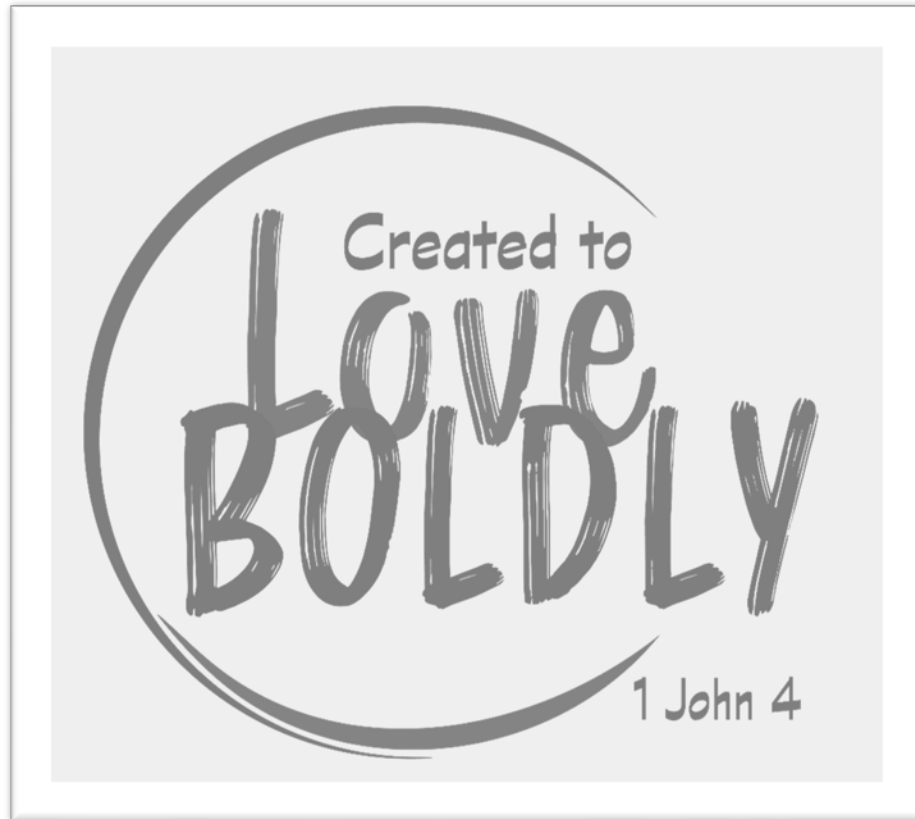


Clergy Session



Dakotas Annual Conference 2025

Mitchell, South Dakota

Part One: June 5, 2025

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2025 Clergy Session

Clergy Session Agenda AC 2025

Thursday, June 5, 2025 - 6:30-8:00 pm

Convene & Devotion	<i>Bishop Lanette</i>
Introduction and Opening Prayer	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
*Hymn: “And Are We Yet Alive” (see other side)	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
Who may be present at clergy session (voice/vote)?	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
Paragraphs 33, 369, 602, 605 (2020/2024 BOD): <u>The clergy membership shall consist of deacons and elders in full connection, provisional members, associate members, and local pastors under appointment</u> —all of whom have voice. (Exception: those clergy members who have been placed in involuntary retirement) Only the ordained clergy in full connection and the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry may vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. Provisional Members, associate members, affiliate members, and local pastors may <u>not</u> vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy unless they are a member of the Conference BOM.	
Explanation and Process for voting on Candidates	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
<i>Candidates will come before the Clergy Session individually. They will introduce themselves and will briefly answer two questions relevant to their particular membership and ordination track. After responding to their questions, they will leave the room; <u>an advocate from BOM will pray then we will vote.</u></i>	
Election for Provisional Membership on Elder and Deacon Track—Par. 324.4 A,B (Q25.a),b) Q25d) (v)	
<u>Elder Track</u> Davis Anderson Taylor Johnson Taryn Ragels Laura Sherman	
<u>Deacon Track</u> Kara Heigel	
Election as Elder in Full Connection – Par.335 (Q29a) (v 3/4)	
Quaya Ackerman Bryce Blank Thanael Certa-Werner Julie Gregg Teresa Person	
Approve for Ordination as Elder (Q31a) (v 3/4) After provisional membership—Par. 335:	
Quaya Ackerman Bryce Blank Thanael Certa-Werner Julie Gregg Teresa Person	
Character of Clergy – Par. 604.4, 605.7 (Q13)	<i>Kris Mutzenberger</i>
Acknowledgement of Retirees & Prayer	<i>Howard Grinager</i>
Acknowledgement of Retiring Licensed Local Pastors & Prayer	<i>Rick Craig</i>
Acknowledgement of Memorialized & Prayer	<i>Howard Grinager</i>
Items from the Bishop	<i>Bishop Lanette</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Bishop Lanette</i>

Clergy Session Agenda AC 2025

Friday, June 6, 2025 - 4:30-5:30 pm

Convene	<i>Bishop Lanette</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
*Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
Approval of Appointments as FTLP & PTLP - Par. 318.1, 318.2 (Q17a, 17b) (v. within BAC)	<i>Rick Craig</i>
Approval of ODs to Serve Appointments in DAC - Par. 331.4, 346.1 (Q22) (v. within BAC)	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
Conference Relations Items (All votes within BAC)	<i>Sharla McCaskell</i>
Corrections & Updates to BAC and Questions for BOM about BAC	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
Final Approval of BAC Items Relating to Ordination & Clergy Membership	<i>Katie Ricke</i>
Wespath Presentation	
*Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"	
Closing Prayer – Oldest clergy present	

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I
ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

“And Are We Yet Alive”

(1) And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his almighty grace!

(2) Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join,
and in his sight appear.

(3) What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

(4) Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.

(5) Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more

(6) Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.

In Memorium

Reverend Allan Brockway 1932-2024



The Rev. Allan Brockway, 92, died on Saturday, June 15, 2024, in Dallas, Texas.

Allan Reitz Brockway was born on March 22, 1932, in Lawrence, Kansas, to Horace and Esther (Reitz) Brockway. His parents were active in the Methodist church, speaking in churches as

lay witnesses and teaching Sunday school classes. They inspired Allan to pursue a ministerial life and career.

Allan became a probationary member of the North Arkansas Conference in 1953 and earned a bachelor's degree from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, in 1954. He was ordained deacon in 1956 and then elder and member in full connection in 1957. He transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference in 1957 and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. He served the Wesley Foundation at West Texas State College in Canyon, Texas, and Christian Faith-and-Life Community in Austin, Texas.

In 1963, Allan earned his master's degree at the University of Chicago and moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Board of Christian Social Concerns. He advocated for racial and social justice, traveling to Selma, Alabama, and attending the World Council of Churches Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

Allan worked for the General Board of Church and Society and edited their magazine, *engage/social action*. In 1977, he transferred to the North Dakota Conference. He moved to Dallas in 1978 for a year, working on the issue of Jewish-Christian relations with the Dallas office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In 1979, Allan was appointed to serve with the World Council of Churches and moved to Geneva, Switzerland. He specialized in Jewish-Christian relations and edited the program's material for the WCC's newsletter, *Current Dialogue*. He served as the liaison with the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. He organized conferences and consultations and traveled to Germany and Israel.

In 1989, Allan retired and moved to Birmingham, England, to teach and to complete his doctorate at the University of Birmingham. He worked at the Centre for the Study of Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations at Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham from 1989 to 1994.

He was recognized as Jubilee Clergy by the Dakotas Conference in 2003.

Allan's numerous publications included "The Secular Saint," "Uncertain Men and Certain Change," "Learning Christology through Dialogue with Jews," and "The Theology of the Churches and the Jewish People."

Allan had been married to Martha Lou King. He had four sons: Scot, Paul, Dan, and Benjamin.

Reverend Rodney "Rod" Gist 1926-2024



The Rev. Rodney Gist, 97, died Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Ava's Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 27, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. Interment with military rites

was at Richland Cemetery in Inwood, Iowa.

Rodney Raymond Gist was born on October 4, 1926, to Joseph and Gladys (Leffler) Gist on their family's farm near Presho, South Dakota. In 1937, when weather and economic conditions made farming there impossible, the family moved to a farm near Worthing, South Dakota, and then to a farm near Madison, South Dakota, where his parents worked as tenant farmers.

Rod attended rural public schools and Madison High School, where he graduated in 1944. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines at the end of World War II. Guarding Japanese prisoners of war who worked on the reconstruction of Manila caused Rod to see the humanity of wartime enemies and inspired him to devote his life to working for peace and reconciliation among people.

Rod used the GI Bill to attend General Beadle State Teachers College in Madison, the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, and the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, South Dakota, where he graduated in 1950. He was admitted on trial by the South Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church in 1950 and enrolled at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois. He was ordained deacon and full member in 1952 and elder in 1953. He later earned his doctorate from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.

At his grandmother's funeral in Inwood, Rod met musician and teacher Doris Leivestad. They corresponded for two years before marrying on June 15, 1953, the same day he graduated from seminary.

Together, Rod and Doris served Methodist and United Methodist churches in the South Dakota Conference at Viborg-Irene (1953-1955), Sioux Falls First (1955-1960), Britton-Langford (1960-1963), Canistota-Salem (1963-1966), Canistota-Riverside-Canistota First Presbyterian (1966-1969), Spearfish (1969-1974), Gregory Larger Parish (1974-1980), and Canton (1980-1989).

Rod exchanged pulpits with the Rev. William Andrews of England and served nine small churches in a Methodist circuit in and near Louth, Lincolnshire, England from 1968 to 1969. During that year, Rod entertained his parishioners at home with a weekly newspaper column titled "Life in England Filtered Through a Yankee." He was a poet and a humorist.

Rod served on the Clergy Observer Corps, which mediated the deadly clash between members of the American Indian Movement and the FBI at Wounded Knee in 1973. He received an honorary doctorate from Dakota Wesleyan University, in Mitchell, South Dakota, in 1982 and was honored as Jubilee Clergy in 2000.

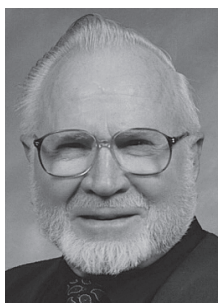
Rod received the Dakotas Conference Peace and Justice Award in 2012. He and Doris made a naming gift for the Gist Lodge at Storm Mountain Center in the Black Hills.

After retiring in 1989, Rod and Doris moved to Inwood to care for Doris's mother and disabled sister. In 2002, they moved to Sioux Falls, where they were involved with First United Methodist Church, The Banquet, Active Generations, and the Democratic Forum. Rod joined a Midwest Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., which was a moving experience for him.

Rod is survived by two daughters: Barbara (David) Cook of Fennimore, Wisconsin, and Linda (James) Marten of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; three nephews; and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 70 years, Doris, on February 14, 2023; his brother, Kent Gist; his sister, Ruth Spencer; and a niece.

