is our prayer that at least East Africa Episcopal area gets one additional Episcopal Area.

On the challenges of the Episcopal Area

He told the delegates that as all were aware for the ending quadrennial GBGM had not funded any projects in the entire Episcopal Area. This was necessitated due to the so called accountability issues. However, the Africa Central Conference leadership engaged an international audit firm which finished its audit finding and reporting. We therefore, believe that soon the right organ of the church will let you know the progress of this complaint and embargo.

Consequently, we thank God for our few friends who pay visit to East Africa and stood with our challenges despite the embargo issues. We thank Bishop James King who sent his assistant Rev
Denise Walton after visiting East Africa and met the leaders she wrote on their conference website that leadership in East Africa has grown. After, Rev Denise Walton listening to the leaders’ stories when she met them in Jinja at Wanyange Central Trinity, she reported back to their Conference and funded $59000 US Dollars to eighty projects in Uganda and one project in Narok District of the United Methodist Church in Kikopey in Gilgil - Trinity Mission Hospital.

As a conference we appreciate Bishop James King for that bold leadership. The Bishop also encouraged leaders to create more partners like what Rev Odongo and Rev Ososo are doing with our visiting preachers.

Questions:

Rev Wilton Odongo from Nairobi district thanked the bishop for the great address of the church. However, he wanted to know how Annual Conferences would benefit from the 2016-2020 central conference education funds.

Rev Francis Opondo from Busia district also wanted to understand at what levels C.C.E.F should be obtained.

Response

Bishop said members can benefit from this fund through their mandated board such as Board of Ordained Ministry who are allowed to apply. Also the theological colleges / colleges if they make applications then students may benefit. Therefore, this calls leaders to think on how to start colleges as said earlier to meet the needs of the church. The college can start in a local church temporarily. You may contact the UMBC Leadership and share curriculum or just develop your own curriculum basing on the needs of the society. The new conferences have also brought new innovations such as starting institutions to train our both clergy and laity. We encourage leaders now to show leadership.
Adoption of Rules of Order and Plan of Organization for business of plenary Sessions

The annual conference session adopted the rules of Order and Plan of Organisation as well as policies in the program.

Introduction of the delegations

The Conference Secretary introduced all present delegates at the beginning of the East Africa Annual Conference Sessions.

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

East Africa Episcopal Area 2016 Disciplinary Questions

Each conference dean of the respective Annual and provisional conferences namely: Burundi Annual Conference, Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference, Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference and Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference answered disciplinary questions as Rev Odongo stood in for the Dean of Kenya.

ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (¶¶603.7, 619)?
   - Secretary? Rev Wilton Odongo
   - Statistician? Rev Kennedy Mwita
   - Treasurer? Charged the CCFA & Cabinet to search for a profession before the next session

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (¶603.1)? Yes

3. Bonding and auditing:
   a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (¶¶618, 2511)? Not Yet
   b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (¶¶617, 2511)? Not yet

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected? Refer to the journal
   a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed?
b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (¶610.1):

**General Agency Conference Agency Chairperson**

- Board of Church and Society Church & Society **Rev Anthony Maiga**
- General Board of Discipleship **Rev Moses Maina**
- General Board of Global Ministries - **Ms Everlyn Anne Akumu (alias Bwire)**
- Higher Education and Campus Ministry - **Rev Wilton Odongo**
- Bd of Higher Education & Campus Ministry **refer to the journal**
- Commission on Archives and History - **Rev David Ferdinand Egessa**
- Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns - **Rev Eliud Karanja**
- Commission on Religion and Race Commission on Religion & Race
- Commission on the Status and Role of Women
- United Methodist Communications - **Reuben Replie Ososo**

**c) Indicate the conference agencies and chairpersons which have responsibilities for the following functions:**

- Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)?
- Church & Society and Disability Concerns (¶653)?
- Equitable Compensation (¶625)?
- Equitable Compensation
- Laity (¶631)? & Bd of Laity **Mr. Francis Kihara**
- Native American Ministry (¶654)?
• Small Membership Church (¶645)?

d) Indicate the president or equivalent for the following organizations.
• Conference United Methodist Women (¶647) Mrs Everlyn Anne Bwire
• Conference United Methodist Men (¶648) Mr. Reuben Khalonyere
• Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649) Mr. Boniface Ghero
• Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)?

e) Have persons been elected for the following district boards and committees?
• District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2518)? Yes
• Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)? Yes
• District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)? Yes

f) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?
• Camping & Retreat Ministries Corporations
• Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team
• Ethnic Local Church Concerns
• Global Health Initiative
• Poverty Team
• Parish & Community Development
• Conference Rules Committee Yes
• Conference Sessions Team Yes
• Personnel Team

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance to the prescribed formats? (¶606.8)?

6. What is the report of the statistician? See the journal page

7. What is the report of the treasurer? See the journal page
8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? **None**

9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 625.3)?

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10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the programs of the conference including district superintendents for the ensuing year (¶614.1a)? **Refer to the journal**

11. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (¶¶614.1d, 1507)? **Refer to the journal**

b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year? **Refer to the journal**

(1) For the Ministerial Education Fund?
(2) For the Episcopal Fund?
(3) For the General Administration Fund?
(4) For Africa Central Conference.
(5) For Global Apportionment.

12. What has been apportioned for pension Fund Pastors? **Refer to the journal**

13. What is the percentage division between conference and service? **Refer to the journal**

14. What is the percentage division between circuits and the in our Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration Offering? **None**

15 a) what new districts have been organized? **Two (Bungoma & Kijiabe)**

b) What new circuits have been organized in the districts? **Three**

16. What other changes have been made new in districts and charge lines and other institutions? **Renaming of central district to Narok District**

17. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (¶¶604.4, 605.6)? **Yes**
18. Who constitute the conference committee on investigation?
19.) Who have a proved for candidacy for ordained Ministry and proceed to seminary?
20. Who have been enrolled into Conference Course of Study?
21. Who are approved and appointed as full time local pastors? Refer to the journal
22. Who have been discontinued as lay pastor? None
23. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (¶320.4)? None
24. What ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (¶¶331.8, 346.1)? None
25. What ministers in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (¶¶331.8, 346.2)? None
26. Who are affiliate members?
27. Who are elected as affiliate members?
28. Who are elected as probationary members? 2
29. Who remain on probations? Refer to the journal
30. Who have been admitted as probationary members in transfer from other Christian denominations?
31. Who are elected as ministerial members in full connection? Refer to the journal
32. What probationary members previously discontinued are readmitted?
33. Who are readmitted as members in full connection?
34. Who returned to effective relationship after volunteer retirement?
35. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of the United Methodist church?
36. Who are transferred in from other Methodist Denominations?
37. Who have been elected and ordained deacons? 1
38. Who have been elected and ordained elders?
   a) As Local Elders? 5
   b) As Itinerate Elders?
39. What ministers, coming from other Christian denominations have had their orders recognised?
a) As Deacons?
b) As Elders?
40. Who have been elected or ordained as a courtesy to other conferences?
41. Who have been transferred out to other annual conference of the United Methodist Church?
42. Who have been granted honorable locations?
43. Who have had their conference membership terminated?
   a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination?
   b) By surrender of ministerial or charges?
   c) By involuntary?
44. What ministerial members of conference have died this year? Refer to journal
   a) Probationary member? 1
   b) Members in full connection?
   c) Local pastors?
   d) Retired?
45. What ministers have received appointments in other Annual Conference of the United Methodist while retaining their membership in this conference?
46. Who are the ministers on leave of absence and for how long?
47. What clergy members have been suspended?
48. Who are granted leave? None
   a) Sabbatical Leave?
   b) Study Leave?
   c) Leave of Absence?
   d) Sick Leave?
49. What pastors have been granted disability leave? None
50. What pastors have been granted disability leave? None
51. What members in full connection have been retired? None
   a) This Year?
   b) Previously?
52. What associate members have been retired?
53. What probationary members have been retired?
54. Changes in clergy relationship? Refer to the journal
a) Elected as Associate Members?
b) Elected as probationary members?
c) Elected as members in full connection?
d) Readmitted as probationary members?
e) Retirement made effective?
f) Transfers received?
h) Discontinued as provisional members (¶327)? (v).
i) Honorable Located?
j) Withdrawn?
k) Involuntary located?
l) Deceased?

55. What is the total number of? **Refer to statistian report in the Journal**

a) Districts 15
b) Circuits
c) Local Churches

56. What is the total number of Pastors? **Refer to statistian report**

57. Who are consecrated as diaconal ministers? **None**

58. Who are reinstated as diaconal ministers? **None**

59. What diaconal ministers have been transferred in / out? **None**

60. What diaconal ministers have been granted any leave? **None**

61. Who are appointed to less than full time appointment? **None**

62. What changes have been made in appointments since the last Annual conference?

63. What are the preachers to be stationed in the coming year? **Refer to the journal**

64. What ordained ministers are appointments beyond the circuits and beyond the conferences boundaries?

65. What shall the next conference session be held? **Nov 29th-Dec 2nd in Naivasha District-Kenya**

66. Any other Business
EAEA 2016 DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS
RWANDA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (¶603.7, 619)?
   • Secretary? Rev. Alexis Nzabonimpa
   • Statistician? Rev. Elias Muhirwa
   • Treasurer? Mr Augustin Bahati

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (¶603.1)? Yes, as United Methodist Church in Rwanda

   a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (¶¶618, 2511)? The Conference is new.
   b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (¶¶617, 2511)?

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected? None
   a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed?
      • Council on Finance and Administration (¶611) Mrs Francoise Kankindi
      • Board of Ordained Ministry (¶635) Rev. Marc Baliyanga
      • Board of Pensions (¶639) Rev. Masitaki Pascal
      • Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (¶2512) None
      • Committee on Episcopacy (¶637) None
      • Administrative Review Committee (¶636) None
   b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (¶610.1):

   **General Agency Conference Agency Chairperson**
   • Board of Church and Society Church & Society: Rev. Manasse Rusizana
   • General Board of Discipleship: Rev. Elie Bayingana
   • General Board of Global Ministries: Rev. Marc Baliyanga
   • Bd of Higher Education & Campus Ministry: Elias Muhirwa
   • Commission on Archives and History: None
   • Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns: Jean Marie Vianney Karekezi
c) Indicate the conference agencies and chairpersons which have responsibilities for the following functions:

- Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)? None
- Church & Society and Disability Concerns (¶653)? None
- Equitable Compensation (¶625)? None
- Equitable Compensation? None
- Laity (¶631)? & Board of Laity: None
- Native American Ministry (¶654)? None
- Small Membership Church (¶645)? None

d) Indicate the president or equivalent for the following organizations.

- Conference United Methodist Women (¶647) Mrs Pelagie Dusabemariya
- Conference United Methodist Men (¶648): Celestin Rwibiriza
- Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649): Grace Ishimwe
- Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)? Gorette Niyomukiza

e) Have persons been elected for the following district boards and committees? Answer yes or no.

- District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2518)? Yes
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f) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?

- Camping & Retreat Ministries Corporations: No
- Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team: Yes
• Ethnic Local Church Concerns: No
• Global Health Initiative: No
• Poverty Team: No
• Parish & Community Development: No
• Conference Rules Committee: No
• Conference Sessions Team: Yes
• Personnel Team: No

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance to the prescribed formats? (¶606.8)? Yes

6. What is the report of the statistician? In the journal

7. What is the report of the treasurer? In the journal

8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? In the journal

9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 625.3)?
   Full Conference Member (FE) .............12.................................
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(1) For the Ministerial Education Fund?
(2) For the Episcopal Fund? $598,00
(3) For the General Administration Fund? $240,00
(4) For Africa Central Conference: $2,500 (annually for 4 years)
(5) For Global Apportionment: $837
12. What has been apportioned for pension Fund Pastors?
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17. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (¶¶604.4, 605.6)? Yes
18. Who constitute the conference committee on investigation? Pastor Prosper Ntirenganya
19.) Who have a proved for candidacy for ordained Ministry and proceed to seminary? None
20. Who have been enrolled into Conference Course of Study? None
21. Who are approved and appointed as full time local pastors? See the journal
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   b) Study Leave? None
   c) Leave of Absence? None
   d) Sick Leave? None
49. What pastors have been granted disability leave? None
50. What pastors have been granted disability leave?
51. What members in full connection have been retired?
   a) This Year? None
   b) Previously? Rev. Uziel Sinzabakira and Rev. Gasiriba Ananie
52. What associate members have been retired? None
53. What probationary members have been retired? None
54. Changes in clergy relationship? None
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   b) Elected as probationary members?
   c) Elected as members in full connection?
   d) Readmitted as probationary members?
   e) Retirement made effective?
   f) Transfers received?
   h) Discontinued as provisional members (¶327)? (v).
      i) Honorable Located?
      j) Withdrawn?
      k) Involuntary located?
      I) Deceased?
55. What is the total number of?
   a) Districts: 5
   b) Circuits: 13
c) Local Churches: 37

56. What is the total number of Pastors? 44

57. Who are consecrated as diaconal ministers? None

58. Who are reinstated as diaconal ministers? None

59. What diaconal ministers have been transferred in / out? None

60. What diaconal ministers have been granted any leave? None

61. Who are appointed to less than full time appointment? None

62. What changes have been made in appointments since the last Annual conference? See the journal

63. What are the preachers to be stationed in the coming year? To be done

64. What ordained ministers are appointments beyond the circuits and beyond the conferences boundaries? None

65. What shall the next conference session be held? In September 2017

66. Any other Business: None.
The 2016 APPOINTMENTS
East Africa United Methodist Episcopal Area- Clergies

The Bishop authorized each conference Dean to read names of Elders, Deacons and licensed Local Pastors and other appointment beyond the Local Church as appointed by him (the bishop for the 2016/2017 calendar year.

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# RWANDA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016 CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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**STATISTICAL SUMMARY DATA**

**EAST AFRICA EPISCOPAL AREA**

**DISTRICTS, CHURCHES AND CLERGY 2016 / 2017**
# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR KENYA/ETHIOPIA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

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Recurrent Expenditure

Exchange rate - Kshs 100 to a $
The head of the conference to be paid from a Central kitty
All the District Superintendents to be paid from a Central kitty
All Pastors to be paid from a Central kitty in their respective Districts
That all Districts will contribute equally to meet the conference budget.

Capital expenditure

We need a facility that can use as a college to train both the clergy and laity.
The facility should also be used for meetings and seminars that we badly need as we grow.
We intend to source for funds from the Districts and partners over the next 5 years.

