

The Northwest Iowa District Conference was held on April 30, 2017. Rev. Dr. Tom Carver welcomed everyone at 3:00pm and opened with prayer.

Grace UMC praise team led conference members in worship with Rev. Tom Carter providing the message from Luke 10:1-2

District Lay Leader Karen Day spoke about 2017 Laity Day with Bishop Laurie. She charged conference members to Make a Difference. She encouraged pastors to ask their congregation every month to do something that makes a difference.

Rainbow Covenant churches were recognized as well as churches with 100% apportionments.

SFLM graduates were also recognized

Pastor Naweji shared about the difference mission gifts are making around the world.

The group broke for snacks and fellowship.

Gathering remarks by Rev. Ryan Christianson

District Conference Business-

Meeting called to order 4:24pm

-Nominated Kelsey Callens to be secretary. Motion and carried

-Approval of last 2016 minutes Approved

District asking proposal -\$3/member approved in 2016 for 2017.

-District Connectional Ministry council 2018 district asking \$3/member: Asking is divided equally among four parts: leadership development, church revitalization, New Places for New People, district outreach ministries

Motion-Merrill Muller Approved

Looked at District Committee on Ordained Ministry Report

Add Cathleen Newman to full-time licensed local pastor

Looked at District Committee on Lay Servant Ministry Report

Add Katie Serck to Certified Lay Servants

Approval of lists by applause

Looked at nominations and vacant committee positions for the district and state conference.

Accept the nominations report- approved

Authorize District Connectional Ministries Council (DCMC) to fill vacancies in the coming year

Motion- Kim Dewey 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Bonney

Motion carried

### **Pre-Annual Conference Information**

Joni Mardesen? was present to provide information regarding Iowa Annual Conference.

-Video of Bishop Laurie Haller inviting to Annual Conference

-Video of Iowa conference lay leader Margret Borgen discussed the privilege of being an annual conference member

Information by Joni Mardesen on the budget

-Annual conference is requesting \$14, 794,211 in apportionments which is a 4.39% increase from last year.

-Reason for the increase is the apportionment budget dropped significantly from 2016-2017 occurred after unrealistic expectations need to square up the budget from some low estimates from 2017 budgets.

-Board of Trustees was impacted by the under estimate-need to increase to upkeep conference properties/parsonages

-Health insurance is increasing and other cost of living increases- discussion on insurance

Slide showing apportionments received

78.5% received 2015 79.7% received in 2016

Slides on how apportionments support the local church

Expense reports for:

Local church

Clergy support

Institutional support

Other support ministries

Supporting services general and administrative

Fundraising

Comments by Warren Thompson

Video on rules of order and Spiritual Leadership Incorporated (SLI) organization that is helping the conference work through the adaptive changes.

Healthy Conference Initiative Bishop's Operational Team 2017 slide

**Mission of Iowa Annual Conference-**

*Inspire, equip, and connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ.*

**Vision of IAC-**

*God's hope for the world made real through faithful leaders, fruitful communities, and fire-filled people.*

**Wildly Important Goal (WIG) of IAC**

*All United Methodist churches in Iowa will have a process of intentionally forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by the year 2020.*

Closing comments by Rev. Tom Carter

Move to adjourn "Praise" 5:39pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Callens, Secretary