Reverend Roger Smith 1926-2024



The Rev. Roger A. Smith, 98, of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. At the time, he was the oldest clergy member of the Dakotas Conference.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 4, 2024, at the Alcorn Funeral Home in Hawthorn,

Pennsylvania, with Pastor Bud Davis and Pastor John Phillips officiating. Following the service, the Walter W. Craig Post No. 354 of New Bethlehem American Legion honored their fallen comrade. Interment was

in the Putneyville Cemetery in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Roger A. Smith was born on January 1, 1926, to Urban A. and Mary Viola "Ollie" (George) Smith in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He graduated from New Kensington High School in 1944. He then served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1945, during World War II.

In 1951, Roger graduated from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, with a bachelor's degree in religion. He was ordained deacon and probationary member of the North Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church in 1955. He attended Asbury College in Kentucky for two

years before earning his master's degree in divinity from Drew College and Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey, in 1958. That same year he was ordained elder and full member.

Roger served churches in the North Dakota Conference at Rural-Fort Rice (1951-1952), Hettinger-Bethany-Lemmon, South Dakota (1958-1963), and Bottineau-Gardena-Russell (1963-1965).

While serving in North Dakota, Roger responded to a call from the National Council of Churches to go to Mississippi. Skilled leaders were needed to assist in predominantly black communities during the oppression that led to the civil rights movement. He then served in extension ministries in Mississippi, retiring in 1989 but continuing in Mississippi until 1994.

An article in the April 11, 2018, Courier Express newspaper, out of DuBois, Pennsylvania, tells of Roger's involvement with the civil rights movement in Mississippi over a span of nearly 30 years. While living

in Mississippi, he encountered poor living conditions and the ongoing threat of violence and met many prominent civil rights leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

After Mississippi, Roger returned to his farm outside of New Bethlehem. The last church he served was the Putneyville United Methodist Church. He was honored as Jubilee Clergy in 2001.

Roger had a love for music and enjoyed singing the old hymns. He was a member of the Walter W. Craig Post No. 354 of New Bethlehem American Legion and served as chaplain for many years.

On August 7, 2010, Roger married Bonnie Sue Heckathorn. She preceded him in death on June 17, 2015.

Roger was the last of his immediate family. In addition to his parents and his wife, Roger was preceded in death by a sister, Esther M. Charlesworth; and three brothers: Byron Smith, Carmen Smith and William David Smith.

Reverend Penelope “Penny” Ritter 1947-2024



The Rev. Penelope Ritter, 77, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024, in Truman, Minnesota. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman. Burial was in Westford Cemetery at Truman.

Penelope Jane Ritter was born on March 17, 1947, to Harold W. and Annie (Brownlee) Ritter in Truman. She graduated from Truman High School in 1965. In 1969, she graduated from Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with a sociology degree and was a social worker in Martin County, Minnesota.

Penny earned her master's degree in divinity from North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls in 1978. She had been licensed to preach in 1977 by her home church, Truman Community Baptist Church, and was ordained in 1978. She transferred her credentials to the South Dakota Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1983 and was made a full member in 1985.

Penny served United Methodist churches in the South Dakota Conference at White-Aurora-Sterling (1983-1988) and Beresford Zion (1988-1994). She served the Community Baptist Church from 2001 until 2010, when she retired.

Before and after her service in the South Dakota Conference, Penny filled the pulpit in Sioux Falls, Sac City and Storm Lake, Iowa, and Truman, Fairmont, Winnebago, Mapleton, and Amboy, Minnesota. Other ministries included Sioux Falls College chaplain and chaplaincies for HOSPICE, several hospitals, and Fountain Center Drug and Alcohol Rehab in Fairmont. She also held a weekly Bible study group.

Penny loved to travel and toured Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, the East Coast, Ireland, England, and Italy. She enjoyed Mississippi River cruises and multiple trips to Japan. Her time spent at the “cabin” in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, was very special to her.

Penny is survived by her brother, Robert (Lois) Ritter; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Reverend Linova “Lin” Jennewein 1936-2024



The Rev. Linova Jennewein, 88, passed away on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at Friendly Horizons Memory Care in Summerset, South Dakota, after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s disease. A celebration of life service was held Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the Canyon Lake United

Methodist Church in Rapid City, South Dakota. Burial was at Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City.

Linova Lee Jennewein was born on June 25, 1936, to J. Leonard and A. Marjorie (Bullock) Jennewein at Pierre, South Dakota. She graduated from Huron High School, Huron South Dakota, in 1954 and from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, in 1957.

On June 9, 1957, Lin married DWU classmate Andrew Hubbeling, of Oacoma, South Dakota. They later moved to Rapid City and had three children together.

Lin graduated from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, in 1981 with her master’s degree in divinity. She was ordained deacon and probationary member in 1980 and elder and full member of the South Dakota Conference in 1982.

Lin served United Methodist churches in South Dakota at Pierre First (1981-1982), Rapid City Rapid Valley

(1982-1985), Gettysburg (1985-1987), McCook Lake (1987-1992), and Deadwood (1992-1994). After a year of sabbatical leave, she served at Clark-Garden City (1995-1999) and Plankinton-Mt. Vernon (1999-2001). After retiring in 2001, she served Faith-Marcus PC-USA and Presho-Kennebec-Reliance.

Lin was a second-generation pastor in the United Methodist Church, having followed in the footsteps of her maternal grandfather, the Rev. C.D. Bullock, Methodist pastor and founder of the Boy Scout movement in South Dakota.

Lin was active in many organizations including South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota Hall of Fame, Rotary, United Methodist Women, AAUW, Democracy in Action, the Democratic Party, choir, Well Done Players performance troupe, book clubs, the medical ethics board for the Rapid City Regional Hospital, Church Response outreach organization, and P.E.O. Her insightful column, “The Great Mystery,” in the Rapid City Journal newspaper is fondly remembered by many.

Lin is survived by her children: Jil Hubbeling Jennewein, Karine Blackett, and Paul (Tina) Hubbeling; and 5 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Sylvia McTighe.

Reverend Peter “Pete” Moe 1932-2025



The Rev. Peter Moe, 92, passed away Friday, January 3, 2025, at Westhills Village Health Care Facility in Rapid City, South Dakota, following a six-month illness. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Canyon Lake United Methodist Church in Rapid City.

Peter Walton Moe was born on September 19, 1932, in Ipswich, South Dakota, to Peter A. and Kathryn (Walton) Moe. When he was nine, the family moved to Redfield, South Dakota, and then a year later to Canton, South Dakota, where his father managed the Red Owl grocery stores. Later, the family moved to Lemmon, South Dakota, and owned the Ideal Cafe.

Peter injured his back playing high school football, so he turned to music, playing the clarinet, singing, and acting in plays. It also was in high school when he felt called to the ministry. Peter graduated from Lemmon High School in 1950.

While attending Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, Peter sang in the Scotsman Quartet and the choir, played in the band, acted in theatrical productions, and worked on the student newspaper. He also served as pulpit supply at the Plankinton and White Lake Presbyterian churches and then the Artesian-Farwell Methodist churches (1953-1954) until he graduated in 1954.

After college, Peter moved to California to live with his parents to work and save money for seminary. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and completed basic training

at Fort Ord, California. He was shipped overseas to Okinawa, Japan, where he served as a clerk typist, then company clerk, and then personnel sergeant to the Okinawa Engineer District.

Following his military service, Pete attended the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, where he met fellow seminary student Grace Young. They were married December 27, 1959, in the Iliff Chapel. While in seminary, Grace would often accompany Peter as he commuted from Denver to serve the Edgemont, South Dakota, Methodist church on weekends. He graduated with his master's degree in 1960.

Peter was ordained deacon and admitted on trial in 1958 and elder and full member in 1960 by the South Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church. Together, Peter and Grace served the South Dakota Conference at Edgemont-Burdock (1959-1963), Rapid City Canyon Lake (1963-1964), the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, Wesley Foundation (1964-1974), Spearfish (1974-1983), Yankton-Gayville-Volin

(1983-1987), Watertown First (1987-1992), and as Western District Superintendent (1992-1994). After the 1994 merger of the North Dakota and South Dakota conferences, Peter served as Southwest District Superintendent (1994-1998).

Peter retired from the ministry in 1998. He was honored as Jubilee Clergy in 2003. For several years, he edited the "In Touch" newsletter for retired clergy and spouses.

Peter and Grace enjoyed fishing and visiting with family and friends. They made many trips around the country, to Europe, and to Tennessee to see their grandchildren. Peter will be remembered for his wisdom, sunny spirit, and sense of humor, including his love for bad jokes.

Peter is survived by his daughters: Shelli (Troy) Riggs of Jackson, Tennessee, and Shauna Moe of Rapid City; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Grace, on November 3, 2020; his parents; and his sisters: Bobbie, Beverlee Ann, Jean, and Joan.

Reverend Wayne McKirdy 1929-2025



The Rev. Wayne McKirdy, 95, passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, North Dakota. An informal prayer service was held at the North Dakota Veterans Home on Friday, January 31, 2025, with pecan pie following.

The funeral service was Saturday,

February 1, 2025, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City, North Dakota, with more pecan pie following. Burial was in the Gladstone Cemetery at Gladstone, North Dakota.

Wayne Miller McKirdy was born on June 9, 1929, at Gladstone, the 13th of 16 children born to Herbert and Dagmar (Miller) McKirdy. Wayne graduated from Gladstone High School in 1947 and attended Dickinson State Teachers College in Dickinson, North Dakota, for one year and Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, Utah, for one year. Wayne served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in the early 1950s.

Wayne was granted a license to preach and appointed to serve Napoleon-Braddock (1953-1954) and Pettibone-Lake Williams-Malcolm UCC (1954-1955). After two years at Jamestown College in Jamestown, North

Dakota, Wayne graduated in 1955.

He went on to attend Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, earning his master's degree. When he was ordained deacon by the North Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church on May 24, 1956, at the First Methodist Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota, he met Maybelle Ralston.

Wayne was ordained elder and full member in 1958. He and Maybelle were married on August 24, 1958.

Together they served the North Dakota Conference at Napoleon-Braddock (1958-1961), Tioga (1961-1963), Edgeley-Jud-Nortonville (1963-1968), and Edgeley (1968-1970). Wayne transferred to the South Dakota Conference, and they served at Black Hills Methodist Camp and Piedmont (1970-1973), Faulkton-Seneca (1973-1983), and Big Stone City-Reville (1983-1986).

Wayne transferred back to the North Dakota Conference in 1986 and served as conference executive director of camping (1986-1990) and conference camp facilities manager (1990-1991) at Wesley Acres Camp near Dazey, North Dakota. After retiring in 1991, Wayne and Maybelle bought a house in Valley City, North Dakota, and served the North Dakota churches of Wimbledon, Salem, Dazey, Leal, and Valley City Epworth. Wayne

was honored as Jubilee Clergy in 2003.