United Methodist Church in Rwanda
RWANDA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGET 2016-2017

I. Proposed Activities

Renting small Office .......................... 250$ x 12 = 3.000$

Buying office tools and materials ........................................ 5.000$

Administration ........................................... 1.000$ x 12 = 12,000$

Meetings:

- Board of Administration meetings .......................... 300$ x 4 = 1.200$
- Executive Committee meetings ............................... 400$ x 3 = 1.200$
- Board of Ordained Ministry meetings ..................... 300$ x 2 = 600$

Transport for 5 District Superintendents.......................... 200$ x 5 x 12 = 12,000$

Contribution of RPAC to Africa Central Conference for the year 201 .................. 2.500$

Mission Work (evangelism, buying land and building churches) .................. 70.000$

Leadership development (seminars and trainings of lay and pastors) ........... 20.000$
Organizing Rwanda Conference session 2017 ........................................... 7,000$

Miscellaneous & unexpected ................................................................. 5,000$

**Total:** ............................................................... 139,500$

**II. Income**

Contribution from churches and members of UMCR ..................................... 20,000$

Assistance from friends and donors ......................................................... 119,500$

**Total:** ............................................................... 139,500$

**SUMARISED FINANCIAL REPORTS INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE 26TH SESSION OF EAST AFRICA/BURUNDI/RWANDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD AT NANGINA PASTORAL CENTER AUGUST 24TH THROUGH TO 27TH 2016.**

The Annual Conference planning committee thanked the delegates for their contribution towards the hosting of the sessions. The planning committee also noted some districts did not keep agreement of sending their apportionment on time and hence hampered the work to the committee in initial stages. However, the committee appreciated all members for work well done and those who had not completed their submission were asked to do so before they left. Indeed, God is our Ebenezer. 216 people were fed at Nangina Pastoral Centre from evening of Wednesday August 24th to the evening of Friday August 26th 2016 against an estimated budget of:-

1. Registration of delegates about 200 @ Kshs.3000 each .......................... 600,000.002.

2. Donations from any well wishers, and free will contributions .................. 100,000.00

3. Offertory for the two business days ...................................................... 30,000.00

4. Observers, and choirs willing to pay @ Kshs.2000.00 each ...................... 40,000.00

**TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME** .................................................. 770,000.00
NUMBER OF PACS
2. Guest Speakers 4.
4. Local Administration Staff (Government) 3.
5. Bishop’s Staff and some of his friends 10.
7. Cooks and Stewards 10.
TOTAL PACS TO CARE FOR 253

ACTUAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WERE CARED FOR.
1. Official delegates 158.
2. Choirs and Observers 42.
4. Bishop’s Staff and friends 8.
5. Local Administration Leadership 2.
6. The security (Non-Uniformed.) 2.
TOTAL PACS 216

ACTUAL BUDGET THAT TOOK PLACE.
1. Registration of 158 official delegates @ kshs.3000.00 each 474,000.00
2. Offertory for two days 21,000.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE TWO DAYS COLLECTION 495,000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE
1. Banner 7,500.00
2. Hall Hiring 40,000.00
3. Sound System and generator 20,000.00
4. Taxi commuter 30,000.00
5. Hall decorations 5,000.00
6. Video Coverage 15,000.00
7. Token for Guest Speakers @Kshs.10, 000.00 each 40,000.00
8. Stationery and Identification Cards (Bishop’s Office) 45,000.00
9. Soda 58 crates @ Kshs.575. each 33,350.00
10. Mineral Water 58 packets @ Kshs.350 each 20,300.00
11. Beef 175 Kilograms @ Kshs.420 each 73,500.00
12. Flour (Ugali Brand) 6 packets containing 12 pacs each) @ Kshs.1,150 each 6,900.00
13. Ngano 5 big packets @ Kshs.1, 350 each 6,750.00
14. Rice (Pishori Brand ) five 25 Kilogram sacks @ Kshs.2000. each 10,000.00
15. Cooking Oil 2 small cans of 10 kiloliters @ Kshs.3000. each 6,000.00
16. Eggs 20 crates @ Kshs.300 each 6,000.00
17. Fried fish (two sikalalas) basket fit for fish @ Kshs.10,000.00 each 20,000.00
18. Thirty (30) chicken @ Kshs.700 each 21,000.00
19. Sugar 10 kilos @ kshs.125. Each 1, 250.00
20. Milk 40 small packets @ Kshs.45 each 1,800.00
21. Tea leaves 1 packet 500.00
22. Margarine 1 Big tin (1 Kilogram) @ Kshs.175 each 175.00
23. Sweet Potatoes ½ a sack @ Kshs. 1,200.00
24. Fire wood @ Kshs.300 3,000.00
25. Sack of Charcoal @ Kshs.1,500. Each 3,000.00
26. Cooking water two moving tanks @ Kshs. 6,500 13,000.00
27. Assorted Ingredients 5,000.00
28. Labour 30,000.00

**TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE** 465,225.

**ACTUAL EXPENDITURE THAT TOOK PLACE FOR THE THREE DAYS**

1. Banner 10,000.00
2. Hall Hiring for three days @ Kshs. 10,000 each 30,000.00
3. Sound Instruments and generator 10,000.00
4. Rounded up kitchen stuff 302,940.00
5. Taxi Communication 15,000.00
6. Stationery (Bishop’s office) 55,000.00
7. Video Coverage 20,000.00
8. Token for the 4 Guest Speakers @ Kshs.5000.00 each 20,000.00
9. Labour 20,000.00
10. Hall Decorations 2,000.00
11. Ribena for the Lord’s Table 760.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** 485,700.00

**B/CF (For the gift to the son of the late Bishop)** 10,000.00

**495,700.00**

Humbly submitted by chair of Conference session Planning Committee

**Rev. Carol Alois Ososo**

**DEAN OF SUPERINTENDENTS KENYA.**
Conference Reports

Rules and structure of the East Africa Episcopal Area

The bishop asked Rev. Odongo to give a summary of the document as discussed in Rwanda.

Rev. Odongo thanked the Bishop for the opportunity to present the document before the conference sessions. He highlighted the parts of the document that was to govern the East Africa Episcopal Area as follows.

It talks about the purpose of the annual conference as regard para 604 of the discipline.

The document also equips the local church for the ministries.

The annual conference shall be the basic unit for the connectional relationships.

The document outlines the functions of general conferencing as well as executive functions.

The write up helps annual conferences to come with relevant committees for the purposes of promoting the work of different ministries

a) **On its subsection 2.1 on Conference Legal officers**
   - The Presiding President / chair, the Bishop
   - The Conference Lay leader
   - The Conference Secretary
   - The Conference Statistician
   - The conference attorney
   - The conference journal committee
   - The conference editorial committee

The conference relationship officers

b) **On sub section 3.1 Conference sessions**
   - Rules of Order and procedures
- Rules of invitation of Local churches writing to host conference session
- Resolutions and Petitions
- Distribution of materials
- Motions moved on the floor and to be amended or uphold
- Committees on Finance and Administration

c) **On section 3.2 memberships**
- Rules on ministerial members
- Clergy in good standing
- Rules on laiy membership
- Divisions of lay membership- Youth, Men and Women

d) **On subsection 3.3 Organisation**
- Annual conference organisation
- Office of the Bishop
- Office of Superintendents
- Office of the Pastor
- Office of the Laity

e) **On subsection 4.1 Mission and Ministry**
- Connectional ministry
- Office of coordinating of mission and connectional ministries
- Office of organisation of connectional ministries
- Discipleship
- Office of communication
- Missions & connectional ministries staff
- Missions & connectional services
- Mission & connectional ministries council

f) **On subsection 4.2 Laity Leadership organisation**
- UMMEN
- UM women
- UM Youth
- UM Young Adult

g) In subsection 5.1 Ministerial Committee
- Board of Ordained Ministry
- Administrative review
- Committees on investigation - Clergy Ministry
- Committees on investigation - Diaconal ministry
- Committee on ministerial records
- Committees on incapacity
- Commission on equitable compensation
- Ministerial continuing education

h) **On Subsection 6.1 Administrative concerns**
- Council of Finance & Administration
- Financial Report
- Budget Proposal
- Conference wide appeals
- Bonding
- Board of pension & Health benefits
i) On subsection 6.3 on properties

- How to acquire and dispose church properties
- Church trustees
- Property on Episcopal residence
- Properties acquired by Committees on superintendency
- Property of a Local Church

j) In subsection 6.4 Archives and History

- Committees on archives
- Conference historian

k) In subsection 7.1 District structure

- Number of districts
- District conferences
- District conference membership
- District organisation of UM Women, UM Youth, UM Men.
- District nomination committee
- District committee on superintendency
- District committee on Ordained Ministry
- District committee on Finance & Administration
- District board of trustee
- District board of church local & building
- District connectional ministries
- District board / committee on missions
- District lay leader
❖ District committee on Lay Speaking

The Annual Conference secretary of each conference may make such editorial changes as need occurs. In areas in the Discipline which do not change the intent and meaning of this document.

Thus, the Bishop appreciated the presenter Rev Odongo for good work done.

He then gave members an open discussion.

Dr. Mwamba wanted the document of rules and structure to be taught to all church membership in order to understand their church. Pastor Geoffrey Thaitinga, from Naivasha stated the document was a legal document and therefore should be given time for legal consultation before effecting it.

Rev Paul Matheri from Naivasha gave compliments the good work done to put the documents together which shows the growth and maturity of the Episcopal Area.

However, the Bishop responded to Pastor Geoffrey that this document was tabled in 25th SESSION in Rwanda therefore, we have heard now a full year for your legal consultation. He also asked delegates to take time to go through the document and put it in practice rather than drag the feet on the same.

At the same time the session resolved at least have both ministerial and academic clergy data be captured in a conference journal for archives purposes. This was necessitated because the East Africa Annual Conference was going to be dissolved at its last 26th session to pave way to newly created Conferences and Provisional conferences.

Thus, the clergy ministerial records were paramount account to discipline of the church
The conference delegates unanimously voted yes to adopt the rules and structure of the East Africa Episcopal Area that will govern the operation and functioning of all Conferences.

**Recognition of New Districts**

Prior to the last Annual conference in Kigali Rwanda, three new districts were created Kijiabe district and Bungoma in Kenya, Luwero; whereas Kamuli was merged to Jinja district in Uganda and four District superintendent where appointed i.e. Rev Elie Bayingana for Kibungo District in Rwanda; Rev Ddamulira Christopher to Luwero District in Uganda and Rev Ferdinand David Egessa Appointed to Bungoma District and Rev Paul Mbugua to Kijiabe respectively in Kenya. Bringing the number of districts in Uganda (9), Kenya (14), Burundi (10.), Rwanda, (5), South Sudan (1), and Ethiopia (1).

The Bishop recognized the newly elected District superintendents and asked them to work very hard for the good of the Church; he called upon them to work closely with the clergy/laity to ensure that they grow in ministry.

**Recognition of Students & Recognition of Young global fellow missionaries** – Rev Odongo was asked by the cabinet who presented all Grandaunts - Africa University, & also from Other Universities to the conference session and were recognised and appreciated. After introduction, Leah Wandera Nanyanga spoke on behalf of all the grandaunts. Leah Wandera was also a gbgm Global Missionary Fellow assigned in Zimbabwe.

a) **Africa University - Kenya Graduates**

2013-2016
Gad Wandera Agribusiness, now serving as Global Youth Missionary Fellow in DRC-Kinshasha Council of Church Christ- Natural Resource Manager.

Boniface Wanyama Ghero BDiv, now lecturing at WESLEY COLLAGE IN TANZANIA.

**Jomo-kenyatta University of Science and Technology (JKUAT)**

Juliet Ojiambo Mugwanga 2013 -2016 MBA- Major Strategic Management now Chairperson Finance Committee in Nairobi District and Secretary Women.

**Moi University of Eldoret**

Leah Nanyanga Wandera Bachelor of Finance and Project Management , now serving Global Youth Missionary Fellow Placement /assigned in Mutare Zimbabwe “WOMEN ACTION SUPPORT CENTRE” –Gender advocacy.

**Current Student attending theological University studies**

**Kenya Methodist University (KeMU) DLM**


**Asbury Theological Seminary USA**

Anne Ng’ang’a BTh KeMu, currently MA Pastoral Care & Counseling

**Ecumenical School of theology Norway in Europe**

Mercy Rehema BDiv (Hon)-AU, Currently MA in Global Ethics

**Ergaton University-Kenya**

2012-2017 Everlyn Anne Bwire- Bachelors of Gender and Development

**Student at Africa University faculty of theology**

2014- 2018 Continuing student Pastors at Africa University for BDiv

Absalom Oluoch Kenya
Akoberwa Sandra  
Uganda  
2015- 2019 Continuing student Pastors at Africa University for BDiv  
Bwire Brian  
Kenya  
2016-2020 student Pastors at Africa University for BDiv  
Atotzo Jacquelyn-  
Kenya  
Akim Toko  
Uganda  
Shirlyn Namrembo-  
Kenya  
Ali wantimba-  
Uganda  

2012- 2017 Continuing UMBC Diploma in theology Students  
Rev Caral Ososo  
Rev Wilking Obongi  
Rev Davies Musigo  
Rev Agalla  
2016- 2018 Pastor Joshua Kirimi  

Africa University Almnui  

2008-2011  Rev Kennedy Mwita now Ds South Nyanza District  
Rev Shenk Okello now Ds. Central Nyanza  

2010-2013  Rev Wilton T.A. Odongo (BDiv) now Ds Nairobi District & Conference Statistician, Currently MA Student KeMU.  
Ms Mercy Rehema (BDiv) Best 2013 graduating student now taking her masters in Norway.  
Mr. Reuben Replie Ososo (BDiv) now HT Dr. B.T Cooper United Methodist Church school in Nairobi.  

2011- 2014  Ms Mildred Akello BDiv  

2012-2015  Peter Karanja (BDiv) now serving a Global Youth Missionary Fellow  

Pan African Christian University-(PAC) in Kenya  

2001-2005 Kephas Otieno Oloo -Bachelor of theology Biblical studies  

Kenya Methodist University-(KeMU)
2010- 2014 Paul Matheri Njununga Bachelor in Psychology-KeMU

b) In Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference University & College Amnui


2009 – 2012 Mr. Dennis Musahuzi Bachelor of Psychology Africa University

Ms Lillian Achom Bachelor of Management Africa University
2010-2014 Ms Alitubeera Gloria Bachelor of Management Africa university

2011-2015 Ms Florence Nakamya Bachelor of Management Africa University
Mr. Emmanuel Mukisa Bachelor of Computer Science AfricaUniversity
Pastor Fad Lugobe BDiv(Hon) AFRICA University now pasturing a church in Jinja District

2012-2015 Ms Robina Nambafu bachelor of Agriculture Agribusiness - Africa University

2012-2015 Pastor David Muwaya –MDiv Candler school of theology now lecturering at UMBC Uganda

2013- 2016 Bachelor of Divinity Africa University

Rebecca Nasumba BDIV

2014- 2018 Continuing student Pastors at Africa University for BDiv
Akoberwa Sandra Uganda

2016-2020 Continuing student Pastors at Africa University for BDiv
Akim Toko Uganda
Ali wantimba- Uganda

2012- 2017 Continuing UMBC Diploma in theology Students

1. Paul Mwungeri
2. Toko Manasseh
3. Ntakarutimana Claude
4. Munganga Himbana Project
5. Namkose Cissey
6. Osok Peter
7. Obita Solomon
Rev Bruce thanked delegates in their respective Annual Conferences. He further said it has been the passion for East Africa to grow and spread. However, this passion must be nurtured through dedication of heart thus becoming the light of the world. With the newly created three Annual Conference and one provisional Conference. East African need the courage of the God to move forward in this new dispensation as you work hard in your ministry. Rev Bruce affirmed that with God’s grace, passion, hope and courage you will have a bright future, he reassured the conference sessions delegates in applause.

Episcopacy Committee – Rev. James Mwoho
The conference was delighted to extend her gratitude to the Bishop’s servant leadership since he came to office.

The Episcopal Committee reported to the Conference that The Judicial Council in its April, 2015 sitting pronounced itself on a request from the Burundi and East Africa Annual Conferences Regarding the Action of the General Council on Finance and Administration in Reducing the Bishop’s Salary, Housing, and Office Allowances, decision 1298. In the decision it was declared that:
The salary of Bishop Daniel Wandabula should be fully restored by GCFA from 2013 to 2015 and until the next General Conference. The Judicial Council retains jurisdiction of this case as it ordered the GCFA to report to it a detailed full compliance with this decision no later than May 31, 2015.
However, as per a letter the Episcopal Committee received from Bishop Daniel Wandabula dated June 13th 2015, it is only his salary that is being paid in 5 installments. The Bishop tried to inquire from GCFA details concerning his housing and office allowances that enable the EAAC office to run and operate but was informed that the Judicial Council decision did not entitle him to the same.

