



Yadkin Valley District E-News

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Annual Conference Edition

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This is an Annual Conference “Special Edition” of the Yadkin Valley District Newsletter. The editor apologizes if someone’s name was inadvertently omitted.

Thank you to those who served as ushers at Annual Conference:

Laity: Kate Carpenter, Ricky Johnson, Chris Raines, Mike Walker

Clergy: Leigh Bartoli, Nathan Harris, Lisa Tanico

Thank you to the 98 laity, including two youth and one young adult, who served as at-large delegates to the annual conference representing the Yadkin Valley District.

Pastors who entered into retirement status that had served in or related to the Yadkin Valley District were:

Dave Cash (Sedge Garden UMC)

Lynn Cash (Love’s UMC)

Jack Hileman (Extension Ministry)

Dianne Marsden (Pinnacle-Mount Zion Charge)

Keith Marsden (LOA)

Rickey Spencer (retired July, 2016, had previously served Mount Herman-Hatcher’s Chapel Charge)

Douglas Suggs (Extension Ministry)

Persons recognized for completing Licensing School and receiving pastoral appointments from the Yadkin Valley District were:

Wesley Durrell, Jr.

Thomas Hout "Joe"

Keith Lawson

Linda Moore

Baxter Slaughter, III

Those commissioned as Provisional Members from the Yadkin Valley District were:

Ellis Carson (Central-St. Stephen’s Charge)

Johnny Lord (Palmyra-Stokesburg Charge)

Chad Shoaf (Concord UMC, Mocksville)

Those who were ordained as Elders in Full Connection from the Yadkin Valley District were:

Gary Camp (Crews UMC)

Jeff Hamrick (West Forsyth Charge)

Sarah Howell (Centenary UMC, Winston-Salem)

The “fixing of appointments” on Sunday morning during the morning worship service made all of the projected pastoral moves official. **Pastoral moves out of the district included:**

Jeff Patterson – to Wesley Memorial UMC, High Point, Northern Piedmont District

Andy Lambert – to Oak Ridge UMC, Northern Piedmont District

Darren Alexander – to Covenant UMC, High Point, Northern Piedmont District

Elizabeth Graves – to Epworth UMC, Concord, Metro District

Richelle Sampl – to Cashiers UMC, Smoky Mountain District
Allan Van Meter – to Archdale UMC, Northern Piedmont District
Tom Hunter – to Ebenezer UMC, Granite Falls, Appalachian District
Bonnie Harris – to Vanderburg UMC, Metro District
Johnny Lord – to New Salem UMC, Randleman, Northern Piedmont District
Laurie Knoespel – to Saluda-Columbus Charge, Blue Ridge District
Ron Perry – to Boger City UMC, Catawba Valley District
Jeff Hamrick – to First UMC, Troutman, Appalachian District
Ellis Carson – to Mount Tabor-Celia Phelps Charge, Northern Piedmont District
Brad Cunningham – to Union UMC, Waxhaw, Metro District
Lisa Tanico – to First UMC, Liberty, Northern Piedmont District
Linda Moore – to Zion Hill UMC, Northern Piedmont District

Pastoral moves into and within the Yadkin Valley District for the 2017-2018 Conference year are:

Yadkin Valley District Superintendent – Michael F. Bailey
Ardmore Assistant – Joseph T. Hout
Asbury UMC – Mark E. Reavill (charge realignment)
Baltimore UMC – Chad H. Shoaf
Bethel UMC (King) – Baxter B. Slaughter, III
Bethel-Cooleemee Charge – Tony G. Owens (charge realignment)
Bethel (Winston-Salem) – David E. Peeler
Burkhead – Carl L. Manuel, Jr.
Centenary UMC (Clemmons) – Vincent W. Howell
Center UMC (Yadkinville) – William N. Foust
Central UMC (Thomasville) – Wesley T. Durrell, Jr.
Concord UMC (Mocksville) – TBS
Danbury Community Chapel – Patricia K. Suggs
East Bend-Stony Knoll Charge – David A. Blankenberg
Elbaville UMC – Hagan R. McClellan, Sr.
Fair Grove UMC – Nathan T. Snider
First-Trinity (Thomasville) – J. Ryan Mendenhall (charge realignment)
First UMC (Pilot Mountain) – J. Randolph Perdue
Hanes Grove-Longtown – Tilden W. Bridges (charge realignment)
Konnoak Hills – Joshua H. Barnes
Liberty UMC – Beverly E. Gaska
Mitchell's Chapel UMC – Rebekah J. Ralph
Mount Zion UMC (Trinity) – K. Kale Yu
Oak Forest UMC – Julie R. Wilburn Peeler
Palmyra-Stokesburg Charge – Garrett J. Collins
Pine Woods-Johnsontown Charge – TBS
Pinnacle-Mount Zion Charge – Janet F. Dixon
Pisgah UMC (Kernersville) – Megan L. Snider
Pleasant Grove UMC – Angela D. Burris
Salem-Epworth Charge – Tyler G. Hege
Shoals-Whitakers Chapel – John C. Pillsbury
Snow Hill Assistant – Keith R. Lawson
Sunrise Assistant – Darren H. Hickerson

West End (Thomasville) – Earl P. Crow, Jr.
West Forsyth Charge – Patrick A. Marion

Kelly Giese, Anne Elmore, and Terri Howard are going on leaves of absences before taking new positions in other conferences.

There were also some **district realignments**. St. Stephen UMC, which had been on a charge with Central UMC in Thomasville, will be moving into the Northern Piedmont District. St. Mary's UMC in Walnut Cove, which had been in the Northern Piedmont District, will now become part of the Yadkin Valley District with Rev. Clark G. Boyd as their pastor.

We celebrate a new congregation, G3, with Rev. Ronald Garner as Sr. Pastor and Rev. Bob Richardson as the Assistant Pastor. G3 was a satellite campus of Mt. Tabor UMC and becomes a station church on July 1.

Kudos to Tanya Lanier, Conference UMW President of St. Stephen UMC, and Johnny Copley, CCYM President of Midway UMC, for giving excellent reports to the annual conference. Congratulations to Aaron Pardue of Baltimore UMC for being the laity recipient of the Denman Award.

There was inspirational preaching by Bishop Leonard Fairley of the Kentucky Conference, Bishop Lawson Bryan of the South Georgia Conference, Rev. Donald Jenkins of our St. Paul UMC in Winston-Salem, as well as our own Bishop Paul Leeland. And, WOW! The music, provided by Rev. Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson from Atlanta was absolutely fantastic. If we could only bottle it up and bring it back home to our own congregations.

For a complete synopsis of the 2017 Annual Conference, complete appointment listing, pictures, etc., go to www.ac2017.org.