After Maybelle was diagnosed with primary progressive aphasia in 2005, she and Wayne started writing the story of their years together. Maybelle passed away September 10, 2009. Wayne finished their book, "Together," in 2013.

In his early years, Wayne was nicknamed "Birdy McKirdy," as birding was always his passion. Whether leading Boy Scout troops, canoe trips, bird hikes, or

working in his many gardens, he was connected to nature throughout his life. He gave up his yard in 2012 and moved to the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, where he always felt he was "treated like a general."

Wayne is survived by his children: the Rev. Scott (Colleen), Stuart (Ellen), Bruce (Lori), and Donna McKirdy (Carlos Diaz); 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the **Dakotas** Annual Conference
Held in Mitchell, South Dakota
From June 6, 2025, through June 8, 2025
Bishop Lanette Plambeck Presiding
Organized January 1, 1994 – Session Thirty-Two (32)

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§§603.7, 619)

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2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§603.1) Yes

3. Bonding and auditing:

Which officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and indicate amount bonded (§§618, 2511): Employee dishonest coverage in the amount of \$100,000 plus \$1,000,000 for any natural person whether compensated or not who is an annual conference treasurer or trustee or a member of their staff who reports and is accountable to a conference treasurer or trustee and who receives or disperses, or handles funds which are the responsibility of the conference treasurer or trustee and any natural person, whether compensated or not, who is an annual conference president or chairperson of a conference council on finance and administration.

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§§617, 2511) Yes (see report of Journal)

4. Who has been assigned or elected for the agencies listed below?

a) Please list the information for elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed below:

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Council on Finance and Administration (§611)	Ray Baker	See website	See website	See website
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (§634)	Katie Ricke	See website	See website	See website
Conference Board of Pensions (§638)	Curtis VanDyke	See website	See website	See website
Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (§641, §2512)	Kathy Chesney	See website	See website	See website
Conference Committee on Episcopacy (§636)	Beata Ferris	See website	See website	See website
Conference Administrative Review Committee (§635)(v)	Stephen Perry	See website	See website	See website
United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) (§647)	Colleen McKirdy	See website	See website	See website

General Commission on United Methodist Men (§648)	To be filled			
Conference Commission on Archives and History (§641)	To be filled			

b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference who is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (§610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Board of Church and Society (§628)	Extending Missional Impact	Marty Toepke-Floyd Karl Kroger	See website	See website	See website
Conference Board of Discipleship (§629)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Conference Board of Global Ministry (§632)	Extending Missional Impact	Marty Toepke-Floyd Karl Kroger	See website	See website	See website
Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry (§633)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Christian Unity and Inter-religious (§642)	Extending Missional Impact	Marty Toepke-Floyd Karl Kroger	See website	See website	See website
Commission on Religion and Race (§643)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women (§644)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Commissions on Communications (§646)	Extending Missional Impact	Marty Toepke-Floyd Karl Kroger	See website	See website	See website

c) Indicate the conference agencies/organizations and chairperson(s) or equivalent responsible for the following functions:

General Agency / Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (§657)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Committee on Disability Concerns (§653)	Extending Missional Impact	Marty Toepke-Floyd Karl Kroger	See website	See website	See website
Commission on Equitable Compensation (§624)	Generating Missional Resources		See website	See website	See website
Conference Board of Laity (§630)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Committee on Native American Ministry (§654)	Extending Missional Impact	Marty Toepke-Floyd Karl Kroger	See website	See website	See website
Conference Commission on Small Membership Church (§645)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (§649)	CCYM	Peggy Hanson	See website	See website	See website
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (§650)	Developing Missional Leaders	Melissa Gall	See website	See website	See website
Director of Connectional Ministries (§608)	--	Rebecca Trefz	See website	See website	See website
Conference Chancellor	--	Eric Olson Nancy Oviatt	See website	See website	See website
Conference Journal Editor	--	Rebecca Trefz	See website	See website	See website

Conference Communicator	--	Rebecca Trefz	See website	See website	See website
The Committee on Investigation (¶2703)	--	Doug Diehl Jenene Earl JoAnne Ottmar Terry Prendergast	See website	See website	See website

d) List any chairperson and accompanying information for persons elected to the following district boards and committees:

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	No chairs	See website	See website	See website
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Robbie Daugherty, NE Lisa Rhodes, NW Nancy Hallenbeck, SE JoAnne Hipple, SW	See website	See website	See website
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	To be filled, NE Rick Craig, NW Valerie Hummel-LaBounty, SE Connie Smith, SE Jeff Lathrop, SW	See website	See website	See website

e) List any other councils, boards, commissions, or committees with persons appointed or elected in the annual conference:

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Common Table	Jeanne Sortland	See website	See website	See website
Human Resources	Nancy Bohlen	See website	See website	See website
Nominations	Jennifer Hallenbeck Orr	See website	See website	See website
Extended Cabinet	Bishop Plambeck	See website	See website	See website
Camping and Retreat Ministry	Tyrel Schlecht	See website	See website	See website
Records, Rules and Procedures	Rebecca Trefz	See website	See website	See website
Disaster Response	Karl Rockeman	See website	See website	See website
Sessions	Kay Braun	See website	See website	See website
Resolutions and General Conference Petitions	Rebecca Trefz	See website	See website	See website

5. Please affirm the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance with the prescribed formats (¶606.8)? In consultation with GCFA, we have provided complete annual statistics forms to be completed by each local church.

6. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 624.3):
See Equitable Compensation journal report attached for your reference.

	Full Members	Associate Members	Provisional Members	Local Pastors
Full Time	\$51,140			
¾ Time	\$48,780			
½ Time				
¼ Time				

7. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (¶614.1a):

\$517,075 (Approved by CFA and pending review by Common Table – to be ratified by AC in June 2025).
Please note: This amount includes \$85,000 budgeted for clergy move expenses which is budgeted under the DS section of the budget.

8. 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, 638.25, 1507)? \$0
b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year:
(See GCFA apportionment report attached – Dakotas is top line figures)

(1) For the World Service Fund	\$235,150
(2) For the Ministerial Education Fund	\$81,338
(3) For the Black College Fund	\$32,445
(4) For the Africa University Fund	\$7,261
(5) For the Episcopal Fund	\$115,909
(6) For the General Administration Fund	\$39,742
(7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	\$3,366

9. List all conference and district lay leaders (§§603.9, 660):

a) Conference lay leader:

Name	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
John Srtska	Conference Co-Lay Leader	See website	See website	See website
Karl Rockeman	Conference Co-Lay Leader	See website	See website	See website

b) Associate conference lay leaders:

Name	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
n/a				

c) District and associate district lay leaders. Please be sure to add the district name to each:

Name	District	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Elizabeth Ewing-Lee	Northeast	NE District lay leader	See website	See website	See website
Lisa Rhodes	Northwest	NW District lay leader	See website	See website	See website
Nancy Hallenbeck	Southeast	SE District lay leader	See website	See website	See website
Jo Anne Hipple	Southwest	SW District lay leader	See website	See website	See website

PART II ORGANIZED AND CLOSED CHURCHES

Please provide a summary of the following:

Number of districts	4
Number of charges/circuits	128
Number of organized churches	161
Number of preaching places	TBD

10. List local churches which have been:

a) Organized or continued as **New Church Starts** (§259.1). Continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 10. c, d, e, or f. Only add church type if blended congregations, new expressions, new faith community or other established type.

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded	Church Type
n/a							

b) Organized or continued as **Mission Congregations** (§259.1a). Continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 10.c, d, e, or f:

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded	Church Type
n/a							

c) Organized or continued **Satellite Congregations** (§247.23). Continue to list here until listed in questions 10.a, d, e, or f:

GCNO	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Launched
n/a							

d) Organized as **Chartered** (§259.5-10):

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered
n/a						

e) Merged (§§2546, 2547). Remember to indicate if this is a *consolidated* or *consumed* merger type:

(1) United Methodist with United Methodist:

GCNO	Name of First Church	GCNO	Name of Second Church	New GCNO	Name of Merged Church	District	Date Merged	Merger Type
n/a								

(2) United Methodist with Interdenominational. The newly merged church will receive a new GCNO:

GCNO	Name of First Church	GCNO	Name of Second Church	New GCNO	Name of Merged Church	District	Date Merged	Merger Type
n/a								

- f) Discontinued, abandoned, withdrawn, unreported disaffiliated 2023 action's (§641), separated, exigent circumstances or financial. Include the reason for closure for each church listed.

(1) New Church Start (§259.1)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
	Sioux Falls 'The Collective'	Southeast	Sioux Falls, SD	July 1, 2024	

(2) Mission Congregation (§259.1a)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
n/a					

(3) Satellite Congregation (§249.22)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
540972	Embrace Tea	Southeast	Tea, SD	Dec.31, 2024	Discontinued
540972	Embrace Sertoma	Southeast	Sioux Falls, SD	Dec.31, 2024	Discontinued
n/a	Bismarck Legacy South	Northwest	Bismarck, ND	July 14, 2024	Discontinued

(4) Chartered Local Church (§259.5)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
543202	Moffit	Northwest	Moffit, ND	Sept.12, 2024	closed
540972	Sioux Falls Embrace	Southeast	Sioux Falls, SD	Dec.31, 2024	discontinued
540620	Hamilton	Northeast	Hamilton, ND	March 1, 2025	closed

- g) Readmission of Disaffiliated Church to the UMC (§2553). Churches will receive a new GCNO for the newly admitted church:

Church Name	District	Old GCNO	Charge	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Date Readmitted
n/a						

- h) Moved physical location and indicate new address:

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Date Relocated
n/a					

- i) Changed name of church – For example, "First" to "Trinity":

GCNO	Former Name	New Name	Mailing Address	Physical Address	District	Effective Date
n/a						

- j) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and include membership (§42, 260)

GCNO	Church Name	Membership	Sending Conference
n/a			

- k) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established (§206)

GCFA Parish Number	Local Parish Number	Parish Name	GCNO	Church Name	District
n/a					

- l) Organized or continued as Wesley Foundations:

GNCO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	District
n/a						

11. List all Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference (§207, 208)

- a) Federated church

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
999476	Carrington	Northwest	UCC
542867	Ellendale	Northwest	PC-USA
999498	Grafton	Northeast	PC-USA
540700	Hillsboro	Northeast	UCC
548784	Hot Springs	Southwest	PC-USA, AB
999487	Park River	Northeast	PC-USA
549004	Philip	Southwest	PC-USA
549243	Timber Lake	Southwest	ELCA, AB
548124	Woonsocket	Southeast	ELCA

b) Union Church

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
548000	Alpena United	Southeast	UCC
541420	Bottineau United	Northwest	PC-USA
546967	Canistota United	Southeast	PC-USA
548603	Edgemont United	Southwest	UCC
545688	Elkton United	Southeast	UCC
547324	Garretson United	Southeast	UCC
542220	Rugby Emmanuel United	Northwest	PC-USA

c) Merged Church

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
n/a			

d) Yoked Parish

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
545267	Lake Preston UMC/UCC, Lake Preston UCC	Southeast	UCC
548682	Faith UMC, Marcus PC-USA	Southwest	PC-USA
999498	Grafton Federated, Minto Knox PC-USA	Northeast	PC-USA
542696	Holmes UMC, Sharon Trinity ELCA, Beaver Creek ELCA	Northeast	ELCA
541908	Lansford UMC, Lansford ELCA, Glenburn ELCA	Northwest	ELCA
540824	Larimore UMC, Arvilla PC-USA	Northeast	PC-USA
999487	Park River Federated, Fordville PC-USA	Northeast	PC-USA
549004	Philip Federated, Interior PC-USA	Southwest	PC-USA
549243	Timber Lake Federated, Isabell UCC	Southwest	ELCA, UCC, AB

12. What changes have been made in districts and charge lines. Please list the GCNO beside each church name.

GCNO/ Church (1)	GCNO/ Church (2)	GCNO/ Church (3)	Old Charge	New Charge	Old District	New District
n/a						

a) District Move Changes

GCNO Number	Church Name	Old District	New District
n/a			

b) Alignment/Charge Line Changes

GCNO Number	Name	District	Old Charge	New Charge
540403	Drayton	Northeast	Drayton/ Pembina/ Humboldt MN	Drayton
541008 / 642923	Pembina/ Humboldt MN	Northeast	Drayton/ Pembina/ Humboldt MN	Pembina/ Humboldt MN
545405	Britton	Northeast	Britton	Britton/ Groton/ Conde

PART III PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (2/3v 3v) or (3/4v 4v) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Please be sure to indicate credentials. Indicate credentials of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM, when requested.

13. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (¶¶604.4, 605.7)?
None of us is blameless before God, all stand in need of the continual grace of God. We give thanks for the faithful ministries of the clergy members of the annual conference. The character and conference relations of all clergy members have been reviewed by the Cabinet and the Board of Ordained Ministry, and those clergy found to be in good standing are approved for annual appointment. All grievances and charges are resolved or are under supervisory care.

14. Please list information regarding elected members for the Administrative Review Committee, The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Committee on Investigation:

Committee	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
The Administrative Review Committee (§635)	Stephen Perry	See website	See website	See website
The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§634.1d)	Sharla McCaskell	See website	See website	See website
The Committee on Investigation (§2703)	Douglas Diehl / Clergy Jenene Earl / Clergy Joanne Ottmar / Lay Terry Prendergast / Lay	See website	See website	See website

15. List all certified candidates (§§ 310, 313, 314). List alphabetically.

NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.

a) List individuals currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Certified	Last Recertification
Fjerestad	Eric	--	Southeast	2024	2024
Gilkerson	Carrie	--	Northwest	2024	2025
Loaeza	Manuel	--	Southeast	2000	2025
Luft	Lisa	--	Northwest	2025	2025
Plueddeman	Andrea	--	Northwest	2022	2024
McDowell	Timothy	--	Northwest	2024	2025
Rowenhorst	Melissa	--	Southeast	2022	2023
Stefan	Janson	--	Northeast	2019	2024

b) List certified candidates have transferred into your Annual Conference from another Annual Conference

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Transferring Conference	Date Certified	Date Accepted in your AC	Last Recertification Date
Clough	Bennett	--	North Georgia	2019	June 2025	

c) List individuals whose candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry has been accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Receiving Conference	Date Originally Certified/Year	Date Accepted by District in Other Conference
Buck	Natalie	--	North Carolina	2017	2025

d) List individuals discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Buchholz	Jordan	--	Southeast	2020	2025

e) List certified candidates who have been reinstated into your Annual Conference (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Discontinued	District	Date Reinstated
n/a					

16. List individuals who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not currently appointed (§315). Indicate for each person the year the license was approved:(3/4v). List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Year Licensed Approved	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Loaeza	Manuel	--	Southeast	2017		
Rowenhorst	Melissa	--	Southeast	2022		

17. Who are approved and appointed as:

NOTE: For each person, please indicate the first year the license was awarded and the progress each has made within the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. In addition, indicate with an asterisk those who have completed the five-year course of study or the M.Div. (§319.4)

NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v) List alphabetically.

a) Full-time local pastors (§318.1)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Blackburn	Robert	--	Northwest	2021		2025
*Britt	John	--	Southwest	2012	*Completed 2018	2025
Clough	Bennett	--	Southeast	2018 (Transfer 2025)		
*Craig	Rick	--	Northwest	2004	*Completed 2009	2025
Dunham	Brandon	--	Southeast	2018	SFS – Kairos	2024

Fleming	Veronica	--	Northeast	2017	SFS – Kairos	2024
Hafner	Becca	--	Northwest	2023	SFS – Kairos	2025
*Hastings	Kim	--	Southeast	2020	*MDiv 2023	2025
*Huber	Wayne	--	Southeast	2005 (2011 PL to FL)	*Completed 2016	2025
*McCaskell	Sharla	--	Southwest	2004	*Completed 2010	2025
*Moore	Charlie	--	Southeast	2015 (2017 PL to FL)	*MDiv 2023	2025
Nyman	Cheryl	--	Southwest	2016	12 modules	2025
Plueddeman	Paul	--	Northwest	2024	Kairos	2024
*Samuelson	Rydel	--	Southeast	2023	*MDiv 2023	2025
Schomberg	John	--	Southeast	2021	SFS – Kairos	2025
Thrall	Cory	--	Northwest	2014 (2022 FL to PL) (2024 PL to FL)	SFS – Kairos	2025
Trent	Justin	--	Southwest	2024	1 module	2025
*Voeltz	Travis	--	Northwest	2019 (2022 PL to FL)	*SFS-Kairos	2025

b) Part-time local pastors (§318.2) Show the fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
*Anderson	John	E	Southeast	2020	3/4	*MTS 2006	2025
Bohn	Tiana	--	Northeast	2021	1/4	SFS – Kairos	2025
Bush	Tara	--	Southeast	2023	1/2	SFS – Kairos	2025
Dorfman	Tiff	--	Southeast	2021	1/2	4 modules	2025
*Eichinger	Connie	--	Southwest	2012	1/2	*Completed 2025	2025
Ennen	Rita	--	Northwest	2023	1/2	Garrett-Evangelical	2025
Felberg	Tia	--	Southeast	2020	3/4	SFS - Kairos	2025
*Gregg	Brian	--	Southeast	2019	1/4	*MDiv 2000	2025
Harwood	Randy	--	Northeast	2014	1/2	SFS – Kairos	2024
Irvine	Jesse	--	Northeast	2022	3/4	SFS – Kairos	2024
*Jennys	Susan	--	Southeast	2008	3/4	*Completed 2023	2025
Keehner	George	--	Southwest	2024	1/2	1 module	2025
Kuper	Donna	--	Southeast	2018	1/4	GETS	2025
Luft	Lisa	--	Northwest	2025	1/2		
Minnich-Kjesbo	Jordan	--	Southeast	2022	1/2	SFS – Kairos	2025
Sayler	Judy	--	Southeast	2014	3/4	18 modules	2025
Stangohr	Diane	--	Southeast	2022	3/4	4 modules	2024
*Vanderlip	Don	--	Southeast	2016	3/4	*MDiv 2009	2024
Wicks	Brenda	--	Southeast	2019	1/4	7 modules	2024
Willprecht	Josh	--	Southeast	2021	1/4	SFS - Kairos	2024

c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.5)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	First Year License Awarded	Seminary	Home Conference
n/a					

d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Serving Conference	Enrolled Seminary	Last Renewal Date
n/a					

e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§366.4, 367, 368, 369.3) (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Serving Conference	Course of Study/Seminary
n/a				

f) Who are approved for an annual extension beyond the prescribed limit of time of completed Course of Study as recommended by DCOM and BOM (§318.3) (v)?

1) Full Time

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study/ Courses Completed
n/a				

2) Part Time

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study/ Courses Completed
n/a				

g) Retired Local Pastors Under Appointment

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date	Fraction of Time to be Served
Larson	Kris	--	Southeast	1997	COS completed 2018		1/2
Sapp	Marlin	--	Northwest	2007	COS completed 2014	2025	3/4
Sorensen	Raenelle	--	Northeast	2008	16 modules	2022	1/2
Turner	Mark	--	Northwest	2006	MDiv 2013	2025	1/2
Vore	Jeffrey	--	Southeast	2011	7 modules		1/4

18. List individuals who are discontinued as local pastors (§320.1). List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Discontinued
Early	Andy	--	Sept.3, 2024

19. List individuals reinstated as local pastors (§320.4) (v) List alphabetically

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Discontinued	Reinstated Effective Date	Course of Study/ Seminary
n/a					

20. List clergy members (ordained, provisional and local pastors) from other annual conferences or Methodist denominations who are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§§318.4, 331.4, 346.1). List alphabetically

a) Annual Conferences

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Home Conference	Clergy Status	Year When Service in Your AC began	Year Approved
Klein	Shandon	--	Texas	OE	2024	2024

b) Other Methodist Denominations

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Denomination	Clergy Status	Year When Service in your AC began	Year Approved
n/a						

21. List clergy in full connection appointed to a missionary conference who is considered an affiliated member of the missionary conference while retaining membership in their home conference. (§586.4b) List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Missionary Conference	Clergy Status	Year When Service in Your AC began	Year Approved
n/a						

22. List what clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations who have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§§331.4, 346.1) (v) Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential. List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began
Belzer	Chuck	--	OL	UCC (United Church of Christ)	2021
Cook	David	--	OL	PC USA (Presbyterian Church)	2019
Dill	Robin	--	OF	PC USA (Presbyterian Church)	2016
Isakson Cook	Laura	--	OF	EC (Evangelical Covenant)	2024
Jennys	David	--	OF	UCC (United Church of Christ)	2025
*Junker	Daren	--	OF	AB (American Baptist)	2003
Loewen	Rick	--	OF	CCCC (Conservative Congregational Christian Conf.)	2017
*Snethen	Ron	--	OF	NAZ (Nazarene)	1992

23. List individuals who are affiliate members: List alphabetically. Be sure to indicate the annual conference or denomination where membership is held.

a) With vote (§586.4b) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference/ Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
n/a				

b) Without vote (§348) (2/3v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference/ Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
n/a				

24. List persons elected as associate members §321 (3/4v) In addition, if persons have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, please indicate the name of the accepting conference and date of admission if applicable. List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a				

25. List individuals Who are **newly elected** as provisional members and what seminary they are attending, if in school (under §§322.4, 324, 325). List alphabetically.