The Episcopal Committee’s reading of part of the decision 1298 is that both the salary and the housing and office allowances are to be restored to Bishop Daniel Wandabula. The relevant part of the decision reads as follows:

“Having reached our conclusion that the salary reduction is invalid, Bishop Wandabula is due full restoration of his salary by GCFA from 2013 to 2015 and until the next General Conference. His housing and office expenses for 2013 to 2015 should also be restored, per Report No. 5 as approved by the 2012 General Conference.”

It is our concern that failure to effect payment of the office and housing allowances to Bishop Daniel Wandabula is tantamount to non-compliance with decision 1298 and is in violation of the orders of the Judicial Council pursuant to the said decision.

The Episcopal Committee will thus seek clarity and direction on the interpretation of the said decision and how the same can be enforced against GCFA. The delegates affirmed this decision.

Conferences Deans Reports

a) Burundi Annual Conference Report -

DEAN OF SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
TO THE 26TH SESSION OF BURUNDI AND EAST AFRICA ANNUAL CONFERENCES
ON 24TH-26TH AUGUST, 2016 AT NAGINA PASTORAL TRAINING CENTRE

The Dean started by salutation.

Your Excellency Bishop, delegates of East Africa and Burundi Annual Conferences assembled at this 26th session to participate in these historical concluding sessions of the name East Africa, distinguished guests, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Let me, on this occasion giving this report firstly, wish you all, on behalf of Burundi delegates, peace and grace of our Lord and Savoir fill your hearts throughout the deliberation at Nangina Pastoral Centre.
He said that it was a great honor for all the five countries with the main purpose of building the church of CHRIST and to reinforce the common mission of serving the Christians physically and spiritually.

He distinguished, the Bishop that as Burundi Conference were indebted to give their sincerely appreciation to the Episcopal leaders’ spirit of unity and total cooperation that identified the two sister conferences. He further stated that Bishops’ closeness, encouragement, counselling continued to be evident in his efficient Episcopal leadership which had been great inspiration to the people. The Burundians were the most grateful for his tireless support in different church activities.

Furthermore, he observed heartfelt gratitude to Assistant Bishop Commitment to a holistic ministry in general in terms of supervision of the Church activities, counselling and his availability when in need.

The Dean too appreciated conference Lay leader Hon. Nshimirimana Georges for his continued to strength, the spirit of unity, love that he brought church members together. His contributions had enabled the church to achieve what they would not be able to achieve. That by the time he was presenting the lay people were more active in the life of the church than it used to be before. May God continue to guide and help the men and women of God in their Christian ministry, Amen.

However, the Dean highlighted, on the State of the Church that Burundi Annual Conference had ten Districts namely: Bujumbura District, Gitega District, Ruyigi District, Kinyinya District, Makamba District, Ngozi District, Rutana District, Kiramvya District, Cankuzo District and Cibitoke District with the total membership of 134,304.

The State of the church in Burundi continue to get stronger and stronger in various sectors and a brief look at the past three years ending this year, that proudly pointed out remarkable achievements in respective districts. He cited examples: Evangelism through open air crusades, Church constructions, development projects, education and health.
1. Evangelism:
Several revival meetings at District and parish levels were held in different places like Murehe in Ruyigi District, Gitwa in Rutana District, Muhene in Gitega District, Gatwaro in Gitega District, Kasenyi in Cibitoke District, Mubuga in Kiramvya District etc.
*Here below is a picture showing youth and women revival meetings in Ruyigi.*

![Image of youth and women revival meetings in Ruyigi](image)

From left to right are pictures of youth revival meeting

2. Church Construction.
They had built unfinished church sanctuaries in different districts. Seven permanent church buildings and parsonages are still under construction especially in Ruyigi, Gitega and Chitoke Districts while other four churches were already completely finished and equipped in Ruyigi District. He thanks all church members and friends for their tireless support in different church projects in Burundi conference.

The Four Finished church building in Ruyigi District at the cost of $ 64,432 dollars

1. NDEMEKA Parish under Rev. MPAWENAYO Manasse
2. Bwihaniza Parish under Rev. MPITABAVUMA Emmanuel
3. GIFUNZO Parish under Rev. NDIKUMANA J. Prime
4. KAVUMWE Parish under Rev. KAMANA Venant

The six churches under construction in Gitega, Ruyigi and Chibitoke Districts include;

1. Rubamabagire Parish under Rev. Ntunzwenayo Alfred
2. Murehe Parish under Rev. NKABIYE Come
5. Nyakibingo Parish under rev. Nicayenzi Ferdinand

However, Bishop and Delegates Gitega District needs your prayers and support to the following:

a/ Muhene church building needs $1,700 to be completed. The building materials needed to be purchased are: cement, doors, windows, lime and paint.
b/ Nyakabingo church building needs of $2,125 to be completed. The building materials needed to be purchased are: cement, iron sheets, roofing materials and paint
C / Rubambagire sanctuary needs $1,500 to be completed. They need, cement, roofing materials, iron bars and paint.

Ruyigi District needs:
Murehe church construction is still under construction. Murehe congregation has already contributed $50,000; from where it has reached so far, Murehe church construction needs $50,000 to be completed.

The picture above shows where we have reached so far.

Cibitoke District needs:
a/ Gasanyi Centre Church construction has reached at roofing stage. They need to raise $6,450 to purchase cements, furniture and equipment.

3. Education.

Given a big number of untrained pastors, the church still needs a Conference Bible College which will assist in the training of future leaders of the church. However, he noted that the distance and cost implication not many Pastors were able to attend the Bible colleges at humble
school in Uganda. Apparently encouraged students who would be able afford fare and upkeep to join UMBC to further studies.

The church had a hospital in Cankuzo District and dispensary in Ruyigi District was put under government supervision. That would propose in the near future to the conference to permit the Church claim supervision. The dispensary building in Rutana District needs rehabilitation and be furnished with new equipment to adequately serve a large number of patients in the society.

Kenya –Ethiopia Conference Dean’s Report
Rev Carol Alois Ososo, Dean Kenya-Ethiopia annual conference, gave the conference 2017-2020 strategic plan. He highlighted that strategic plan had been developed nearly by a joint district committees since November 2014 held at Trinity UMC, Naivasha. The participants carried out an environmental analysis to ascertain the congregations’ operational background and the analysis composed of both the internal and external components. The internal environment was analyzed using the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) model. The external environment analysis was based on the PESTLE (Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal and Ethics) model. The goal that the districts intend to achieve its vision and the Strategies were the driving force by which the objectives were arrived at.

Finally it was agreed that the Strategic Plan needs would be reviewed periodically to take corrective actions to ensure smooth implementation. Monitoring and evaluation process that would help assess the progress made towards meeting the stated objectives.

Consequently, Rev Ososo said that Kenya Annual Conference envisioned becominga Missional Church in Africa. He further affirmed that it was possible to realise through a Vision Statement—Building a strong foundational structure for the United Methodist Church and developing vibrant and committed congregations:

That together will build on a Mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That these would be achieved through developing Principled Christian Leaders for the Church and the World, creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations as well as engaging in ministry with the poor and stamping out the killer diseases of poverty by improving health. He said this may be achieved by addressing the following:-

1. **Financial Stewardship and time management** - Stewardship of Spiritual Gift
   Stewardship of Personal Life Stewardship of Leadership

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2. Evangelism/Leadership Training and Church planting:

Achievement can be realized through pastor and lay training and partnering with other churches for training and evangelism opportunities, the Kenyan District plan to change this both for pastors and lay members who feel this calling. We are committed to growing the District churches, but even more growing the kingdom of God regardless of church.

3. Education Scholarship Program: According to UNICEF report, only 40% of eligible males and 42% of eligible females attend secondary school in Kenya. Secondary education in Kenya is not free: a boarding school may typically cost $650 to $700 per year, a day school $300 to $400 per year. UNICEF reports 43% of Kenya's population lives below the international poverty line of $1.25 per day, making secondary education impossible for many Kenyans. The Districts believe that education is not only central to Kenya's progress, but also to the growth and maturing of UMC Kenya. For those contributing to this Program, our hope is that spiritual support will be provided and relationships developed with the students being supported.

The area of education will focus on Identify/Establish/Construct and rehabilitate schools in needy communities
   a) Primary/Elementary Schools.
   b) Secondary/High Schools.
   c) Vocational Schools.
   d) Center for excellence (A higher learning institute for UMC)

4. Health Care Programs:
   a) Establishment / Construction of health units in needy communities in Kenya.
   b) Provision of equipment in the health units constructed
   c) Provision of health care outreach services/ mobile clinics, especially the underserved communities.
   d) Establishment of a pharmacy to cater for church founded health units and community needs.
   e) Establish an Alcoholic Anonymous centers (SPRAV can be approached for advise)

5. Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program
Orphanages: Establishment of an Episcopal program to cater for the needs of orphans and vulnerable children in the Kenya-Ethiopia Conference including establishing UMC Orphanages in each country. Orphan Support: Provide psycho-social and economic support for child headed households.
In addressing the Millennium Development Goal 1, - Eradicating Extreme hunger and poverty, the number of Kenyans living on less than a dollar a day has not significantly gone down since the late '90s.

The Kenya Economic Report, 2013 indicates that in 2007, then number of poor people in Kenya was about 18.2 million; this rose to 19.5 million in 2008 and 20.1 million in 2010. In 2014 it stood at 22 million.

The 2007/8 post-election violence, insecurity in some parts of the country, the 'casino economy' that benefits the rich and the politically strong, and penalizing the poor and the less fortunate and the unemployment-to-population ratio have been site as partial causes of poverty.

Food Programs in Schools: Kenya Demographic Health Survey indicates that "One in every four children in Kenya suffers irreversible damage to their mind and body because they were poorly fed during their crucial first two years of life"

A research by Uwezo Kenya, sampled 102,666 students aged between 3 and 16 in 2,030 schools countrywide in 2010, found that almost half of the children in primary schools, including those in the upper classes, lacked basic numeracy and literacy skills.

Establishment of community based micro-finance projects (example of KWFTS)

7. Church plots and buildings: Majority of UMC congregations do not own plots or buildings. Instead, they meet in homes or rented facilities and even some in open spaces or under trees. Districts believe a church building shows commitment to the community and to the congregation and provides not only a place to worship but a facility for community and other church activities. A moderate pricing obtained for each building project, based on experience, tin roofed and sided church (25 x 50 feet) can be built for $7,000 or less (including concrete floor, windows, doors and labor costs) rural areas. The conference appeals to groups or individuals chose to support the building of a church; they would be welcome to participate in the planning and construction of the same. For Evangelisation and evangelism purposes Districts are appealing for funding to construct churches or buy church plots in at all potential areas which will eventually require church buildings.

8. Superintendents and Pastors Support: The Districts believes $200 to $300 per month would be adequate initial compensation for a full time pastor. The Dean affirmed that all Districts are struggling and not able to compensate their pastor(s) .The reason being that the church is trying to get her bearing at this appointing time. Thus, no Kenya UMC pastor receives a salary for service as a pastor. Consequently, pastoring is one of two full time endeavors, the other being provision for the pastor and his family. While the pastor
compensation initiative focuses on all District pastors, the district leadership believes the priority should be to have a full time pastor whose primary focus is evangelism. $2,400 per year would provide necessary support for a pastor to focus on ministry. For $3,600 a full time pastor could focus on evangelism ministry in each District. The District Superintendents would be reasonable paid $500 per month to assist him or her in learning and organizing the district activities.

9. **Ministry with to the world**: This will be different programs by districts that will either be nonprofit (Humanitarian) or self-sustain program which are impacting communities in Kenya.

10. **United Methodist Seminary (Kenya)**: This will be a seminary where our pastors and leaders of the UMC can get leadership training for licensing or commissioned for different ministries.

11. **Transport and Communication**: Traveling from one district to another is always a nightmare; vehicles for easing traveling and coordinating activities in the country. - Identify and buy vehicles for DSs. He finally affirmed that Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference promises accountability that support received from any quota will be managed monitored and disbursed through an approved financing system. (Note: Each district's would develop its own priorities to meets the needs in their own communities)

Thank you
Rev. Carol Alois Ososo
Chairman Connectional Ministry & Dean of Superintendents UMC Kenya
Tel: +254 721 839 337/ +254 733 863 537, Email: ouma7021@yahoo.com

**Organizational Report**

a) **Women Reports** –

The women president Mrs. Evelyn Bwire gave her report on women and it was adopted.

However, the conferences encouraged women to sized opportunities of United Methodist church in the connection. The Bishop encouraged women to apply scholarships on women division agency and get education and be a voice of voiceless in the societies.

b) **Men Reports**

Mr. Rueben Khalonyere in his report acknowledged that Men were not doing very well in Local church ministries. A he affirmed that very few men are regular church worshippers. There was
need to revitalize men ministries through evangelize. We encourage local churches to set up their offices and men ministries.

**Lunch Break**

Opening Prayer by Rev James MWOHO

Plenary Session resumed with committees giving their reports.

**UMC Bible College Report – by Rev Isaac Kyambadee**

Rev Isaac presented a report on the progress of United Methodist Bible College on behave of the Director Rev Micheal Ssekandi who was absent with apology.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, EAST AFRICA EPISCOPAL AREA,**

**P.O.BOX 12554, KAMPALA, UGANDA.**

**Department:** United Methodist Bible College (UMBC)

**Introduction:** The United Methodist Bible College was established in 2011 by then, the East Africa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, now the East Africa Episcopal area. It targets Pastors and lay leaders from Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda, the countries that constitute the East Africa Episcopal Area.

**Note.** Now that the East Africa Episcopal area has four (4) Annual Conferences namely Burundi Annual Conference, Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference, Rwanda provisional Annual Conference and Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference, UMBC currently remains in Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference. We are hopeful that in the near future each Annual Conference will establish its Theological Institution for efficiency.

**Vision:** To holistically develop and equip servant leaders with empowerment for effective and lasting Biblical change, as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
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<td>• Wilton T.A. Odongo: Dip. Children Ministries, BDiv, AU, and MA student</td>
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KeMU, specialization; UMC Polity

- Michael Daniels Ssekandi: Dip. Bible & Theology, B.Th. PAN-African Univ.- and MA student Lancaster Bible College, USA, speculation; Biblical studies
- Fad Lugobe. BDiv. AU, specialization; Christian Education
- Moses Mosoko. BDiv. AU, MA student, Development studies, Kyambogo Univ. Uganda, specialization; Pastoral care & counseling
- Isaac Kyambadde: Dip. Children ministries, B.Biblical studies, Global Baptist Bible College, Wairaka, Uganda, specialization, Church History

Challenges & Lessons to learn

i There’s a low or poor local financial fees payment/contribution from the students and/or from their respective local sponsor churches. This necessitates a need for more sensitization on the financial obligations toward Theological education. It’s because of this, that the College has experienced heavy financial challenges and thus affecting negatively our sub- sequential running and continuity of the Institution.

ii Due to the above circumstances, there’s need for increased networking for potential partnerships in Theological education both locally and internationally.

iii The College is being housed at Humble United Methodist Primary School, with no own permanent physical infrastructure. This means that currently the college operates on a module basis where students come during School holidays and go when Schools resume.

iv The nature of the duo use of the Primary school infrastructure has greatly challenged us in establishing our own permanent College library.

v About staff support, the College struggles to fully meet its entire financial obligation to its staff, and as a result staff availability at times becomes a challenge.

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Questions about the UMBC Scholarship

A delegate from Busia Kenya District Rev Francis Opondo asked if the college offer soft scholarship to enable few deserving United Methodist Local Pastors to benefit from in service training whose their local churches may not be able sponsor their theological education.

Response
Rev Ososo responded that as per the current situation the institution does not receive any funding from the general Church. Therefore, this calls prospective student make personal appeals to other churches and well-wisher to support your education.

Delegates you should be aware that even this lecturers are just volunteering to serve their church. Thus, we need to support the institution or else we may lose even them.
This was proposed for board / commissions/ committees / districts / to use in capturing educational information of all college students.

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Closing Prayer
The Presiding chair Bishop Daniel Wanabula thanked the delegated for their active participation during the sessions. He also adjourned the holy conferencing with the closing prayer said by Mrs. Evelyn Bwire, Women President Kenya.
DAY THREE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2016

Breakfast  7.00 hrs - 8:00 hrs

All delegates had their breakfast starting the session in the morning.

Plenary Session

The Chair called the session in order and asked Rev James Mwoho who said the opening prayer.

Presentation of Consent Calendar-Legislation

The consent calendar was led by Rev Ososo the outgoing Conference secretary and was adopted by the session to govern the day’s events.

Introduction of the guest speakers

The visiting Guest speakers were introduced by Rev Wilton Odongo having been mandated by the Cabinet during the 26th day of the 26th joint Session within East Africa Episcopal Area. (You shall see their entire profiles in the appendixes)

1. Professor Esther Mombo, ACK Tradition, presented the educational speech “The Power of Education in Developing Women for Ministry.” Mombo has served St. Paul’s University for 15 years.

2. Dorcus Chebet Juma, from the reformed church of East Africa, holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament studies from Stellenbosch University-South Africa and wrote her dissertation on Encountering the Female Voice in the Song of Songs.


4. Bishop Joseph Tolton holds Master in Business Administration (MBA) in
management from Columbia Business School and also holds Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Vassar College. Bishop Tolton also enjoys a three-faceted career serving as a voice for spiritual freedom, social justice and economic empowerment.

5. Rev. Bruce Stensvad, the Mission interpreter for the East Africa Episcopal Area, also spoke at the conference.

MEMIORS

The names of all the deceased clergies were read out from each respective district. The Chair ordered all superintendents to compile and hand over all memoirs and hand over to secretariat to be included in the conference journal.

Memorial Service

Rev Baliyanga Marc Dean of Rwanda led the service.

Memorial Service Sermon: on the theme “The Before You Go, East Africans”

Bishop Joseph Tolton who preached on the theme “before you go.” The guest preacher Bishop William Joseph Tolton told them memorial service congregation that this is our opportunity to push God’s opportunity rise and go… he said that when God breathes into you, one needs to go and now that we are different independent Annual Conferences, we should get rid of the fear, anger, anguish and Go because you have got a big commission from God. A memorial service of remembrance and Holy Communion led by Rev Marc Baliyanda Dean of Rwanda in remembrance of the late Bishop John Alfred Ndoricimpa. In appreciation and great ministry, he led while Bishop of the East Africa Episcopal Area and the reading were taken from John 2:1-4 by Rev. Ososo Carol and Mathew 15: 21-28 by Rev. Maina Moses both from Kenya.

“Even the dogs eat the corn that falls on the table… great is thy faithfulness because your
faith is stronger than anything” said Bishop Tolton. He went ahead and asked the United Methodist Church in Africa to get rid of the racist culture and wave that divides them. “Now that you have power, joy and have been redeemed you are ready to go…because Jesus Christ is prince of peace and king of kings, the beginning and the end.”

“To all those being ordained today and to the East Africa Episcopal Area at large, the spirit of the Lord is not the spirit of timidity but of courage and encouragement (1st cor.1:5-2)” and it’s because of Christ’s cross that you have been called, whenever you are, remember the mercy and cross of Jesus Christ. We suffer for the cross of God and you will triumph.

THE ROLL OF HONORABLE OBITUARY MEMBERS

The names were read by the conference secretary in his report and adopted as follows:

   a) Bishops

   1. Bishop John Alfred Ndorincipa born 1946  died in 2005

   b) Members of the Annual Conference district by districts.

   Busia District


   Nairobi District


   5. Pastor Albert Mukhangari (Rongai UMC) born 1952 died in May 2013.

   South Nyanza District


   Lower Eastern District

   7. Pastor Zachary Kariuki Wanyeki (Probational Elder at Gateway UMC) Date of Birth: 05/12/1946 and died: 30/07/2016.
Narok District


Burundi Annual Conference
For Burundi and other conferences were to organize their data and report their data in the succeeding conference sessions.

Memorial Service Offertory
This was designated fund to family of the late Bishop Ndoricimpa & his late wife mama Sabine Ndorincimpa.

The money collected was agreed upon that it should be sent to the family so that they feel loved and not forgotten.

The collection was converted all to Kenya shillings and it was ksh, 7,500/-.

Briefing on GC 2016;
The Conference Session was briefed by head of delegation to the 2016 General Conference Rev Carol Alois Ososo. The report was very encouraging and but made Africa to learn their lesson of working as a team. But some of Africa brothers exhibited very very neither poor nor bad example. They were used as slaves to hold play card against their leaders which was an unfortunate happening. The head of delegation called the Christian to continue praying for the denomination to maintain the global unity in our diversities. The report was adopted.

Reports from committees

A Task Force Presentation on Apportionment
The Conference appointment a team of three led by Rev Wilton Odongo, Rev Moses Dhikange and Pastor Fad Lugobe who came up with a presentation on Apportionment. Below is the report they gave during 26th Session in the plenary.

**APPORTIONMENT**

Apportionment is a section within the obligation required of a United Methodist Church member that one should critically look at, think about and act upon, with the spirit of advancing God’s kingdom.

Apportionment is another term for giving of what you have as you share with others supporting ministry, but in a collective manner. It is also means putting our resources together for a noble cause.

*There are three basic kinds of apportionments: District Apportionments, Conference Apportionments and General Church Apportionments.*

*Thus each District office can provide information about its District Apportionments. Conference Apportionments are calculated using the fair-share method, which considers each individual church’s expenses relative to all other churches’ expenses. It works like this:*

1. For each church, we add together everything spent in three areas, as reported by the church in their year-end statistical report:
   
   a. Compensation (salary and benefits) for all lay employees and clergy,
   b. Operational items (utilities, postage, office supplies, yard care, maintenance, etc.)
   c. Program items (Sunday School materials, worship resources, etc.)

2. After determining these expenses for each individual church, we add together the church totals for all 700-plus churches in the Conference.

3. Then we take the total for each church and divide it by the total for all the churches in the Conference. This gives us the fair-share decimal for each church.

   Expenses for your local church = Fair-Share
   Total of expenses for all local churches in the Conference Decimal

4. We multiply each church’s fair-share decimal by the total amount of the budget (approved by Annual Conference delegates). This portion of the conference budget is each church’s fair-share. This is the

**Who is to do this?**

Like I mentioned before that all United Methodist Church members are to play part in appointment, the Bishops, ministries, pastors, leaders inclusive. Thus, it all involves ministers
together with the laity people? Note, the term membership, encompasses the leaders and all those led, young (children), youths, women, men, the poor and uneducated, the learned, professionals, etc.

Apportionment as part of Christian obligation is not put in place by church leaders as avenues to fetch money from the followers as may be perceived by some members, or the critics of our faith. Right from Genesis to Revelation, it is clearly stated, that God’s people have to give to God from what He has blessed them with; money, animals, Harvest to the extent that He even required of them to give the first fruits Exodus 23:19, Dent.26:2,10

Before all, we may or may not have one who was born a Methodist, but we have our background from different denominations. I will just give an example of Catholics who call it ‘`Endobolo’” in Uganda, Kenya there is what they call ‘`Harambee’” meaning “pulling together”. But it is all about giving and supporting ministry.

**When I give apportionment is that all?**

According to God’s plan and the Biblical teaching, giving is not one way. The book of Ezra 1:4-6, presents to us a number of giving for God’s work. (Read) as Prov3:9. So, we can’t say that after apportionment, we put arms down.

Q1. Won’t this affect our individual treasury as poor people?

How much have we affected it by not giving? Read Mal 3:7-10, God has even cursed us the more for robbing Him of Hag 1:6, 2 Cor 9:6

Dear God’s people, with regards giving to God do not hesitate, don’t grumble but do it whole heartedly. For all in the world is God’s or belongs to Him (Ps 24) He gives and has all the powers and ability to take back. So in this act of appointment, we are also responding to His call for ministry support.

As a connectional institution, in Apportionment we demonstrate unity oneness team spirit and work as we believe we cannot work minus others. We are in a chain connected to one another. So your personal input, whatever the size, contributes so much in soul winning relieves the afflicted, feeds the hungry and also advances God’s kingdom, through Gospel proclamation globally.

**How much is needed for appointment?**

The scriptures are very clear with regards giving. God is pleased if we come to Him willingly, generously and when sure that He knows that what we are giving is what we managed, in relation to our income. (2 Cor, 9:6-7) E.g. if it is tithe, He only wants 10% of what you have received. He does not want your thousand s, millions of money, if it is cereals, of the 100kg; He
wants only 10 kg, so use the 90kg. And if it is a garden, He wants you to be organised and bring to Him the first harvest.

**What is the importance of giving?**

1. First and foremost, we push the church or our institution to autonomy.

   Autonomy means an institution that can support itself, extend support beyond the institutional boundaries, able to provide holistic services to self and beyond.

2. Able to put in place systems and facilitate service providers; Bishops, ministries, pastors, support staff and able to give.

3. Give opportunity to all people as Methodism is participatory in ways of operation. In this way, the members will feel there position in the system.

4. And to open doors for blessing to God’s people, for when they give, they will directly get blessings from God.

5. **Modes of achieving Apportionment**

   1. That all the money collected in congregations be divided as follows:
      (i) The Global / general church giving …………………………… 3%
      (ii) Central conference –college of Bishops…………………………3%
      (iii) Annual conference –. …………………………………………3%
      (iv) Pension and health benefits …………………………………….. 3%
      (v) Districts – Superintendent …………………………………….. 7%
      (vi) Parishes – Minister………………………………………………10%
      (vii) Local church …………………………………………………. 30%
      (viii) pastor ……………………………………………………………. 40%

2. Each member to annually contribute certain amount willingly, but will pronounce this to the respective church leaders.

3. To schedule on our calendar, a special mission Sunday that all the funds collected from all congregations be forwarded straight for mission work.

4. Dear members, we want you to bear in mind that each quadrenuim, every annual conference has apportion to remit to the central conference, which we will be working on within the 3% to a total of $10,000. This money will be divided among the district that fall there-under.

**The purpose for this system**

1. To advance missions and Evangelism in our church.
2. To support man power building.
3. Capacity strengthening.
4. To lift our church to higher heights, where we shall all be proud.
5. To set an inclusive institution, where at the end the members will own the century.
6. To prepare pension and health benefits for retired ministers and pastors.

Conclusion.

- It is possible to realize positive results as per UMC goals and objectives.
- The only thing (s) look at is to strengthen our system, so that we closely and mutually come together.
- We have to take the past experiences as a stepping stone to another level. Just like you encounter a hill while driving, where you have to engage a strong gear to overcome it.
- We need to put more emphasis on records, to enable us attain proper accountability and assessment, e.g. whichever money is received in whichever way should be reflected as an income for the church. Even though designated, it will be reflected in the expenditure as per the designation.
- We have to also equip all the leaders, so as to enable them catch up with the new technology.
- There is high need for leader’s exposure, to help them see and learn many other new things.

The Delegates Contribution to the apportionment task force report
The chair thanked the task force report and gave room to an open discussion. Delegates contributed to it and adopted the report with some amendment on the apportionment percentages

Plenary Session the session resumed at 1130 hrs.

Report of the Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry
The Chair of the BOOM Rev Moses Maina presented a clergy report to the clergy session. It was observed during 2016 Ordination on the importance for UMC Clergy to uphold the ordination standards. Thus aaccording to the 2012, the UMC book of discipline para ¶1422: 2.
All candidates for ordination as deacon or elder in The United Methodist Churchare strongly encouraged to attend United Methodist schools of theology since these schools share with the GBHEM and the conference BCOM in the work of preparing persons for ordination and leadership in The United Methodist Church.
The 26th session of the East Africa and Burundi annual conferences clergy sessions elected the following candidates for ordination as elders in good standing as follows.
a) Elders  Uganda / South Sudan Annual Conference.
1. Ephraim Walter.
2. Fad Lugoba.
4. Alex Kareberebe.
5. Ronald Acile.
7. Solomon Obita.

b) Ordained elder from another church being recognized his orders
Rev Moses Dikange his credential was received after going through vetting. He was therefore considered and clergy session approved his application an elder in the United Methodist Church in good standing. Rev Dhikange formerly served with the Anglican Church of Uganda as well as also previously had worked with the Methodist church in Uganda.

c ) Probationary elders: Uganda / South Sudan annual Conference
1. Segonga Godfrey Robert
2. Robinah Muyimbwa.
3. Fred Muyimbwa.
5. Owamahoro Aline.
7. Mwamba Pascal (Dr).
8. Espoir Muhabwantebe.
9. Alex Atiko.
12. Dennis Egesa.
14. Peter Ojok.
15. Ayub Mugabi.
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Ordained in the order of elders
1. Geoffrey Pushat W. Thaitinga
2. Beth Wangai Ndegwa
3. Stanley Mwiti Ringera
4. Stephen Duang Nyaot
5. Andrew Odede Agala

Probationary elders
1. James Kinoti
2. Rosemary Iserene
3. Ordained in the order of Deacon
4. Lawrence Muthuri

Conference Board of Pensions
The 26th Session of The EAAC Board of pensions proposed that due to the creation of the two
Conferences and one Provisional annual Conference. It was important each conference in their
reorganization to come up with Pension & Heath Boards and report in their next respective
annual conferences. That they were ready to share pastors’ information they had with each
Annual Conference leadership once they were notified of their readiness. This proposal was
adopted by the conference sessions.

Report on Village Church Planting
Rev James MWOHO gave a report on village church planting and it was adopted.
Educational Presentation Speech –


Professor Esther Mombo, ACK Tradition, presented the educational speech “The Power of Education in Developing Women for Ministry.” Mombo has served St. Paul’s University for 15 years. The Professor took the conference through a simple arithmetic asking who make up the majority gender in the local churches. The response was affirmative, the women. And she added they are the largest majority in all Christian denomination including United Methodist.

Prof Esther read “Go and tell, 2 Timothy 2:13-15; women were commissioned by Jesus Christ to go and tell the gospel; it’s time for East Africa Episcopal Area to reclaim and tell the good news the way you were told to do.” However, today’s Christians tend to interpret the Bible according to their culture and what has informed them is what they would go and tell. The church’s tradition in gender relations have continued to perpetuate women discrimination in African societies and hence left out in many undertakings. Even if they had constructive contribution would not be listened. “Women have been denied chance to theological studies and it has become hard for them to go and tell the good news like their male counterparts. Serving becomes hard if women are left out because they make the biggest percentages of the congregations in church.” “The Christian foundation was led by women from their houses in terms of religious activities in ministry.” Empowering women to theological education in Africa is an investment and not waste of resources.
Women in ministry service

This is their very core areas of service. Women do most of the very important ministries in the church. They prepare most of the things in the church, cleaning, dressing, arranging the pews, chairs and alter. They visit the sick in hospitals, homes, and even contact prayer with them. They too prepare teas and play of the stewardship roles. But when it comes to leadership roles the minority “men” are the ones who are elected or appointed.