a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of § 324.4b (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Seminary
Heagel	Kara	--	Wesley Theological Seminary – MDiv 2021

b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of § 324.4b (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Seminary
Anderson	Davis	--	Southern Methodist University
Johnson	Taylor	--	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary & Kairos University
Ragels	Taryn	--	Indiana Wesleyan University & Kairos University
Sherman	Laura	--	Duke University

26. List individuals who are **continued** as provisional members, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§§326, 327v). List alphabetically

In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder (§326)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Commission Year	Seminary
*Carlson	Annie	--	PE	2024	MDiv Kairos University
*Coates	Cindy	H.	PE	2024	MDiv Sioux Falls Seminary
*Dinger	Don	--	PE	2023	MDiv Kairos University
*Ducker	Krista	--	PD	2023	MDiv Kairos University
*Eliason	Stephanie	--	PE	2024	MDiv Kairos University
*Galbreath	Allison	--	PE	2024	MDiv Wesley Theological Seminary
*Johnson	Andrea	--	PE	2023	MDiv Sioux Falls Seminary
*Knock	Rodney	--	PE	2021	MDiv Sioux Falls Seminary
*Laffey	Amber	--	PD	2023	MDiv Kairos University
*Prouty-Cole	Sandee	--	PD	2022	MDiv Iliff School of Theology
*Whetsel	Teresa	--	PE	2022	MDiv Kairos University

a) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Coates	Cindy	H.

c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons (v) Be sure to indicate year.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year
Ducker	Krista	--	2025

d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations (§347.1) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Commission Year	Seminary	Previous Conference/ Denomination
n/a						

27. List ordained clergy that have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3). List alphabetically. In addition, if persons have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, please indicate the name of the accepting conference and date of admission if applicable.

a) As provisional members (§347.6a) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Previous Denomination	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a							

- b) As local pastors (§347.3) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Previous Denomination	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a							

28. List ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§347). List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Previous Denomination
n/a					

29. List of persons elected as members in full connection. List alphabetically. In addition, list members in full connection that have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, indicating the name of the accepting conference and date of admission, if applicable

- a) Deacons (§330) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a				

- b) Elders (§335) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Ackerman	Quaya	--	n/a	n/a
Blank	Bryce	--	n/a	n/a
Certa-Werner	Thanael	--	n/a	n/a
Gregg	Julie	--	n/a	n/a
Person	Teresa	--	n/a	n/a

30. List persons ordained as deacons and which seminary awarded their degree. If their master's degree is not from a seminary, at which seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies: List alphabetically. In addition, list those ordained as deacons that have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, indicating the name of the accepting conference and date of admission if applicable

- a) After provisional membership (§330) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Seminary	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a					

- b) Transfer from elder (§309) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Seminary	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a					

31. List individuals who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree. List alphabetically.

- a) After provisional membership (§335) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Seminary
Ackerman	Quaya	--	Sioux Falls Seminary
Blank	Bryce	--	Perkins School of Theology
Certa-Werner	Thanael	--	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Gregg	Julie	--	Fuller Theological Seminary
Person	Teresa	--	Kairos University

- b) Transfer from deacon (§309) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Seminary
n/a			

32. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§365) (v) List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Prior Clergy Status	Effective Date of Discontinue	¶ or Reason (Note)
n/a					

33. List individuals who are readmitted (§§365-369 [v], §369 [2/3v]). List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Prior Clergy Status	New Clergy Status	Date Left Conference	Effective Date of Readmission	¶ or Reason (Note)
n/a							

34. List individuals who have returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§358.7): (v) List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Prior Clergy Status	New Clergy Status	Date Left Conference	Effective Date of Readmission	¶ or Reason (Note)
n/a							

35. List individuals who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§347.1,416.5, 635.2n). List alphabetically. (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
Clough	Bennett	--	FL	North Georgia	2025

36. List individuals who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§§347.2, 346.2). List alphabetically. Indicate credential.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Receiving Clergy Status	Previous Methodist Denomination	Date of Transfer
n/a					

37. List individuals who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference. List alphabetically. If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, please list these persons below. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.

a) Deacons

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a					

b) Elders

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
n/a					

38. List individuals who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	New Conference	Date of Transfer
n/a					

39. List individuals who are discontinued as provisional members (§327) (v). List alphabetically.

a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
n/a				

b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
n/a				

c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
n/a				

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§ 327.7)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
n/a				

40. List individuals who have had their conference membership terminated. List alphabetically

a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§361.1, .4)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Early	Andy	--	Sept.3, 2024	PL	
Schnabel	Perry	--	Dec.12, 2024	RE	
Finke	Travis	--	Dec.31, 2024	PL	
Rock	Brian	--	Dec.31, 2024	PL	
Smith	Chuck	--	Dec.31, 2024	PL	
Waltner	Travis	--	Dec.31, 2024	PL	
Weber	Adam	--	Dec.31, 2024	FE	

b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§361.2, .4)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
n/a				

c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§361.3, .4; 2720.2)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
n/a				

d) By trial (§2713)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
n/a				

41. List individuals suspended under the provisions of §§363.7, 2704.2c or 2711.3). List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	End Date (if applicable)	Clergy Status
n/a					

42. List of members from your annual conference who have passed away during the year, including those from Administration Location. List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Clergy Status
Brockway	Alan	--	03-23-1932	06-15-2024	RE
Gist	Rod	--	10-04-1926	06-22-2024	RE
Jennewein	Lin	--	06-25-1936	09-17-2024	RE
McKirdy	Wayne	--	06-09-1929	01-26-2025	RE
Moe	Pete	--	09-19-1932	01-03-2025	RE
Ritter	Penny	--	03-17-1947	08-19-2024	RE
Smith	Roger	--	01-01-1926	07-31-2024	RE

43. List clergy members who have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference. List alphabetically.

a) Provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) (§331.4, 346.1)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment / Time	Effective Date of Appointment
Anderson	Jennifer	--	FE	Minnesota	7/1/2017	
Bartel	Andy	--	FE	Alaska	7/1/2015	
Bockwolfdt	Stan	--	FE	Wisconsin	7/1/2015	
Johnson	Taylor	--	PE	Minnesota	7/1/2025	
Krueger	Autumn	--	FE	Alaska	7/1/2017	
Nelson	Clifford	--	RE	Minnesota	6/1/2020	
Van Meter	Eric	--	FE	Kentucky	1/1/2024	

b) Local Pastors are Serving on Loan (§318.4)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment / Time	Effective Date of Appointment
Stoll	Shawn	--	FL	Minnesota	Full-Time	July 1, 2025

c) Associated Members (§346.1)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment /Time	Effective Date of Appointment
n/a						

d) Affiliated Members appointed to missionary conference with vote (§586)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment /Time	Effective Date of Appointment
n/a						

44. List provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§354). Indicate credential and record Charge Conference where membership is held. List alphabetically.

a) Voluntary Leave of Absence

(1) 5 years or less (§3542a-b, 3) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Type of Leave	Charge Conference
n/a						

(2) more than 5 years (§3543.2a-b, 3) (2/3v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Type of Leave	Charge Conference
n/a						

b) Transitional Leave(¶354.2c)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
Thompson	Janice	--	FE	7/1/2025		

c) Involuntary

(1) Involuntary Leave (¶ 355) (2/3v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
n/a						

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (JCD 1355) (v) List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
n/a						

45. List individuals who are granted sabbatical leave (¶352) (v). List alphabetically.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
n/a						

46. List individuals granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (¶357) (v). List alphabetically

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
Baird	Howard	--	FE	5/4/2017		
Broschat	Lori	--	FE	6/1/2021		
Kloster	Kevin	--	FE	10/1/2020		
Zeck	Rich	--	FE	7/1/2023		

47. List members in full connection who have been retired (¶358): List alphabetically - If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (Under ¶358.1, no vote required; under ¶358.2, v; under ¶358.3, v 2/3)

Deacons

a) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
n/a			

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Brennan	Michelle	--	12/31/2021

Elders

a) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Baker	Ray	--	7/1/2025
Freed	Dan	--	12/31/2024
Gross	Jan	--	7/1/2025
Jacobsen	David	--	1/1/2025
Olson	Ron	--	7/1/2025

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Adel	Jeff	--	2024
Aleson	Darrel	J.	2011
Aleson	Dennis	E.	2009
Anderson	Peder	O.	2014
*Andrews	David	A.	2008
*Andrews	Donald	E.	2007
Archer	Royal	--	2020
Arnold	Gail	L.	2011
Baldock	Linda	--	2017
Ball-Killbourne	Deborah	G.	2016
Ball-Killbourne	Gary	Lee	2013
Banwart	Judy	--	2016
Bass	Gerald	R.	2013
*Bates, Jr.	William	L	2012
Behrens	Hazel	--	2018
Berkenpas	Darlis	A.	2011
Bernard	Mary Ann	--	2023
Blair	Neil	--	2023

*Blumer	Boyd	Ardell	1997
Borman	Laura	--	2016
Boyd	Dick	Willard	2012
Budd	Paul	--	2024
Burns	Jeri	--	2016
*Coates	J. Edwin	--	2005
Crippen	Donald	E.	2014
Culver	Kermit	--	2020
Diehl	Douglas	E.	2014
*Eberhart	Emil	H.	2005
Eberhart	Penelope	V.	2005
Ellingson	Mark	--	2023
*Elmer	Donald	--	2008
*Erickson	John "Jack"	T.	2006
*Fike	Gerald	A.	2000
*Fisher	Richard	--	2001
*Forbes	Bruce	--	2018
Fossum	Richard	N.	2014
Gellhaus	Dennis	R.	2015
*Gran	William	--	2016
*Gray	Bruce	C.	1998
Grinager	Eric	--	2018
Grinager	Howard	L.	2012
Gronseth	Mark	--	2023
Haggar	Edward	Tom	2014
*Haggin	Leonard	K.	1996
Hall	Mina	--	2018
Hazard	Brian	--	2018
Hazen	Rick	--	2017
*Heetland	David	--	2020
*Hisel	John	W.	2012
Holland	Mark	--	2017
Hook	F. Eve	--	2007
*Jacoway	John	A.	1996
Jassmann Massingill	Elizabeth	--	2017
*Johnson	Cameron	W.	1994
Johnson	Ronald	--	2020
Kana-Mackey	J. Sue	--	2009
Katter	John	C.	2006
Kelsey	Elizabeth	--	2014
*Kieras	Peggy	J.	2012
Kistler	Genie	H.	2010
Kjonaas	Donna	S.	2009
Kor	Henry	K.	2009
Kroger	Greg	--	2022
Laudermith	Iva	--	2017
Lavery	Thomas	Edward	2013
Lint	Mary-Lee	--	2015
*Lint	Phillip	E.	2006
*Lutz	Richard	A.	2003
*Mack	David	E.	2000
Mack	Deborah	A.	2011
Maddox	Randy	--	2018
Manning	Nancy	--	2017
*Mayer	Richard	M.	2002
McKeehan	Frank	--	2018
McKnight, Jr.	John	--	2017
McLaird	Donna	J.	2004
*Meier	Dwight	L.	2002