Women and education entails that women do not like each other. Being the majority but would rather elect the minority men and not one of their own. And sometime the minority men speak.

CONFERENCE RULES & POLICIES

1. The Chairman SHALL open the session at the appointed time with suitable devotional exercises.

2. The secretary, at the opening of the Annual Conference, shall make the roll-call. Any delegates not present for roll-call shall make his / her presence known to the Secretary immediately upon arrival.

3. No member shall absent himself/herself from a Session without, prior notice to the Conference Secretary in writing at least one hour to the beginning of the session.

4. Each member during the Conference Session, shall retain their seat first selected by him /her, unless a request for change is granted by the Conference Secretary.

5. The Presiding Officer shall decide points of order.

6. Securing the Floor:
   A member who desires to speak shall go to a microphone and wait until recognized by the Presiding Officer. When recognized, please announce your name and church/charge or conference relationship. If two or more rise at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall decide who shall speak first.

7. Interrupting the Speaker:
   Please do not interrupt the speaker except for a point of order, a misrepresentation, a parliamentary inquiry, a point of information, or to call attention to the time for an order of the date for additional details).

8. Making Speeches
   - No member shall speak more than three minutes unless the time is extended or reduced by the Conference.
   - No member shall speak for a second time on the same question if others who desire to speak have not spoken.
- No member may speak more than twice on the same subject under the same motion.

8. Speaking For and Against
   The presiding officer will ascertain on which side a member proposes to speak and shall
   not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of a pending
   question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the
   other side. Except for undebatable motions, no question shall be decided without
   opportunity given for at least two speeches for and against a question. After three
   speeches for and against, the question shall be put automatically.

9. Motion and Amendments in Writing.
   Any motion or amendment of five or more words shall be submitted to the Secretary in
   writing on the official duplicate forms.

10. Debating the Main Motion
    The main motion may be open to debate under the following motions:
        a) to adopt,
        b) to commit or refer,
        c) to substitute,
        d) to postpone and to reconsider.

    No new motion, resolution or subject shall be entertained until the one under
    consideration has been disposed of as provided in the Rules of the Session.

11. Amendments
    Original motions may be amended. This amendment may also be amended. The
    amendment to an amendment cannot be amended. A substitute shall be considered an
    amendment.

12. Substitutions
    Substitutions may be offered when resolutions or committee reports are under
    consideration, even if amendments are pending. The substitute shall be an alternative to
    what is before the conference. The Conference shall first perfect the original report or
    resolution, including amendments. The same process will then be followed re: the
    substitution. The question shall then be put first on the motion to substitute, if it prevails, it
    becomes the main motion. If it fails, the main motion comes before the

13. Tabling Motions
    No motion that has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself.

14. Referring Reports
    It is in order for the Conference to refer a part of a report or resolution or any amendment
    offered thereto.

15. Previous Question
    Any member who moves the previous question shall also indicate to what it applies, if any
    secondary motion or motions are also pending. The motion to move the previous question
shall be taken without debate and requires a two-thirds vote of members present for adoption. If adopted, the vote on the motion(s) shall be taken.

16. Reconsideration
A motion to reconsider shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion to be reconsidered is undebatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

17. Any conference Delegate shall vote: for, against, or remain neutral on the motion when a vote is taken. No delegate shall be allowed to vote or address the Conference when out of his / her seat.

18. All business of the Annual Conference shall be conducted under the provisions of (2012) United Methodist Church Book of Discipline.

**Organizational Motion**
In order to expedite the business of the Annual Conference, the following motion is offered. Be it in order that:

1) The printed agenda in the 2016 Annual Conference Booklet is subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary, shall be the agenda of the Annual Conference.

2) The bounds of the Conference will be all chairs in the meeting hall, except those on the extreme left and right, as designated by Conference Guests signs. Those chairs are not in the bar of the Conference, but are for guests and non-voting members.

3) The roll call of attendance shall be taken from name tags presented by members of the Conference at the time of registration.

4) The Rules of the Session as printed in the 2016 booklet, subject to any revisions as may have been or may be presented and adopted by the Annual Conference, shall be the rules of this 26th session.

5) Only such reports and material provided in writing to the Conference Secretary by June 27, 2016 shall be printed in the 2015 booklet.

6) The Daily Proceedings reports in the 2016 Conference Booklet, signed by Presiding Bishop and the Conference Secretary, shall be the official minutes of the 2016 Annual Conference.

The rules were adopted.
Organization and Order Membership

- Clergy members include: Members in full connection, provisional members, associate members, affiliate members, and local pastors under full-time and part-time appointment to a pastoral charge
- Lay members elected by their charge conference or who serve in certain lay capacities within the conference
- Diaconal Ministers whose membership is in the Conference.
- Other conference attendees shall be seated and shall have a voice but no vote. These persons may not make or second motions.

Distribution of Materials

Only worship materials and those legislative materials declared to be emergency measures by the Presiding Officer shall be distributed on chairs or otherwise within the bar of the conference.

Guidelines for Vesting for Worship

By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called by God to a particular form of ministry. Over the centuries, the Church has developed traditions of dress for worship that hold up and celebrate the many forms of Christian ministry. Vestments signify our calling and order, not our rank or status. In that spirit of honoring and celebrating various forms of ministry, The EAAC Board of Ordained Ministry offers a guideline for the wearing of vestments. Based on information from the General Boards and the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, let these recommendations be our guidelines for vesting:

Laity: Because the ministry of the laity is in the society in which we live, they vest for worship in the contemporary dress of society.

Certified Lay Ministers & Local Hires: Those who are hired to serve in the local church but have no license are lay persons and should dress for worship as a lay person.

Lay persons consecrated to a specific ministry may wear the symbols of their consecration office such as Deaconess Scarves, chaplains’ pins, symbols of diaconal ministry etc.

Provisional Members, Associate Members and Licensed Local Pastors may choose to vest in an alb or a preaching robe to designate their calling to lead in the ministry of a local congregation.

The Stole is uniquely a symbol of ordination and should be worn only by those ordained individuals as follows:
**Deacon:** Ordained Deacons vest in the alb or robe with a stole placed diagonally across the body lying on the left shoulder and joined under the right arm to indicate their ordination to the ministry of Service and Word.

**Elder:** Ordained Elders vest in an alb or robe with a stole yoked behind the neck to indicate their ordination to Word, Service, Sacrament, and order.

**Bishop:** Bishops are Elders who have been consecrated to a special ministry of supervision. The Crosier, (shepherd’s staff), is added to the vestments of the Elder and indicates this ministry of supervision.

**Lunch break at 13. 15 hours**

The sessions broke for a lunch break and were to be back by 2.15 hours

**HISTORICAL CLERGY INFORMATION**

It was resolved during the clergy sessions to preserve the clergy information since the establishments of East Africa Annual Conference in 1998 and before as well as its preceding conferences.

**The 25th Session Ordination of Pastors East Africa Annual Conference Session, August 18-21, 2015 Kigali-Rwanda**

The BOOM recommended and elected the following Candidates for Ordination, as Elders, Commissioning as Provisionary Elder, and Recognition of Ordination orders during the clergy sessions.

**A. Recommended Candidates for Ordination of Elders:**

Samuel Barajigina District GISENYI
Theogene Dusabimana District GISENYI
Faustin Habarurema District GISENYI
Paul Mbugua Gichuru Naivasha
Stephen Eyapan - Nakuru
Enos Amadi Kadidi - Mombasa
Daniel Wanjau Nyambura Nakuru
Douglas Patrick Bwire Busia kenya
Richard Oundo                                   Busia Uganda   BA Div

B. Recommended Candidates for Commissioning as Provisionary Elders:

1. Jean Claude Busimba                 District GISENYI
2. Boniface Uwimana                    District GISENYI
3. Prosper Ntirenganya                 District GISENYI
4. Daniel Manishimwe                   District GISENYI
5. George Thoithi Shaban - Naivasha district
6. Benson Mbobua                       Naivasha District
7. Lugobe Fad                          District kamuli-Uganda   BA Div
8. Solomon Obita                       District of Uganda Dip
9. Damulira Christopher                District- Uganda   BA Div
10. Alex kareberebe                    District diploma Dip
11. Cissy kunya                        District kampala Uganda Dip
12. paul mugeri                        District Uganda   Dip

C. Recommended and elected by the clergy sessions as Elders from Rwanda whose ordination is to be recognized in UMC:

1. Rev. Nsengiyumva Tharcisse          District GISENYI
2. Rev. Jean Marie Karekezi             District MUSANZE

D. Recommended and elected during the clergy sessions as Candidates for ordination of Deacons

The report was given by Rev. Kephas Otieno Oloo, Chairperson, BOOM/EAAC.

The Ordination report during the 24TH Session of the EAAC at Mukono Uganda

ORDINATION DURING 24TH sessions of EAAC, AUGUST 2014

The following candidate were recommended by the BOOM and elected during the clergy session and were ordained in the annual conference by the Presiding Bishop Daniel Wandabula in 24th session of the EAAC in Mukono, at Humble school, Uganda.
1. Patrick Felix wandera  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  
2. Wilton Thomas Abangi Odongo  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  
3. Davies Oduori Musigo  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  
4. Nicholas Okoth Iongo  
   Central Nyanza  
   Kenya  
5. Wilkins Obongi  
   Eastern Nyanza  
   Kenya  
6. Thamas Juma Wanyama  
   Busia  
   Kenya  
7. Francis Odongo Opondo  
   Busia  
   Kenya  
8. Bayingana Elie Rwanda  
9. Kanyamikenke Safari Celestine  
   Rwanda  
10. Mastaki Pascal  
    Rwanda  
11. Rurayi Joseph  
    Rwanda  
12. Rusizana Manase  
    Rwanda  

To be commissioned as provisional members of the EAAC  

1. Meshack Kabaga Lumbe  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  
2. Mukakimoyo Julian Rwanda  
3. Gatsinze Emmanuel Rwanda  
4. Munyango Emmanuel  
   Rwanda  
5. Blaise Nyaga Upper Eastern Kenya  
6. Shadrack Kirema Upper Eastern Kenya  
7. Stanley Mwiti Ringera Lower Eastern Kenya  
8. Stephen Nyataot Daong  
   Lower Eastern  
   Kenya  
9. Zachary Karuiki Wanyeki  
   Lowers Eastern Kenya  

ORDINATION DURING THE 23rd SESSION OF THE EAAC 2013 MIGORI KENYA  

The following is a list of persons that were licensed, commissioned or ordained at the 2013 East Africa Annual Conference in Migori.  

ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION (8)  

1. Sanson Sherk Okello,  
2. Moses Musooko,
3. Mwita Thomas Kennedy,
4. Anthony Wandera Maiga,
5. Eliud K. Karanja,
6. Stanley Moracha,
7. Susan M. Momanyi and

DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION (3)
1. Alice Wasilwa Otieno,
2. Hannah Wairimu Ng’ang’a and

Provisional Members
1. Stephen Eyapan,
2. Joseph Wabwire Okumu,
3. Paul Mbugua and
4. Joseph Ouma Nanyanga

In May, 2012 during 22nd Session of EAAC, Ordination Report.
The clergy sessions elected the following candidate having been recommending by the BOOM for ordination and commissioning in the following orders.

Order of elders
1. Ferdinand David Egessa, Busia Kenya
2. Carol Alois Ososo, Nairobi Kenya
3. Rev Kephas Otieno Oloo Central Nyanza Kenya
4. Rev Moses Maina Karuiki Naivasha Kenya
5. Rev Josam Karuiki was received as an elder from IPCEA- Nakuru Kenya

Commissioned as Probationary Elders
1. Wilton Thomas Odongo Nairobi Kenya
2. Patrick Felix Wandera Nairobi Kenya
3. Davies Musigo  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  

4. Thomas Juma Wanyama  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  

13. Harrison Odhiambo  
   South Nyanza  
   Kenya  

14. John Bobo  
   South Nyanza  
   Kenya  

9. Sanson Sherk Okello,  
   Nakuru  
   Kenya  

10. Moses Musooko,  
   Kamuli  
   Kenya  

11. Mwita Thomas Kennedy,  
   South Nyanza  
   Kenya  

12. Anthony Wandera Maiga,  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  

13. Eliud K. Karanja,  
   Nairobi  
   Kenya  

14. Stanley Moracha,  
   Eastern Nyanza  
   Kenya  

15. Susan M. Momanyi and  
   Eastern Nyanza  
   Kenya  

5. Robert Kingstone Ochieng  
   Central Nyanza  
   Kenya  

**In October 2003 Ordination of Deacons**

1. Kephas Otieno Oloo

2. Moses Maina Karuiki

**In 2000** Rev Paul Matheri was received as an elder in the United Methodist in its 14<sup>th</sup> Session from IPCEA

**In 1999** Rev Wilson Amwogo Rungu received with ministerial credentials as an elder from PEFA CHURCH into the United Methodist Church during its 13<sup>th</sup> Session, EAAC, but now deceased.

**In 1998** in Naivasha during the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of East Africa Annual conference received Rev Daniel A. Wandabula into the UMC from the British Methodist Church Uganda.

In Uganda **1992** the following were Ordained in Burundi Annual Conference

**Order of Elders**

1. Rev Solomon Muwanga

2. Rev James Mwoho
3. Rev Lukas Hamilie
4. Rev John Kiviri
5. Rev Elieza Ona
6. Rev Franco Alitema
7. Rev Fred Bamulitura
8. Rev Emmanuel Magina

Order of Deacons
9. Rev Rebecca Muwanga   Deacon

STATISTICAL REPORTS IN THE EAST AFRICA EPISCOPAL AREA

Each Conference gave its own Statistics by their respective Statistician. The former entire East Africa Annual Conference her statistics were submitted by outgoing Statistician Rev Wilton Odongo, ie. Statistics for Kenya-Ethiopia, Uganda-South Sudan conferences and Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference. He reported that the only affected reports were of that of the clergy which reflects their current status. But on church members urged District statistician to lairs with their charges /parish / circuit statistician and update our data before the publication of the conference journal.

a) Burundi Annual Conference

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Membership: This section asks about the members of churches in your annual conference in 2015. These numbers are important because they help calculate the number of delegates for General Conference as well as the amount paid towards apportionments.

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<td>134,364</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Baptized Members</strong>: How many members (including children) are baptized as Christians but are not professing members of the UMC(¶ 215, See Attached)?</td>
<td>75,524</td>
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3. **Constituents**: How many other people attend church? These people are not baptized or professing. They may be called constituents or friends of the church.  
   2,861

4. **Professions of Faith**: How many new disciples professed their faith to the UMC this year?  
   167

5. **Number of Baptisms**: How many people were baptized this year?  
   310

6. **Average Weekly Worship Attendance**: How many people on average attend church every week?  
   106,050

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**Small Groups**: These questions ask about Sunday schools, church classes, and small groups.

1. **Number of Sunday School Classes**: How many Sunday Schools, church classes, or small groups are offered in your local churches?  
   4

2. **Sunday School Attendance**: How many people attend Sunday School, church classes, or small groups each week?  
   83

**Structure**: These questions ask you to describe the structure of your annual conference.

1. Number of districts  
   10

2. Number of charges/circuits  
   264

3. Number of organized churches  
   260

4. Number of preaching places  
   303

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**Clergy**: These questions ask about the clergy that serve your annual conference. Please count each clergy member only once.

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<td>3. <strong>Licensed Local Pastors</strong></td>
<td>44</td>
<td>20</td>
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</table>
4. **Grand Total:** How many total clergy members are in your annual conference?

   | 449 |

5. **Lay Pastors:** How many lay people serve as local pastors or preachers?

   | 17 | 3 | 0 |

b) Kenya –Ethiopia annual Conference

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**Membership:** This section asks about the members of churches in your annual conference in 2015. These numbers are important because they help calculate the number of delegates for General Conference as well as the amount paid towards apportionments.

7. **Professing Membership:** How many members are baptized as Christians and are professing members of the UMC (¶ 215, See Attached)?

   | 17537 |

8. **Baptized Members:** How many members (including children) are baptized as Christians but are not professing members of the UMC (¶ 215, See Attached)?

   | 3811 |

9. **Constituents:** How many other people attend church? These people are not baptized or professing. They may be called constituents or friends of the church.

   | 2016 |

10. **Professions of Faith:** How many new disciples professed their faith to the UMC this year?

    | 549  |

11. **Number of Baptisms:** How many people were baptized this year?

    | 442  |

12. **Average Weekly Worship Attendance:** How many people on average attend church every week?

    | 5421 |

**Small Groups:** These questions ask about Sunday schools, church classes, and small groups.

3. **Number of Sunday School Classes:** How many Sunday Schools, church classes, or small groups are offered in your local churches?

   | 4835 |

4. **Sunday School Attendance:** How many people attend Sunday School, church classes, or small groups each week?

   | 5385 |

**Structure:** These questions ask you to describe the structure of your annual
Clergy Data –Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference
It was only the clergy data that was updated to reflect its currently status in 2016

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<td>6. <strong>Ordained Elders</strong>: How many elders ordained by a bishop are members of your annual conference (¶ 332-334)?</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>7. <strong>Ordained Deacons</strong>: How many deacons ordained by a bishop are members of your annual conference (¶ 331)?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>8. <strong>Licensed Local Pastors</strong>: How many local pastors licensed by a bishop or the Board of Ordained Ministry are members of your annual conference? This includes “associate members” or “associate elders.”</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>9. <strong>Grand Total</strong>: How many total clergy members are in your annual conference?</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>128</td>
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<td>10. <strong>Lay Pastors</strong>: How many lay people serve as local pastors or preachers?</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>4</td>
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136 clergy ministers

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c) Uganda –South Sudan Annual Conference - 2016

| Country Name: | Uganda - South Sudan Annual Conference |
| Annual Conference Name: | Uganda / South Sudan Conference |
| Person Completing Form: | Rev Wilton Odongo |
| Date of Data Collection: | 18th-20th August, 2-15 Kigali Rwanda During the 25th Session of East Africa and Burundi Annual Conferences |

Membership: This section asks about the members of churches in your District which you presented in the annual conference in 2015. These numbers are important because they help calculate the number of delegates.
for General Conference as well as the amount paid towards apportionments.

**Professing Membership**: How many members are baptized as Christians and are professed members of the UMC (¶ 215, See Attached)?

| **Professing Membership** | 15,711 |

**Baptized Members**: How many members (including children) are baptized as Christians but are not professing members of the UMC(¶ 215, See Attached)?

| **Baptized Members** | 5604 |

**Constituents**: How many other people attend church? These people are not baptized or professing. They may be called constituents or friends of the church.

| **Constituents** | 2923 |

**Professions of Faith**: How many new disciples professed their faith to the UMC this year?

| **Professions of Faith** | 500 |

**Number of Baptisms**: How many people were baptized this year?

| **Number of Baptisms** | 422 |

**Average Weekly Worship Attendance**: How many people on average attend church every week?

| **Average Weekly Worship Attendance** | 8728 |

**Small Groups**: These questions ask about Sunday schools, church classes, and small groups.

**Number of Sunday School Classes**: How many Sunday Schools, church classes, or small groups are offered in your local churches?

| **Number of Sunday School Classes** | 40 |

**Sunday School Attendance**: How many People attend Sunday School, church classes, or small groups each week?

| **Sunday School Attendance** | 3635 |

**Structure**: These questions ask you to describe the structure of your District.

| **Number of district** | 9 |
| **Number of charges/circuits/parishes** | 27 |
| **Number of organized churches** | 32 |
| **Number of preaching places** | 63 |

### Clergy Data – Uganda South Sudan Annual Conference – 2016

**Clergy**: These questions ask about the clergy that serve your District. Please count each clergy member only once.

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2. **Ordained Deacons**: How many deacons ordained by a bishop are members of your District (¶ 331)?

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<td>3</td>
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3. **Licensed Local Pastors/Provisional Elders**: How many local pastors licensed by a bishop or the Board of Ordained Ministry are members of your District? This includes “associate members” or “associate elders.”

4. **Grand Total**: How many total clergy members are in your District?

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5. **Lay Pastors**: How many lay people serve as local pastors or preachers?

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**d) Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference**

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| 14. | **Baptized Members**: How many members (including children) are baptized as Christians but are not professing members of the UMC (¶ 215, See Attached)? |       | 697    |

| 15. | **Constituents**: How many other people attend church? These people are not baptized or professing. They may be called constituents or friends of the church. |       | 1.218  |

| 16. | **Professions of Faith**: How many new disciples professed their faith to the UMC this year? |       | 742    |

| 17. | **Number of Baptisms**: How many people were baptized this year? |       | 315    |

| 18. | **Average Weekly Worship Attendance**: How many people |       | 5.417  |
on average attend church every week?

Small Groups: These questions ask about Sunday schools, church classes, and small groups.

5. **Number of Sunday School Classes**: How many Sunday Schools, church classes, or small groups are offered in your local churches? 97

6. **Sunday School Attendance**: How many people attend Sunday School, church classes, or small groups each week? 1.126

Structure: These questions ask you to describe the structure of your annual conference.

9. Number of districts 5
10. Number of charges/circuits 12
11. Number of organized churches 37
12. Number of preaching places 9

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Break: there was a short break of 30 minutes recess.
APPORTIONMENTS REPORTS

The 26th sessions adopted the apportionment report read by the leader of delegation Dean Ososo on the Global Apportionments, and Africa Central Conference Apportionments. Rev Ososo said that were still waiting for GCFA to send the global apportionment. Therefore, as conference should be prepared as it was passed at the 2016 General Conference for central conference to participate. It is part of us once it will be sent then Finance Committees shall work out modalities and advice various district(s) on their apportioned figure to raise.

However, with us we have the Africa Central Conference budget as apportioned to each annual conference as here bellow:

**Africa Central Conference 2017 / 2020 Budget**

*Financial Budgetary Report*

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*Unpaid Income allocation*

- **Angola West**
  - k 4,000,000 / 253 = $ 15810
  - Budget allocation $ 20,000.00 paid $ 15,810.28 balance $4189.72
  - Angola East paid into Banco soi $ 5,000.00

- **Angola East**
  - Budget allocation: $ 15,000.00 paid $7500 balance $ 7500.00

- **Received from Redentor UMC Metcash** (k 50,000.00)
  - The $ 20,000.00 from GBGM is still to be located in Zimbabwe Episcopal Area Account.

As of now Zimbabwe area treasurer has confirmed he instructed gbgm to transfer the money to Angolan account number which the treasurer was given.
Budget income & expenditure for the 2017 to 2020

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Point to Note:

The Presiding President encouraged the District and all local churches to take part in this connectional giving. This is part of our Christian obligation as United Methodist Members. In the
last quadrennial churches we did not participate. This was quite a shamming it out time we take our connectional responsibilities.

The Bishop invites Rev Odongo, who did a practical presentation on how districts and churches were to realize this noble obligation worldwide giving he said,

**For Example**

Apportioned Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference US Dollars’ 10,000/=  
Therefore, it is upto this Annual Conference to start apportioning this funds to various districts per year for the next four years.

**Example Year 1**

Apportionment 10000 US Dollars divided by 4 years = 2500/-  
Thus 2500 US Dollars divide by 14 districts each 179 $ lets round off to the nearest ten = therefore, each District to raise 180 US dollars per year per year (180 x 100ksh= 18,000ksh)  
Take like Nairobi has four organized charges / churches divide this by 4 ACTIVE CHURCHES is equal to 45 $ (nearly 4500ksh).

1. Kayole St John’s UMC  
2. Riruta UMC  
3. Huruma UMC  
4. Highrise UMC  
Thus, 45 $ (4500 ksh) divided into three quarters 15$ equivalent to ksh 1500/- per quarter per the four organized churches.

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General Grand Total for three quotas: ------------------------------- KSH: 18,000.00

Therefore, for every year Nairobi District raises

YEAR 1 --------------------------------------------------------------- KSH: 18,000.00

Year II --------------------------------------------------------------- KSH: 18,000.00

Year III --------------------------------------------------------------- KSH: 18,000.00

Year IV --------------------------------------------------------------- KSH: 18,000.00

The Conference session applauded and affirmed it was workable. The report was unanimously passed.

Ordination Rehearsal

The Bishop and all cabinet members led the ordination preparation and familiarized with the Ordination liturgical service.

Ordination Service

Ordination service liturgy was led by Rev Anthony Maiga

Preacher - Dr. Dorcas Chebet Juma   lecturer at the Presbyterian University
Theme: “Reconstructing your image and identity- East Africans before you Go”

DR. Chebet Spoke about “Reconstructing your image and identity; ‘I am created in the image and likeness of God,’ it’s what you say from the inside out those counts.”“Transform your pains into the passion to succeed because when the power to transform your image comes from the inside — out, it’s so powerful that nothing can stop it.”“I am a child of God and I can do it.”

ELECTIONS OF CONFERENCES SECRETARIES, STATISTICIANS

The Bishop called the session to order to finish up the business of conference.

Each session elected her Conference Secretaries and Statisticians in the following order

Kenya-Ethopian Annual Conference –

a) Conference Secretary

Mr. Muriuki from Lower Eastern District proposed Rev Wilton Odongo and seconded by Rev Paul Matheri. There was no any other proposal floated on the floor hence Rev Wilton T.A. Odongo announced elected unopposed.

b) Conference Statistician

Rev Carol Alois Ososo from Busia District proposed Rev Kennedy Thomas Mwita and was seconded by Deacon Jariot from Naivasha.

No other proposal was floated on the floor hence Rev Kenned Thomas Mwita was elected unopposed.

Uganda –South Sudan Annual Conference –

a) Conference Secretary

Pastor Fad Lugobe was proposed and seconded for conference secretary

Rev James Mwoho was proposed and seconded for Conference Secretary
Thus Uganda – South Sudan delegates elected Rev James Mwoho with 11 votes against 7 votes. Thus, Rev James Mwoho became the Conference Secretary for Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference.

b). Conference Statistician – Rev Isaac Kyambaddye was elected unopposed.

**Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference** –

a) Conference Secretary elected Rev Alexies Nzabonimpa elected for Rwanda provisional Conference

b) Conference Statistician Rev Elias Muharirwa was elected.

**Burundi Annual Conference** –

a) Conference Secretary elected Rev Lazurus Bakuranze for Burundi Conference

b) Conference Statistician

**Resolutions adopted by the conference:**

A resolution was adopted that dissolved the East Africa Annual Conference and affirmed the Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences as established by the Africa Central Conference and the General Conference:

1. Kenya/Ethiopia Annual Conference, created in 2016 by the Africa Central Conference in Luanda, Angola

2. Uganda/South Sudan Annual Conference, created in 2016 by the Africa Central Conference in Luanda, Angola

3. Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference, created in 2016 by the General Conference in Portland, Oregon.

4. Burundi Annual Conference, created in 2012 by the General Conference in Tampa, Florida
In other action:

- Each conference formed a Committee on Finance and Administration.
- Each conference read its budget proposal.
- Each annual conference elected its conference secretaries and statisticians.
- Upheld the Africa Central Conference resolution recommended in Angola that East Africa Episcopal Area become an independent central conference based on the expansion and creation of the new annual conferences in the region.
- Burundi should become an independent Episcopal Area based on its boundary come 2020 General Conference. This was based on the fact that Burundi had been the mother of the East Africa Episcopal Area.
- Urged pastors to give women more opportunities to attend theological education as they make up the largest percentages in the churches and they stay most with the young people hence investing in the women’s ministry will help the church grow.
- Each annual Conferences / Districts were urged to establish training colleges / intuitions to meets emerging needs of the church and society.
- Several committees were formed to oversee the smooth works of the church, including the committee on the general board of pension and health benefits. A committee on general commission and finance and administration also was formed for each annual conference, with each selecting three members to manage and represent them. Each conference then read their budget for the year 2017 with the help of the conference treasurer.
- It also was resolved that the church in Africa will not support same-sex marriages, because it’s against their cultural traditions and the Bible.
Appointments
Each Conference was mandated to read by each annual conference as you shall see in the appendixes.

Disciplinary Questions
All the Dean of superintendents responded to disciplinary question as they were asked by the Presiding President Bishop Daniel Wandabula during the 26th sessions of the East Africa Annual Conferences. See the appendixes

Next site for the next Annual Conference
The Dates and Places for the 2017 Annual Conferences Sessions hosting were announced as follows. The 2017 annual conferences sessions will be held in each country as follows:

- Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference at Humble United Methodist School, Aug. 24
- Kenya -Ethiopia Annual Conference will be held between Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at Trinity UMC in Naivasha District.
- Burundi Annual Conference will be held in Burundi, date and venue to be announced.

Petitions
Dissolution of the East Africa Annual Conference
Just before the closure of the Conference session a petition was brought to the floor of the session to officially dissolve the large East Africa Annual Conference. Rev Wilton Odongo from Nairobi District petitioned for the dissolution of the East Africa Annual Conference to pave way
for created new conference and provisional annual conference to function effected as 27th August, 2016.

**Petitions**

1. “With the creation of the two Annual Conferences; Kenya-Ethiopia and Uganda-South Sudan Conferences by Africa Central Conference in its 13th Session in August 10-14, Luanda Angola and affirmed the resolution passed by the 2016 general conference in Portland Oregon in May 2016 which created Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference, therefore, move that the East Africa Annual Conference stands dissolved in this 26th Session of the East Africa Annual Conference on 26th August at its closings sessions.

**Historical forwarding remarks**

The Bishop said that it was in Kenya, Naivasha in 1998 when the name East Africa was born a abandoning the founding name Burundi Annual Conference and again it is in Kenya, now in Busia Nangina where the names East Africa stands dissolved during 26th Session what a history being made and repeating itself.

Just on the announcement of the dissolution of East Africa Annual Conference

2. One Rev Stanley Mwiti Ringera from Lower Eastern District petitioned that the tenure of all District Superintendent to start afresh with the new dispensation of each annual conference. And even the delegates votes yes to this petition.

However, Bishop referred the matter to relevant committee to help with the interpretation of the discipline on this tenure of superintendent. The committee’s findings shall be reported to their next respective annual conference sessions in 2017.
3. The 2016 petitions to Africa Central Conference tabled and shall see them in the appendixes.

**Benediction : Bishop Daniel Wandabula**

There being no any other business, Bishop DANIEL gave his compliments and words of hope and courage for new born conferences. He therefore, gave benediction, and officially closed the dissolved 26th Sessions of the East Africa Annual Conferences at around 7.15 p.m.

**Dinner**

Thus member were served with dinner and left at their own pleasure for resting

**APPENDIXES**

1. **Ordination Forms**

Here are the recommended forms to be used by Local Church SPPR, Parishes / Charges, dCOM, & CBOOM in the East Africa Episcopal Area.

**Action Outline #3**

*Local Pastor Completion of Studies & Orientation to Ministry*

*BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013*

Action:
The dCOM certifies the completion of the prescribed studies and the Orientation to Ministry to the candidate and the BOM, and the candidate is to be listed in the conference journal as eligible to be appointed as local pastor.
The bishop awards the license as a local pastor only when an appointment to a pastoral charge is made (see ¶ 316).