*Meier	Mark	W.	2010
*Meier	Max	E.	1999
Mersch	Patricia	I.	2014
Motta	David	--	2021
*Muthiah	Lionel	P.A.	1992
Nelson	Clifford	--	2017
Nelson	Morris	E.	2011
Nygaard	Julie	--	2016
O'Connell	Susan	K.	2013
*Patrick	James	D.	2008
*Pease	Edward	E.	2006
Pederson	Kenrad	V.	2015
*Peirce	Russell	M.	1994
Perry	E. Stephen	--	2014
*Petersen	Calvin	L.	1998
Phillips	Mark	--	2022
Phillips	Randy	--	2023
Pittenger	Rick	--	2021
*Rae	Gary	W.	2011
*Reich	Eldon	H.	2014
Rhodes	Warren	--	2016
Richards	Sheila	B.	2006
Rinearson	Dick	--	2019
Ruedebusch	Bob	--	2022
Samuel	Sunandkumar	D.	2013
Sayler	Glen	--	2022
*Scanson	Arthur	H.	2010
*Schott	Walter	J.	1995
*Schwenn	DeVern	E.	2000
Semrad	Jeanne	Gaard	2010
Sheldon	Mary Ann	--	2012
Shlanta-Peasley	Gail	L.	1997
*Simmons	Robert	L.	2004
Spahr	Randall	--	2020
Spurrell	Marilyn	--	2017
*Stein	K. James	--	1995
Stolp	Gerald	Alvin	2013
*Sykes	Richard	--	2000
Tieszen	Wayne	L.	2003
Tkach	Rodney	--	2021
*Towler	James	G.	1994
Trapp	Dean	--	2023
VanEssen	Albartus	Lee	2013
Vorlage	Tim	--	2022
Waisanen	Cori	--	2014
Watt	Donald	A.	2011
*Wenzel	Warren	L.	2001
*Wigen	A. Julian	--	2003
*Wilson	Peary	A.	2006
*Wu	David	C.	2005
Zerface	Peggy	Ann	2013
Ziebarth	Steven	--	2020

48. List associate members who have retired (§358). List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under §358.1, no vote required; under §358.2, v; under §358.3, v 2/3)

a) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
n/a			

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Birkeland	David	--	2018
Oates	Muriel	A.	2003
Whitmer	Lou	--	2023

49. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (§320.5) List alphabetically.

a) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Bensinger	Richard	--	2025
Kidd	Laurie	--	2025

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Ballard	Ken	--	2021
Bailey	Fern	M.	2013
Brandt	Martha	--	2019
Flowers	Mike	--	2023
Guenther	Larry	N.	2007
Johnson	Gary	H.	2016
Konsor	James	--	2019
Kuper	Marlyn	--	2001
Larson	Kris	--	2020
Petersen	Tom	C.	2015
Price	Jan	C.	2012
Rhodes	Grace	C.	2012
Sapp	Marlin	--	2023
Severtson	David	--	2019
Sorensen	Raenelle	--	2018
Speiser	Rae	L.	2011
Turner	Mark	--	2022
Udehn	Kippy	--	2023
Vore	Jeff	--	11/1/2019
Whipkey	Barry	--	2023

50. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference:

a) By appointment category and conference relationship

NOTES:

- (1) Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.
- (2) For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:
 - ¶344.1a, c): the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.
 - ¶344.1b): the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
 - ¶344.1d): the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

Note: Report those in extension ministry in one category only.

See the Discipline paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.

Note: Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (§331.1a, 339)(q72)(q73)		33	1	10	0	22	15
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§317,331.1b; 344.1a,c) (q75a)		10	1	1	0		3
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§317,331.1b; 344.1b) (q75b)		1					
Appointments to Extension Ministries (§317.1; 331.1b; 344.1d) (q75c)	2	15					
Appointments to Attend School (§331.1d) (q76)			1				
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (q43)		5		1		1	1
On Leave of Absence (q44a1, 2)(q44c1,2) Personal							
On Leave of Absence (q44a1, 2)(q44c1,2) Family							
On Sabbatical Leave (q45)							
On Medical Leave (q46)		5					
On Transitional Leave (q44b)		1	1				
Retired (q47,48,49,53,56,70)	1	142			3	21	
TOTAL NUMBER, Clergy Members	3	212	4	12	3	44	19
GRAND TOTAL, All Conference Clergy Members	298						

b) By gender and racial/ethnic identification?

CLERGY DEMOGRAPHICS

CATEGORIES	DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION			ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION			PROVISIONAL DEACONS		
	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY
ASIAN				3	1				
BLACK									
HISPANIC									
NATIVE AMERICAN									
PACIFIC ISLANDER				1					
WHITE		3		145	62			4	
MULTI-RACIAL				2	1				
GRAND TOTAL, ALL CONFERENCE CLERGY MEMBERS*		3		151	64			4	

CATEGORIES	PROVISIONAL ELDERS			ASSOCIATE MEMBERS			AFFILIATE MEMBERS (WITH VOTE)		
	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY
ASIAN									
BLACK									
HISPANIC									
NATIVE AMERICAN									
PACIFIC ISLANDER									
WHITE	4	8		1	2				
MULTI-RACIAL									
GRAND TOTAL, ALL CONFERENCE CLERGY MEMBERS*	4	8		1	2				

CATEGORIES	FULL TIME LOCAL PASTORS			PART-TIME LOCAL PASTORS		
	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY	MALE	FEMALE	NON-BINARY
ASIAN						
BLACK						
HISPANIC						
NATIVE AMERICAN						
PACIFIC ISLANDER						
WHITE	28	15		7	11	1
MULTI-RACIAL						
GRAND TOTAL, ALL CONFERENCE CLERGY MEMBERS*	28	15		7	11	1

PART IV HONORABLE LOCATION

51. List individuals granted honorable location (§358.1) List alphabetically.

a) This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Charge Conference Membership	Date Effective
n/a					

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Originally Granted	Status	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
Atkins	Amy	--	2022	FE		
Krogman	Travis	--	2022	FE		
Whaley	Russell	--	2014	FE		

52. List individuals on honorable location who are appointed ad interim as local pastors (§358.2) Indicate date and appointment.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Appointment	Year Originally Granted Location
n/a				

53. List individuals who have been granted the status of honorable location-retired (§358.3):

a) This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
n/a					

Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Brinkman	Elmer	--	RE	1977	Watertown First
Geschwinder	Anne	--	RE	1986	
Haidle	Stanley	--	RE	2002	Mitchell Downtown First
Jarman	John	--	RE	1978	Fargo Faith
Kimble	Perry	--	RE	1996	Linton
Renaud	Linda	--	RE	1991	
Rice	Daniel	--	RE	1978	
Rickenbach	Joel	--	RE	1974	Prairie View

54. Who have had their status as honorable located orders terminated (§358.2) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
n/a				

PART V ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATION

55. List individuals placed on administrative location (§359). List alphabetically

a) This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership
n/a				

b) Ad Interim Administrative Location (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership
n/a				

c) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Originally Placed	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
n/a					

56. Please list individuals granted the status of administrative location—retired (§358.3):

a) This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Administrative Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
n/a					

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Administrative Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
n/a					

57. List individuals who have had their status as administrative located orders terminated (§358.2) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
n/a				

PART VI CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Note: Indicate the credentials of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM. List alphabetically

58. List the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Spurrell	Marilyn	--	RE	Spiritual Formation

59. List individuals certified in specialized ministry. List the areas of specialized ministry.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Ackerman	Quaya	--	FE	Spiritual Formation Certificate
Brennan	Michelle	--	RD	Associate in Christian Education
Ball-Kilbourne	Debra	--	RE	Minister in Christian Education
Knight	Carolyn	--	Lay	Associate in Christian Education
Prouty-Cole	Sandee	--	PD	Spiritual Formation Certificate

60. List individuals are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Sending Conference
n/a					

61. List individuals who transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Receiving Conference
n/a					

62. List individuals who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
n/a				

PART VII ASSIGNED LAY MEMBERS

63. List individuals who are lay members serving within your Annual Conference.

a) Certified Lay Ministers (§ 268, and 666.10) (List alphabetically, by district)

District	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Certification	End Date of Certification	Last Recertification
Northeast	Johnson-Singery	Joanne	--	2016		2023
Northwest	DuVal	Sharon	--	2012		2025
Northwest	Osborne	Anne	--	2012		2025
Northwest	Rockeman	Karl	--	2023		2024
Southeast	Kenkel	Addy	--	2024		
Southeast	Laible	Laura	--	2025		
Southwest	Bottger	Jerry	--	2016		2024
Southwest	Ferris	Beata	--	2020		2024
Southwest	Madsen	Janet	--	2014		2024
Southwest	Wahlstrom	Richard	--	2015		2024

b) DS Assigned Lay supply (SY - SUPPLIED/HIRED/ASSIGNED) List alphabetically

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Assigned	Fraction of Time to be Served	End Date
Losing	Darrell	--	Northwest	2016	1/4	
McDowell	Timothy	--	Northwest	2023		
Peck	Donald	--	Northeast	1995		
Siefken	Loren	--	Northeast	2011		
Siefken	Pat	--	Northeast	2011		

PART VIII DIACONAL MINISTERS

Paragraph numbers in questions 66-72 refer to the 1992 *The Book of Discipline*. List alphabetically

64. List individuals transferred in as diaconal ministers (§312)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date
n/a				

65. List individuals who transferred out as diaconal ministers (§312)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Receiving Annual Conference	Date
n/a				

66. List individuals whose conference relationship as diaconal ministers was terminated by Annual Conference action (§313.3) (Under §313.3a, no vote; under §313.3b, v 2/3)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
n/a			

67. List diaconal ministers granted leaves of absence under §313.1a, c, d) (disability, maternity/paternity, study/sabbatical, or personal leave) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Type of Leave	Date Originally Granted
n/a				

68. List diaconal ministers granted extended leave (§313.1e)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Originally Granted
n/a			

69. List individuals who have returned to active status from extended leave (§313.1e) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Originally Granted
n/a			

70. List individuals who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (§313.2): (Under §313.2b, v 2/3)

a) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
n/a			

b) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
n/a			

PART IX APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

71. List individuals approved for less than full-time service.

a) What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (§338.2, 342.2, 1506) (v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Appointment	Total number of years	Start date of First year Appointed	Fraction of Full-Time Service	Requested Leave by pastor, bishop, DS
Budd	Paul	--	RE	John Knox Village	1	2025	LTFT	
Ducker	Krista	--	PD	Chaplain Avera Hospital	3	2023	LTFT	
Hallenbeck Orr	Jennifer	--	FE	Hospice Red River Valley	4	10/4/2023	3/4	
Sortland	Jeanne	--	FE	Wimbledon/Kensal	8	2018	1/2	
Zachrison	Dayne	--	FE	Devils Lake	3	2023	3/4	

b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§331.3)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Appointment	Start date of First year Appointed	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Laffey	Amber	--	PD	TBD	2023	1/2
Ducker	Krista	--	PD	Extension	2025	LTFT

72. Who has been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of §338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period?

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date
n/a					

73. What elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local and supply pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year Attach a list. This is your appointment booklet. See Ministry Appointments in the Journal.

74. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session. Attach list. Include and identify Appointments to Extension Ministries. Give effective dates of all changes. These are your interim appointments.

Date	Name	Status	From (Appointment)	To (Appointment)
6/1/22	Leisa Richards	FE	Retroactive: Legal Services, NM	East River Legal Services, SD
7/1/22	Stanton Bockwoldt	FE	Retroactive: Centenary, Wisconsin Conference	Burlington, Wisconsin Conf.
11/1/22	David Birkeland	RA	Retroactive: Minnesota Conference	Retirement
7/1/24	Shandon Klein	OE	None	Fairmont/ Breckenridge MN (supplied by MN Conference, member of Texas Conference)
7/1/24	Warren Rhodes	RE	McClusky/ Goodrich/Chaseley (1/2)	Goodrich / Chaseley (1/2) (McClusky closed in BAC 2024)

7/1/24	Rebecca Trefz	FE	Assistant to the Bishop for Connection and Communications	Assistant to the Bishop & Supervising Alpena/ Virgil
7/1/24	Jordan Buchholz	CC	New Church Start 'The Collective'	None (remains Cert. Candidate)
7/15/24	Andy Early	PL	Bismarck Legacy (1/2)/ Bismarck Calvary (1/2)	Bismarck Calvary (1/2)
9/1/24	Ray Baker	FE	Fargo Faith	Fargo Faith (3/4) & Hillsboro (1/4)
9/1/24	Tim Bauer	OF	Hillsboro (supplied by UCC)	None
9/3/24	Andy Early	none	Bismarck Calvary (1/2)	Discontinued (no LLP license)
9/16/24	Mark Ehrmantraut	FE	Minot Vincent	Extension The God's Child Project
9/30/24	Justin Iverson	FE	OPROV Illinois Great Rivers Conf.	OPROV Illinois Great Rivers Conf. (1/2) & Ext. St. Louis University Hospital Chaplain (1/2)
9/30/24	Alyssa Quade	SY	Velva (1/4)	None
11/22/24	Carli Steffes	SY	EXT Chaplain (1/4)	None
12/12/24	Perry Schnabel	RE	Retirement	None – withdrawn UMC membership
12/31/24	Adam Weber	FE	Embrace	None – discontinued
12/31/24	Travis Finke	FL	Embrace	None – discontinued
12/31/24	Brian Rock	PL	Embrace	None – discontinued
12/31/24	Travis Waltner	PL	Embrace	None – discontinued
12/31/24	Chuck Smith	PL	Embrace	None – discontinued
12/31/24	Dan Freed	RE	Extension	Retirement, remain Extension as RE
1/1/25	Beata Ferris	CLM	Pierre First (3/4) & Ext. Camp Ministries (1/4)	Pierre First (3/4)
1/1/25	Brenda Wicks	PL	Carpenter & Ext. Care Coordinator (1/4)	Ext. Care Coordinator (1/4)
1/1/25	David Jacobsen	RE	Extension	Retirement
1/1/25	Jen Osterloh	FE	EXT Conf. Office (BAC 2024)	Brookings First
1/1/25	Justin Iverson	FE	OPROV Illinois Great Rivers Conf. (1/2) & EXT St. Louis University Hospital Chaplain (1/2)	Ext. Hospital Chaplain St. Louis University
1/1/25	Jeanine Kersey-Russell	FE	Transitional Leave	Ext. ND Youth Correctional Center
1/1/25	Taryn Ragels	FL	Mitchell Fusion (3/4) & Ext. Campus Ministry (1/4)	Mitchell Fusion (1/2) & Ext. Campus Ministry (1/2)
2/3/25	Jordan Buchholz	Cert. Cand.	Certified Candidate	discontinued
3/1/25	John Werth	OF	Hamilton	None
3/9/25	DeAnn Eidem	FE	Ext. Stillwater Hospice (1/2)	Ext. Stillwater Hospice (fulltime) AND REMOVED IN Q71
4/1/25	Lisa Luft	PL	None (New Local Pastor)	Extension Minot Area Care Coordinator (1/2)
7/1/25	Laurie Kidd	FL	Hettinger	Retirement as RL
7/1/25	Ray Baker	FE	Fargo Faith (3/4) & Hillsboro United (1/4)	Retirement
7/1/25	Jan Gross	FE	Dell Rapids (3/4)	Retirement
7/1/25	Ron Olson	FE	Parker / Hurley (3/4)	Retirement
7/1/25	Bennett Clough	FL	Transfer as LLP from N. Georgia Conference	Faultkon
7/1/25	Shawn Stoll	OL	Faultkon	Pastor on Loan to the MN Conf.
7/1/25	Krista Ducker	PD	Ben Clare (1/4) & Ext. Avera Chaplain (1/2)	Ext. Avera Hospital Chaplain (Less Than Full Time - LTFT)
7/1/25	Jordan Louks	FE	Sioux Falls First	Fargo Faith
7/1/25	Chang Yi	FE	Grand Forks Zion	Minot Vincent
7/1/25	Clay Lundberg	FE	Canton	Grand Forks Zion
7/1/25	Laura Laible	CLM	None	Howard Beach (1/4)
7/1/25	Janice Thompson	FE	Flandreau	Transitional Leave
7/1/25	David Jennys	OF	None	Flandreau
7/1/25	Laura Sherman	PE	None (seminary student)	Dell Rapids
7/1/25	Richard Bensinger	FL	Rapid City First	Retirement – Status RL
7/1/25	Duane Coates	FE	Valley City Epworth	Rapid City First

7/1/25	Cindy H. Coates	PE	Sioux Falls Wesley (1/2) & EXT. Ground Works Connect (1/2)	Rapid City First (1/2) & Extension Ground Works Connect (1/2)
7/1/25	Bryce Blank	FE	Watertown First Associate	Valley City Epworth
7/1/25	Paul Plueddeman	FL	Certified Candidate	Hettinger
7/1/25	Rob Salmonson	FE	Clark	Canton
7/1/25	Ron Olson	RE	Retirement	Parker / Hurley (1/2)
7/1/25	Davis Anderson	PE	None (seminary student)	Salem Unite
7/1/25	Taylor Johnson	PE	Commissioning Candidate	Extension 346.1
7/1/25	Sandee Prouty-Cole	PD	Extension	To be announced
7/1/25	Amber Laffey	PD	Alexandria (1/2)	To be announced
7/1/25	Kim Hastings	FL	Salem Unite	To be announced
7/1/25	Kara Heagel	PD	None (seminary student)	To be announced
9/1/25	Ray Baker	RE	Retirement	Hillsboro (1/4) as RE

75. What clergy members are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year.

a) Within the connexional structures of United Methodism (¶344.1a, c)(attach a listing)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Allen	Joel	--	FE	2013	Dakotas Wesleyan University	Mitchell Fusion
Anderson	Nicole	--	FE	2023	Lake Poinsett Camp	Watertown First
Bader	Dan	--	FE	2022	SW District Superintendent	Rapid City Canyon Lake
Eberhart	Rebecca	--	FE	2010	GETS, Evanston IL	Mitchell Downtown First
Eberhart	Timothy	--	FE	2023	GETS, Evanston IL	Mitchell Downtown First
Luft	Lisa	--	PL	4/1/2025	Regional Care Coordinator (1/4)	Minot Vincent
Mutzenberger	Kris	--	FE	2020	NE District Superintendent	Fargo First
Ragels	Taryn	--	PE	10/15/23	DWU Campus Ministry (1/2)	Mitchell Fusion
Trefz	Rebecca	--	FE	2024	Assistant to the Bishop for Connection & Communications	Mitchell Fusion
Trefz	Steve	--	FE	2016	Kairos University	Mitchell Fusion
Vetter	Brandon	--	FE	2024	SE District Superintendent	Sioux Falls First
Wicks	Brenda	--	PL	1/1/2024	Regional Care Coordinator (1/4)	Carpenter
Winckler	Joel	--	FE	2020	NW District Superintendent	Mandan

b) To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b) (attach a listing)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Budd	Paul	--	RE	1985	John Knox Village	Watertown First
Kattelman	Brad	--	FE	2019	Fort Cavazos, Army Chaplain	Brookings First

c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d (v 2/3)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Avery	Martin	--	FE	2/3/2019	Mayville & Gran ELCA, ND	Fargo Faith
Coates	Cindy H.	--	PE	8/1/2024	Ground Works Connect, SD (1/2)	Rapid City First
Dorfman	Tiffany	--	PL	6/1/2021	Chaplain Sanford Medical Center, SD (1/2)	Sioux Falls First
Ducker	Krista	--	PD	2023	Avera Hospital, SD (LTFT)	Ben Clare
Ehrmantraut	Mark	--	FE	9/16/2024	The God's Child Project, ND	Bismarck McCabe
Eidem	DeAnn	--	FE	2023	Stillwater Hospice, SD	Rapid City Canyon Lake
Freed	Dan	--	RE	2/15/2019	Avera Heart Hospital, SD	Sioux Falls First
Gall	Melissa	--	FD	8/1/2018	Milbank Central School District, SD	Watertown First
Gregg	Julie	--	FE	9/15/2021	Spiritual Direction, SD	Garretson
Hallenbeck Or	Jennifer	--	FE	10/4/2022	Hospice Red River Valley, ND	Bismarck Legacy
Iverson	Justin	--	FE	9/30/2024	St. Louis University, Hospital Chaplain	

Johnsen	Mark	--	FE	2021	United Church of Christ, SD	Sioux Falls First
Johnson	Teri	--	FE	2020	SD State University	Rapid City Knollwood Heights
Kersey-Russell	Jeanine	--	FE	1/1/2025	Youth Correctional Center, ND	Bismarck McCabe
Matthews	Shelly	--	FE	8/1/2011	Brite Divinity School, TX	Fargo Faith
Miller	Theta	--	FE	2022	Kansas Region of the Christian Church	Fargo First
Richards	Leisa	--	FE	6/1/2022	East River Legal Services, SD	Aberdeen North Highland
Richards	Matthew	--	FE	2/15/2020	Avera @ Home Chaplain & Mitchell UCC	Mitchell Downtown First
Vondergeest	Craig	--	FE	2005	Presbyterian College, SC	Jamestown St. Paul's
Walters	Gary	--	FE	2019	Kirk Funeral Home, SD	Rapid City Knollwood Heights
Walters	Laura	--	FD	2019	New Underwood School District, SD	Rapid City Knollwood Heights

76. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6) (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	School
n/a				

77. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline]. Attach list – N/A

78. What other personal notations should be made (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§638.9), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

- Q71.c) Retro-active correction of Extension Appointment for Leisa Richards to East River Legal Services, Aberdeen SD since June 2022.
- Q45 Retro-active correction of Extension Appointment for David Birkeland which ended 11/1/2022. He was removed from the listing and should be removed from the Journal 2023 and 2024.
- Q11.b) Kimball Protestant Parish disaffiliated Aug.31, 2023 and should be removed from the 2024 Journal.
- Jen Tyler is now Jen Osterloh

79. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.3,4) Bismarck ND, June 2026

Commissioned as a Deacon

Kara Heagel



Kara grew up in Watertown, South Dakota, where she and her family were a part of First United Methodist Church. As the granddaughter of a United Methodist elder (Boyd Blumer), the church was always a significant part of her life. She was a member of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries during high school. Following graduation,

she enrolled at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota. While in the Black Hills, she had the opportunity to serve as a pastor intern for The Bridge UMC, a new church plant, and as the Connections Coordinator at First UMC in Rapid

City. She was elected to serve as the Dakotas Conference lay delegate to the 2020 General Conference, a role she finally got to fulfill in 2024.