Suggested Motion:
Move that be certified as having completed the prescribed studies for licensing as a local pastor (pending completion of those studies and the Orientation to Ministry) that he/she be listed in the conference journal as eligible for appointment, and that the bishop award the license as a local pastor if and when appointed.

Note:
“Pending completion of those studies” shown above in parentheses should be included when action is taken before the candidate has completed licensing school and/or Orientation to Ministry.

Requirements:
1. Certification as a candidate for ministry (see Candidacy Certification, ¶ 310).
2. The Orientation to Ministry.
3. Completed studies for the license as a local pastor or one third of the work for a master of divinity degree.
4. Been examined (interviewed) by the dCOM.
5. The candidate must receive approval of the BOM and provide the BOM with a satisfactory certificate of good health.

Persons awarded the license as a local pastor shall be classified as one of the following:
1. Full-time local pastor (¶ 318.1)
2. Part-time local pastor (¶ 318.2)
3. Student local pastor (¶ 318.3)

Note:
Approval for licensing must be renewed annually (see Continuance as a Local Pastor, ¶ 319 BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

Action Outline #4
Local Pastor Continuance Recommendation
BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

Action:
The dCOM recommends continuance of local pastor’s eligibility and license annually.

Suggested Motion:
Move that be recommended for continuance as a local pastor (or listed as eligible to be appointed as local pastor if not currently under appointment).

Date of Vote: ____________________________________________________________

Requirements:

1. Evidence of satisfactory progress in the Course of Study, in college or in seminary (¶319) until they have completed educational requirements within eight years for Full Time Local Pastors and with 12 years for Part Time Local Pastors see ¶319.3)

2. Annual report of the clergy mentor.

3. Recommendation to the district superintendent.

Registrar of EAAC Board of Ordained Ministry 2016
**Action Outline #6**  
**Provisional Membership Recommendation**  
BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

**Action:** The dCOM must recommend in writing on the basis of three-fourths majority vote those requesting provisional membership toward deacon’s orders or elder’s orders (¶324.10).

**Suggested Motion:** Move that____________________________________________ be recommended for election to provisional membership toward:

____________Deacon’s orders

____________ Elder’s orders

Date of Vote: _____________________________________________________

**Requirements:**
1. Will have been certified as a candidate for at least one year, but no longer than 12 years, before being elected to provisional membership.

2. Will have met educational and other requirements as outlined in ¶324.

3. Submit Medical Form (Form 103).

4. Will have submitted Application for Clergy Relationship to the annual conference (form 105).

5. Be willing to sign a disclosure statement (¶324.12).

Note: In the event that the person being recommended for provisional membership has previously been ordained as a deacon or elder, the motion shall be amended to allow for the recognition of order (¶348).

Registrar of EAAC Board of Ordained Ministry 2016
**Action Outline #7**

**Associate Membership Recommendation**

BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

**Action:** The dCOM recommends candidates for election as associate members.

**Suggested Motion:** Move that ____________________________ be recommended for election as an associate member of the annual conference.

**Date of Vote:** ____________________________

**Note:** Those elected to associate membership under the 2012 Book of Discipline shall not be ordained as deacons. Instead they shall be given a permanent license for pastoral ministry.

**Requirements:**

1. Have reached the age of 40 (¶322.1).

2. Served four years as full-time local pastor.

3. Completed the five-year Course of Study in addition to the studies for license as a local pastor with no more than one-half taken by correspondence or online/distance learning.

4. Completed at least 60 semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts degree or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate.

5. Will have submitted application for clergy relationship to annual conference (form 105).

6. Be willing to meet the other requirements listed in ¶322.1 of the 2012 Book of Discipline as required by the Board of Ordained Ministry.
Action Outline #8
Readmission to Conference Relationship
BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

Action: Recommends to the Board of Ordained Ministry the restoration of credentials for all persons requesting readmission to provisional membership (¶365), readmission after honorable or administrative location (¶366), readmission after leaving the ministerial office (¶367), or readmission after termination by action of the annual conference (¶368).

Suggested Motion: Move that ____________________________ be recommended for readmission to conference relationship and restoration of credentials.

Date of Vote: ____________________________

Requirements:
1. The candidate’s qualifications and the circumstances relating to their discontinuance be reviewed.

2. In case of persons who were honorably or administratively located a valid certification of location.

3. A satisfactory report and recommendation by their charge conference and pastor (optional).

4. A satisfactory certificate of good health.

5. In case of persons terminated by action of the annual conference, the recommendation shall be for readmission to provisional membership and restoration of credentials; this recommendation is contingent upon completion of all candidacy requirements found in ¶ 310 and provisional membership requirements found in ¶ 324.

Note: The BOM may require a psychological assessment report.
SAMPLE
This form is available from the candidacy registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry or your candidacy mentor.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY
RECOMMENDATION OF CHARGE CONFERENCE or EQIVALENT DETERMINED BY dCOM

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference or equivalent for certification as a candidate for:

License as Local Pastor _____________ provision membership’s _____________
Order of Deacons___________________ Order of Elders ________________________

Signed__________________________Date ______________________________

Signature of the Declared Candidate
APPLICATION FOR CLERGY RELATIONSHIP TO THE EAST AFRICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(BOM Handbook, Chapter 8, Candidacy and Candidacy Forms Form 105/2013)

First Name Middle Last Name

__________________________________________

Address

______________________________________________________________________________

____________________
Street                          City                          State                          Zip

Home Phone (____________) ______________________________ School or Office Phone
(____________) ______________

E-mail Address

__________________________________________Birthday_________________________________

Being fully persuaded that God has called me to be a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ,
I hereby request affirmation of that call by The United Methodist Church through the granting of
a clergy relationship to the annual conference through my _____________________________
District.
The relationship for which I am applying is

_____ Local Pastor

 _____ Part-time

 _____ Full-time

 _____ Associate Membership

 _____ Provisional Membership

 _____ Deacon in Full Connection

 _____ Elder in Full Connection

At the same time that I am applying for this relationship to the annual conference, I am also
applying for

 _____ License for Pastoral Ministry

 _____ License for Ministry of the Deacon

 _____ License for Ministry of the probationary elder

 _____ Ordination as a Deacon

 _____ Ordination as an Elder

 _____ Recognition of orders granted by another denomination

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

An application for membership in full connection is to be sent to the registrar of the Board of
Ordained Ministry. An application for license as a local pastor, associate membership, or
provisional membership is to be sent both to the district committee and Board of Ordained Ministry.

Information on required documentation is located on the reverse side of this page.

Form 105/2013

Documentation to be examined along with this Application for Clergy Relationship to the Annual Conference

License for Pastoral Ministry (¶315)
1. All documentation for candidacy certification
2. Report of the faculty of the licensing school or transcript from an approved school of theology indicating credit for one-third of the M.Div and or Degree / Diploma in the theological Studies in the case of EAAC.
3. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
4. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
5. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks (a letter of good conduct from Criminal Investigation Department, {CID}).
6. Psychological assessment report and any other information required by the Board of Ordained Ministry

Associate Membership (¶322)
1. Transcript from the Course of Study
2. College transcript with 60 semester hours credit or equivalent
3. Annual reports from a clergy mentor
4. Recommendation of the district superintendent
5. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
6. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
7. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks
8. Psychological assessment report and any other information required by the Board of Ordained Ministry

Provisional Membership (¶324)
1. College transcript indicating a Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent as determined by the Division of Ordained Ministry
2. Seminary transcript indicating completion of half of the MDiv, including one-half of the basic graduates theological studies; or Course of Study transcript indicating completion of five year Course of Study and 32 semester hours of graduate theological study or its equivalent through the Advanced Course of Study.
3. Annual reports of the clergy mentor
4. Recommendation of the district superintendent
5. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
6. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
7. Written responses to doctrinal questions
8. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks (a letter of good conduct from Criminal Investigation Department, {CID}).
9. Psychological assessment report and any other information required by the Board of Ordained Ministry

Membership in Full Connection (¶¶330, 335)
1. Reports of the clergy mentor
2. Recommendation of the district superintendent
3. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
4. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
5. Written responses to doctrinal questions (where required)
6. Project that demonstrates fruitfulness in carrying out the Church’s mission
7. Psychological assessment and other information as determined by the Board of Ordained Ministry (optional)
8. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks (a letter of good conduct from Criminal Investigation Department, [CID]).

**Recognition of Orders**
1. Certificate of Ordination
2. College transcript
3. Seminary transcript

**Apparel**
While not presiding and presiding at a service of worship, elders in the United Methodist Church are sometimes seen wearing the clerical collar and clergy shirt in public. Preaching tabs can also be worn around the neck in lieu of the clerical collar. It should be noted that many Methodist elders choose not to wear clerical clothing in their daily activities.

When presiding at a service of worship, Methodist elders are often seen wearing church vestments, namely the pulpit robe or alb, and to a lesser extent, the chasuble.

**Stoles** that reflect the season of the Christian year are worn over the vestment. Other elders choose not to wear vestments and are often seen in suits, dress clothes or casual clothing. However, stoles which represent the "yoke" of responsibility to the Church and to God are not to be worn unless the person has gone through the process of ordination which extends past education to a probationary period culminating with a formal ordination service where the Bishop presides.
Disclosure Form

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CANDIDATE’S DISCLOSURE FORM ¶324.12

Please complete this form, sign and date it, have your signature notarized and return it to;

Have you ever been?
1. Convicted of felony
   Yes
   No.
   No. ________
2. Convicted of misdemeanor
   Yes
   No. ________
3. Accused in writing of sexual misconduct or child abuse
   Yes
   No. ________

If you answered yes to any of these questions please explain!

Any relevant additional information should be provided in a responsible statement as an attachment to the form. (Note: it would preferable if this response statement would be included right on the disclosure statement.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name:

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn this ______________ day of ______________ 20____________

Form 114/2013
Complete this Candidacy form Application System.
Print copies to send to the Annual Conference Candidacy Registrar, and District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

District Committee on Ordained Ministry Approval Report for Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry

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Home Phone (_____) _____________________ School or Office Phone (_____) __________

E-mail Address __________________________ Birthday __________________________

Charge Conference ----------

District ____________________________________________

Annual Conference __________________________________

Candidacy Mentor ____________________________________

Name of District Superintendent ______________________

Date received affirmative vote from Charge Conference or equivalent body________________

Date met the district Committee on Ordained Ministry _________________________________

The candidate has completed *The Christian as Minister* and the first two chapters of *the Candidacy Guidebook* with a candidacy mentor.

Received Certification as a Candidate for:

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Certification Delayed ______ Certification Denied ______

During the candidacy studies the inquiring candidate decided not to continue a process toward ordained Ministry as a vocation. ______

A certified candidate must complete a minimum of 1 year, maximum 12 years as certified candidate prior to probationary membership._______________________________

Signature of Candidacy Mentor __________________________ Date____________________

E-Mail __________________________________________

*Complete this form in the Online Candidacy Application System but send to dCOM.*

Form 113/2013
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference or equivalent for certification as a candidate for:

Associate Member ___________________________ Provision Member ___________________________
Order of Deacons_________________________ Order of Elders __________ License as Local Pastor _______

Signed________________________________ Date __________________________

Signature of the Declared Candidate

APPLICATION FOR CLERGY RELATIONSHIP TO THE EAST AFRICA EPISCOPAL AREA
CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(BOM Handbook, Chapter 8, Candidacy and Candidacy Forms Form 105/2015)

First Name Middle Last Name _______________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________
Street                          City                          State                                      Zip
Home Phone (_____) _________________ School or Office Phone (_______) ___________
E-mail Address __________________ Birthday__________________________

Being fully persuaded that God has called me to be a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, I hereby request affirmation of that call by The United Methodist Church through the granting of a clergy relationship to the annual conference through my _______________________ District.

The relationship for which I am applying is
_____ Local Pastor
_____ Part-time
_____ Full-time
_____ Associate Membership
_____ Provisional Membership
_____ Deacon in Full Connection
_____ Elder in Full Connection

At the same time that I am applying for this relationship to the annual conference, I am also applying for
_____ License for Pastoral Ministry
_____ License for Ministry of the Deacon
_____ License for Ministry of the probationary elder
_____ Ordination as a Deacon
_____ Ordination as an Elder
_____ Recognition of orders granted by another denomination

Signature __________________________________ Date __________________________

BOM Handbook, Chapter 8, Candidacy and Candidacy Forms                  Form 105/2013
Local Pastor’s District File Content Checklist

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ___________________ ZIP _______________
Phone ___________________ Email____________________ Date file begun __________

Current appointment (charge) _____________________________________________
Date of appointment ____________________________________________________

Status:         ______Full time    _______ Part time          ________Student
                _____Not currently appointed (License to be returned.)
                _____Certified as a candidate (¶315.2a)  Date ______________________
                _____Completed Orientation to Ministry (¶315.2b)
                _____Local pastor’s licensing school completed and faculty evaluation and
recommendation received (¶315.2c)

Date competed _______________ School location ____________________________ Or
Completed 1/3 of M. Div. degree (¶315.2c) Seminary / Collage / University or (for EAAC
Conference Course of Study_______, Diploma in Theology ______or Bachelor of
theological Studies ______)
___________________Application for Clergy relationship to the annual conference (form
105)

_________Examined by the dCOM (¶315.2d)       Date ________________________
_________Approved by BOM (¶315.6b)       Date ________________________
_________BOM registrar notified of LP status       Date ________________________
_________Course of Study completed (Indicate if by correspondence)
        1st year ____     1st year advanced _____
        2nd year____     2nd year advanced _____
        3rd year ____     3rd year advanced _____
        4th year ____     4th year advanced _____
        5th year ____     
LP license renewed (must be renewed annually)
Dates ______________       ______________

__________Credentials (must be returned if no longer appointed)

BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2014
**Action Outline #3**

**Local Pastor Completion of Studies & Orientation to Ministry**

BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

**Action:** The dCOM certifies the completion of the prescribed studies and the Orientation to Ministry to the candidate and the BOM, and the candidate is to be listed in the conference journal as eligible to be appointed as local pastor.

The bishop awards the license as a local pastor only when an appointment to a pastoral charge is made (see ¶ 316).

**Suggested Motion:** Move that be certified as having completed the prescribed studies for licensing as a local pastor (pending completion of those studies and the Orientation to Ministry) that he/she be listed in the conference journal as eligible for appointment, and that the bishop award the license as a local pastor if and when appointed.

**Note:** “Pending completion of those studies” shown above in parentheses should be included when action is taken before the candidate has completed licensing school and/or Orientation to Ministry.

**Requirements:**

1. Certification as a candidate for ministry (see Candidacy Certification, ¶ 310).

2. The Orientation to Ministry.

3. Completed studies for the license as a local pastor or one third of the work for a master of divinity degree.

4. Been examined (interviewed) by the dCOM.

5. The candidate must receive approval of the BOM and provide the BOM with a satisfactory certificate of good health.

Persons awarded the license as a local pastor shall be classified as one of the following:

1. Full-time local pastor (¶ 318.1)

2. Part-time local pastor (¶ 318.2)

3. Student local pastor (¶ 318.3)

**Note:** Approval for licensing must be renewed annually (see Continuance as a Local Pastor, ¶ 319)

BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013
Action Outline #4
Local Pastor Continuance Recommendation

Action: The dCOM recommends continuance of local pastor’s eligibility and license annually.

Suggested Motion: Move that be recommended for continuance as a local pastor (or listed as eligible to be appointed as local pastor if not currently under appointment).

Date of Vote: _______________________________________________________

Requirements:
1. Evidence of satisfactory progress in the Course of Study, in college or in seminary (¶319) until they have completed educational requirements within eight years for Full Time Local Pastors and with 12 years for Part Time Local Pastors see ¶319.3)

2. Annual report of the clergy mentor.

3. Recommendation to the district superintendent.

Action Outline #6 Provisional Membership Recommendation
BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

Action: The dCOM must recommend in writing on the basis of three-fourths majority vote those requesting provisional membership toward deacon’s orders or elder’s orders (¶324.10).

Suggested Motion: Move that____________________________________________ be recommended for election to provisional membership toward:

__________Deacon’s orders
__________Elder’s orders

Date of Vote: _______________________________________________________

Requirements:
1. Will have been certified as a candidate for at least one year, but no longer than 12 years, before being elected to provisional membership.
2. Will have met educational and other requirements as outlined in ¶324.

3. Submit Medical Form (Form 103).

4. Will have submitted Application for Clergy Relationship to the annual conference (form 105).

5. Be willing to sign a disclosure statement (¶324.12).

Note: In the event that the person being recommended for provisional membership has previously been ordained as a deacon or elder, the motion shall be amended to allow for the recognition of order (¶348).
Action Outline #7
Associate Membership Recommendation
BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

Action: The dCOM recommends candidates for election as associate members.

Suggested Motion: Move that ____________________________ be recommended for election as an associate member of the annual conference.

Date of Vote: __________________________________________

Note: Those elected to associate membership under the 2012 Book of Discipline shall not be ordained as deacons. Instead they shall be given a permanent license for pastoral ministry.

Requirements:
1. Have reached the age of 40 (¶322.1).
2. Served four years as full-time local pastor.
3. Completed the five-year Course of Study in addition to the studies for license as a local pastor with no more than one-half taken by correspondence or online/distance learning.
4. Completed at least 60 semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts degree or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate.
5. Will have submitted application for clergy relationship to annual conference (form 105).
6. Be willing to meet the other requirements listed in ¶322.1 of the 2012 Book of Discipline as required by the Board of Ordained Ministry.
Action Outline #8

Readmission to Conference Relationship

BOM Handbook, Chapter 2, The District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 2013

Action: Recommends to the Board of Ordained Ministry the restoration of credentials for all persons requesting readmission to provisional membership (¶365), readmission after honorable or administrative location (¶366), readmission after leaving the ministerial office (¶367), or readmission after termination by action of the annual conference (¶368).

Suggested Motion: Move that _________________________________________ be recommended for readmission to conference relationship and restoration of credentials.

Date of Vote: _________________________________________

Requirements:
1. The candidate’s qualifications and the circumstances relating to their discontinuance be reviewed.
2. In case of persons who were honorably or administratively located a valid certification of location.
3. A satisfactory report and recommendation by their charge conference and pastor (optional).
4. A satisfactory certificate of good health.
5. In case of persons terminated by action of the annual conference, the recommendation shall be for readmission to provisional membership and restoration of credentials; this recommendation is contingent upon completion of all candidacy requirements found in ¶ 310 and provisional membership requirements found in ¶ 324.

Note: The BOM may require a psychological assessment report.
Appendixes
GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE 26TH SESSIONS PROFILES

Bishop Dr. Yvette Flunder

SHORT PROFILE
Bishop Dr. Yvette Flunder a graduate of the Ministry Studies and Master of Arts programs at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. She received a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo California.

Bishop Flunder being a native of San Franciscan was ordained by the United Church of Christ. Bishop Flunder is a third generation preacher with roots in the Church of God in Christ where she was licensed in the COGIC and later ordained by the Bishop Walter Hawkins of Love Center Ministries where she served as Associate Pastor and administrator for the Oakland-based Love Center Church. In 1984 Bishop Flunder began performing and recording with “Walter Hawkins and the Family” and the Love Center Choir. Other gospel music recordings include “There’s Power “with the City of Refuge Praise Ensemble, “We Won’t Be Silent Anymore” with The Fellowship Mass Choir, and “How Sweet the Sound”, with the Grammy Award winning Chanticleer.

In June 2003 Bishop Flunder was consecrated Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship a multi-denominational fellowship of primarily African American Christian leaders and laity representing churches and faith-based organizations from all parts of the United States, Mexico, Asia and Africa. TFAM is in covenantal relationship with The United Church of Christ, The Metropolitan Community Church and The Centers for Spiritual Living.

Responding to the needs of the AIDS epidemic, Bishop Flunder and her staff have provided housing, direct services, education and training for persons affected by HIV/AIDS in the Bay Area, throughout the USA, in Mexico and in three countries in Africa. Programs have included substance abuse intervention, transitional housing for homeless youth, mentorship programs and green justice work.

Bishop Flunder is a former Trustee and an Adjunct Professor at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley California. She is an active voice for the Human Rights Campaign and the National Black Justice Coalition.

Bishop Flunder has served as past President of the Board of Directors for the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, as a Board Member of the Shanti Project, as Chair of the San Francisco Inter-religious Coalition on AIDS, Chair of the Black Adoption Placement and Research Center, Founding member of the African American Interfaith Alliance on AIDS, Member of the Alameda County Ryan White Consortium, a member of the San Francisco HIV/AIDS Planning and Prevention Council, a consultant to the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust, and as a Member of the California Ryan White Working Group.

Bishop Flunder is much sought after as a preacher, educator, conference speaker and singer. She has been a lecturer, Adjunct Professor and speaker at numerous seminaries to include Lancaster, Duke, Drew, Eden, Yale, Auburn, Howard, Brite Divinity and New York Theological. She is published in several periodicals and edited volumes and is the author of “Where the Edge Gathers: A Theology and Homiletic of Radical Inclusion” Pilgrim Press, 2005.
Dr. Esther Mombo is a Professor of African Church history, Gender and theology at St. Paul’s university in Limuru Kenya. Esther served for fifteen years in senior management of the same university moving from the position of academic dean to that of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic affairs from 2007 to 2013. Her research and teaching interests span the fields of Church history, with a focus on Mission history, interfaith relations, theology and Gender studies with a focus on African women’s theology, HIV and AIDS. While connected to the Universities of St. Paul’s, Dublin and Edinburgh, she has directed and examined over twenty post graduate students in research, most of whom are serving the church in senior positions or are teaching in theological institutions and private universities in different parts of the African continent. She has mentored over fifty women students now in church and religious organizations across East Africa. In 2007 she was given a honorary doctorate by Virginia theological seminary for her work in bringing to the fore issues of gender disparities and gender justice in church and society. Her recent publications include “If you have no voice just sing: narratives of women in search of accessing Education and service in church and society”. Esther received her Bachelor of theology from St. Paul’s University, Master of philosophy from university of Dublin Trinity College, PhD from Edinburgh University. Esther serves in several ecumenical committees including the Commission of Education and Ecumenical formation of the World Council of Churches, Advisor of Education for All Africa Conference of Churches. Dr. Mombo is a gender activist, working with religious groups on issues of Gender and patriarchy in as far as the later affects women’s full participation in church and society.

KEY EXPERIENCES

Over ten years of lecturing at university level, supervising Master’s students, conducting research in church, women and society.
Over ten years of college and university academic administration seven years as academic dean and six years as Deputy Vice chancellor academic Affairs.
Over thirteen years of Conference organiser and speaker largely on women’s issues.
Gender activist: Engaging religious communities on gender disparities and mentoring women for leadership.
Dr. Dorcas Chebet Juma, PhD
SHORT PROFILE

Dr. Dorcas Chebet Juma is wife of a pastor in the Reformed Church of East Africa and Hold a Doctorate (PhD) degree in Old Testament studies from Stellenbosch University-South Africa, and wrote her Dissertation Title: *Encountering the Female Voice in the Song of Songs and Reading the Song for the dignity of Kenyan Women.* –Available at: [http://hdl.handle.net/10019.1/95821](http://hdl.handle.net/10019.1/95821)

Dr. Chebet also holds a Masters degree in Theology (MTh) from Netherlands 2009-2010 at the Protestant Theological University- where she wrote her Thesis Title: *A Kenyan Poetic and A Feminist Approach to the Song of Songs.*

*Dr. Chebet is also a holder of Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) at St Pauls University –Limuru where she studied between 2003-2005 and 2004 (July-August) she attended WARC. Global Theological Training Trinity Theological Seminary-Ghana.*

*Dr. Chebet holds a Diploma in Theology from St Paul University-Limuru*  
She also attended Reformed Institute for Theological Training, 1999-2001.

Dr. Chebet is currently lecturing at the Presbyterian University of East Africa – School of Theology and is the Head of Department since 2014 to present. She has been Student’s Advisor Academics affairs since 2013.

Dr. Doricas is also a part time Lecturer at St Paul University Limuru since 2007 to Present - Teaching, MTh. Students through Modular and Seminar, Mode and MTh Student Supervisor.

Bishop Joseph William Tolton
SHORT PROFILE

Bishop Joseph Tolton holds Master in Business Administration (MBA) in management from Columbia Business School and also holds Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Vassar College. Bishop Tolton also enjoys a three-faceted career serving as a voice for spiritual freedom, social justice and economic empowerment. Bishop Tolton is the National Minister of Global Justice for The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) and the Bishop of the Cosmopolitan Fellowship Global of Affirming Ministries. His ministry provides leadership for TFAM’s social justice initiatives outside of the United States.

As an international public advocate, Elder Tolton serves as the Executive Director of The Fellowship Global.  
In this capacity, Bishop provides pastoral care and strategic consulting services for several advocacy groups and progressive faith communities in DRC, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Cote d’Ivoire, Zimbabwe and Liberia.  
Petitions presented at the 2016 Africa central conference in Luanda, Angola, August 10-14th which created the following conferences.
Petitions to 2016 Central Conference
To the 13th Session of Africa Central Conference in August 10th -14th in Luanda, Angola

REQUEST TO AFRICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE XIII SESSION SITTING IN LUANDA ANGOLA FOR MAKING KENYA-ETHIOPIA AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE BY 2016

1. Whereas Kenya and Ethiopia being part of the larger East Africa Episcopal Area geographically comprising six sovereign countries of Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.
2. Whereas for closer administration, Kenya and Ethiopia are close neighbors in the horn and east of the East Africa Episcopal Area.
3. Whereas United Methodist Church in Kenya was established in 1993, and has expanded its preaching up to Ethiopia.
4. Whereas Kenya has clergy membership of 41 Full Ordained Ministers, 3 provisional Members, 71 Licensed Local Pastors while Ethiopia has 2 probationary elders and 2 Licensed Local Pastors thus making the Number of clergy ministers 119.This is in accordance to Sections 370; of the Book of Discipline 2012 Edition.)
5. Whereas Kenya alone has 7 permanent church buildings and one in Ethiopia.
6. Whereas Kenya has 24,704 professing members while Ethiopia has 627 professing members, both of which total to 25,331.This is in accordance to chapters’ ¶344.4 of the 2012 Book of Discipline.)
7. Whereas in the 23rd in 2013 and 24th in 2014 sessions of East Africa/Burundi Annual Conferences meeting in Migori and Mukono respectively, voted and reaffirmed their resolution to have Kenya/Ethiopia petition for full Annual Conference by 2016. Thus, let this sitting of the thirteenth (XIII) Session of Africa Central Conference grant therefore that:

Kenya/Ethiopia be an Annual Conference by this August, 2016 meeting in Angola.

Rationale:
Para ¶543.8, an annual conference shall be organized ONLY with MORE than –thirty five clergy members or not less than twenty five except as provided by an enabling act for the quadrennium, Whereas in this case Kenya/Ethiopia Annual Conference surpasses that number 119 clergy members.

Thus, Kenya and Ethiopian people’s having growth in membership {Kenya / Ethiopia} of 19,388 with 13 districts, 37 Parishes, 49 organized Churches, and 72 Preaching points /places.

Let it be known that, Kenya/Ethiopia has currently 41 Full Ordained Ministers in full connection, 5 provisional Members, 73 Licensed Local Pastors , totaling to 119 clergy ministers and 34 Lay preachers makes it necessary to create Kenya / Ethiopia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, under the East Africa Episcopal Area para ¶543.8.

Kenya and Ethiopia enjoy close economic, leadership, Political administration and most importantly are development partners which makes it easier to work together amicably in the East Africa Episcopal Area.
Kenya and Ethiopia have the capacity to manage full Annual Conference status spiritually, financially, socially, and physically for the transformation of the people of this region.

Let it be resolved that Kenya/Ethiopia be granted full Status of Annual Conference by this August Session 2016.
This is the prayer of the people of the United Methodist Church in the East Africa Episcopal Area.

Signed: ...............................................................  signed .................................

Rev. Carol Alois Ososo,  
CONFERENCE SECRETARY (EAST AFRICA.)  
Bishop Daniel A. Wandabula.  
Resident Bishop.  
EAST AFRICA EPISCOPAL AREA.
PETITION TO AFRICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE XIII SESSION SITTING IN LUANDA ANGOLA FOR MAKING UGANDA-SOUTH SUDAN AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE BY 2016

Petition Text:

Whereas the United Methodist Church has been in existence in Uganda for twenty six {26} years since 1990s;
Whereas, the United Methodist Church in Uganda is part of the East Africa Annual Conference now comprising of Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia making it Annual Conference together with Rwanda now Provisional Annual Conference, and Burundi Annual Conference making up the entire East Africa Episcopal Area.
Whereas, Uganda and South Sudan having close multi language relations, enjoying common geographical area, political, economical and social relations in the East Africa Annual Conference make it possible to work together.
Whereas for closer administration, Uganda and South Sudan are close neighbors in the horn and east of the East Africa Episcopal Area.
Whereas United Methodist Church in Uganda was established in 1990, and has expanded its preaching up to South Sudan and early nurturing.
Whereas Kenya has clergy membership of 88 clergy ministers and 20 Lay Preachers .This is in accordance to Sections 370; of the Book of Discipline 2012 Edition.)
Whereas Uganda and South Sudan has 17 permanent church buildings both Uganda and South Sudan.
Whereas Uganda and South has 18, 630 professing members. This is in accordance to chapter’s ¶344.4 of the 2012 Book of Discipline.)
Whereas in the 2016 General Conference Standing Committee and the Plenary referred Uganda Petition to be considered to Africa Central Conference Session for consideration of making Uganda / South Sudan an Annual Conference.
Whereas the 24th Session of the East Africa Annual Conference, voted and reaffirmed their resolution to have Uganda and South Sudan to have full Annual Conference by 2016.
Therefore, let the thirteenth (XIII) Session of Africa Central Conference grant Uganda and South Sudan an Annual Conference by this August, 2016 meeting in Angola.

Rationale:
Whereas, the 2012 Africa Central Conference Session held in Nairobi Kenya; Petition Number: 004/2012ACC; Rev. Carol Alois Ososo for East Africa Annual Conference proposed the Creation of two Annual Conferences in East Africa Episcopal Area.
Para ¶543.8, an annual conference shall be organized ONLY with MORE than –thirty five clergy members or not less than twenty five except as provided by an enabling act for the quadrennium , Whereas in this case Uganda and South Sudan Annual Conference has as at now 88 clergy members para ¶543.8..
Uganda and South Sudan having grown in membership as at 18,630 with 9 districts, 27 Parishes, 32 organized Churches, and 63 Preaching points /places.
Uganda has been able to nurture South Sudan before and both enjoy close economic, leadership, Political administration that makes them easier to work together amicably as an Annual Conference within the East Africa Episcopal Area.

Let it therefore, be resolved that Uganda and South Sudan be granted full Status of Annual Conference by this August Session 2016.
This is the prayer of the people of the United Methodist Church in the East Africa Episcopal Area.

Signed: ............................................................  signed  ..............................................

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