Kara started seminary at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in the fall of 2018. During that time, she served as the student pastor in New Freedom, Pennsylvania. This experience also helped her discern that her calling was not to ministry as a lead pastor in a local church. This realization helped guide her to the Deacon track for ordination in order to be a bridge from the church to the world. She dreams of owning a coffee shop that will serve as “third space” for engaging and blessing the community and being a place where people to encounter the love of God. Kara and her husband, Adam, currently live in the Baltimore, Maryland, area.

Commissioned as Elders

Davis Anderson



Davis grew up in Pierre, South Dakota, as a member of First United Methodist Church. In high school he was a member of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries. He went on to attend Dakota Wesleyan University. During college, he was involved in campus ministry, did an Elisha internship at Spearfish United

Methodist Church in Spearfish, South Dakota, and also worked as a summer chaplain at Lake Poinsett Camp.

During his senior year, he served as student lay pastor at Ethan United Methodist Church in Ethan, South Dakota.

Davis went to seminary in Dallas, Texas, at Perkins School of Theology. While there he had the opportunity to intern at a United Methodist Church called The Grove. He and his wife, Anna, were married on May 25, 2025. Davis will be serving Unite Church in Salem, South Dakota.

Taylor Johnson



Taylor's connection with the United Methodist Church started when his family began attending First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, when he was in 5th grade. He would go on to become a part of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries in high school, participate in campus ministry while at South Dakota

State University, attend Exploration and the United Methodist Student Forum, and being elected to serve

on the steering committee for the United Methodist Student Movement through GBHEM. He began his vocational ministry journey as the worship leader and high school youth director at Sioux Falls First UMC. He then took steps to become a licensed local pastor and moved into an appointed pastoral role at Sioux Falls First.

Taylor received his Master of Divinity degree from Kairos University. He and his wife, Kjersten, and their two children live in Moorhead, Minnesota, where Taylor serves as the pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

Taryn Ragels



Growing up in Mitchell, South Dakota, Taryn first began to sense a call to ministry in middle school after a friend invited her to come to youth group. Her faith and calling developed even more deeply during her time at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, with the help of college ministries like the Navigators

and the local Wesleyan Church, GracePoint and their campus ministry. After graduating with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies, Taryn began working for GracePoint as the ministry assistant to

the college pastor and community life pastor. During this time she also began to work toward her seminary degree through Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. An unexpected conversation and invitation eventually led to her back to Mitchell to serve as the Director of Ministries for Fusion, the United Methodist Church on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University. She has been serving as the licensed local pastor of Fusion since 2020 and completed her Master of Divinity in 2021. In 2023, Taryn also began serving as one of the campus pastors at DWU and is currently appointed one-half time to Fusion and one-half time to DWU. She and her husband, Adam, live in Mitchell.

Laura Sherman



Laura grew up in Nebraska. Although church was a part of her life from a young age, it was at summer camp right before high school that she began to sense God's calling on her life. This eventually led her to the Theology and Youth Ministry program at the University of Sioux Falls.

While attending USF, she became connected to Southern Hills United Methodist Church. She was subsequently hired as their youth ministry

intern—a role she filled for four years. With the support and encouragement of mentors and congregation members, she discerned the next steps in her pastoral calling—attending seminary at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. Her time at Duke, along with the continued guidance of pastoral mentors, led her to enter the candidacy process in the United Methodist Church.

In July, Laura will be appointed to serve as the lead pastor of the United Methodist Church in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

Ordained as Elders

Quaya Ackerman



Quaya was active in the United Methodist Church from the time she was born. However, it was her time at Wesley Acres Camp that most significantly impacted her faith and calling as she grew up, especially her work with the camp now known as “Circle of Friends.” After high school, Quaya served in the Army National Guard for 12 years which included a

deployment to Iraq. She received a degree in exercise science from North Dakota State University and worked at Sanford Health Cardiac Rehabilitation for many years, completing a Master of Science in Health Administration during that time. Serving in her local

church, West Fargo Flame of Faith UMC as a Certified Lay Minister, as well as being elected as a Co-Lay Leader for the Dakotas Conference, helped prepare Quaya for pastoral ministry.

She completed her Master of Divinity degree through Kairos University. After serving in her first pastoral appointment at Arthur UMC (North Dakota) for four years, she was appointed to Rapid Valley in 2021. Quaya continues to be active with the Circle of Friends ministry and serves as the chair of the newly formed Conference Committee on Disability Ministries. She also serves on the committee on episcopacy, conference council on youth ministries, and the Wisdom Council. She and her husband, Matt, live in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Bryce Blank



Bryce grew up actively participating in the Lutheran Church in Rapid City, South Dakota, and learning to appreciate God’s creation in the beautiful Black Hills. After high school graduation, he moved across the state to attend Dakota Wesleyan University. He was very active in campus ministry and

the Religion Department and had the opportunity to serve as an Elisha ministry intern and camp counselor. Bryce attended Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. He returned to the Dakotas Conference and was commissioned in 2022 and appointed to serve as the associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Watertown, South Dakota, where he and his wife, Meaghan reside. Bryce is actively involved with Conference Camping and Youth ministries.

Thanael Certa-Werner



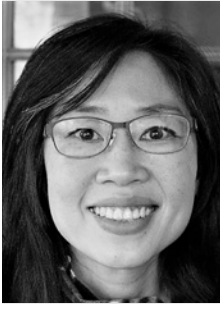
As the son of two United Methodist clergy in the Wisconsin Annual Conference, Thanael was immersed in conversations and experiences of theology and discipleship throughout his formative years. Those experiences expanded as he enrolled in Dakota Wesleyan University. It was there where his call to ministry was

solidified as he had the opportunity to be involved in campus ministry, an Elisha internship, and also to work for the Dakotas Conference staff. Thanael attended Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. After

graduating in 2022, he returned to the Dakotas, was commissioned and appointed to serve Cavalier United Methodist Church (North Dakota) As that congregation moved toward disaffiliation, Thanael was reappointed to the congregations of Burke and Herrick (South Dakota). Gregory UMC was then added into the mix and, under Thanael’s leadership, The Abundance Parish was formed.

Thanael serves on the Dakotas Conference Council on Finance and Administration, the Board of the Dakotas Methodist Foundation, the Rural Ministry advisory team, the Wisdom Council, Southwest District Committee on Ministry and as one of the worship coordinators for annual conference.

Julie Gregg



Faith was an important part of Julie's life from a young age. However, it was during college at Emory University that her commitment to discipleship deepened as she became active in ministry to and with fellow college students as well as through her local church. As part of her vocational ministry journey, Julie eventually

earned a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology at Trinity Evangelical Seminary and a Master of Divinity

from Fuller Seminary. She served as a youth pastor at a United Methodist church in Indiana, as a hospital chaplain in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and as the Youth Ministry Internship Coordinator at the University of Sioux Falls. Julie went on to complete the Spiritual Direction program at Sioux Falls Seminary. She currently serves as the pastor of the United Church of Garretson along with her husband Brian and continues to offer spiritual direction as well as mentor persons exploring ministry. Brian and Julie have two adult children.

Teresa Person



A lifelong United Methodist, Teresa's vocation ministry journey began in the area of music, serving in music ministry for over 20 years—a natural use of her Bachelor of Music Education degree from South Dakota State University. God worked through the joys and challenges of those years to cultivate a love for the church and a calling

to pastoral ministry. In 2020, Teresa left the church that had been her ministry home for many years—First

United Methodist Church in Brookings, South Dakota, to accept a pastoral appointment at Riverview United Methodist Church in Huron, S.D., and Virgil United Methodist Church. After a large influx of membership, Teresa transitioned to full-time at Riverview in 2023.

Teresa serves on the conference council on finance and administration, the Dakotas Methodist Foundation board, and the Southeast District Superintendency committee. She continues to provide worship leadership at various conference and jurisdictional events.

Retired as Elders

Raymond Baker



Rev. Ray Baker has served in many different ministry roles over his more than 30 years of service to the Dakotas Annual Conference. Ray grew up in a very active church in Williston, North Dakota, but it was at Wesley Acres Camp when he first committed to being a Christian. He eventually went on to work as a counselor

at Wesley Acres for seven years. It was during that time that he had the opportunity to work with and develop relationships with clergy from across the conference, many who played a significant role in his call to ministry.

Ray went on to study Criminal Justice with the goal of working with kids in the legal system, inspired by his work with children at church camp. He then went to seminary with the goal of becoming a youth minister or working in camping. “Coming back to North Dakota after seminary, there weren’t

any youth ministry or camping opportunities, so I started with the rural churches outside of Fargo—Casselton and Leonard,” said Ray.

Ray would then be appointed to Arthur, Casselton and Hunter, and Watertown First before being hired as the Director of Camping for the Dakotas Conference. “That was just a tremendous time in my ministry,” said Pastor Ray. “It was very challenging and also very rewarding.”

Ray returned to the local church in 2010, serving at McCabe UMC in Bismarck, Vincent UMC in Minot, and Faith UMC in Fargo, all in North Dakota.

The connectionalism present in the Dakotas Conference has been integral to Ray’s ministry journey and his decision to remain United Methodist. “Just seeing that powerful presence of how everybody doing a little bit can do something on a much larger scale than you could have imagined,” he added. Ray and his wife Sarah will continue living in the Fargo area in retirement.

Dan Freed



Reverend Dan Freed grew up in Laramie, Wyoming, with his parents and five older siblings. There, the family attended church each Sunday at a small Baptist church. Freed’s mother was a pastor’s kid, and his father attended seminary but never pursued pastoral ministry. During his

teenage years, Freed experienced a moment when his faith went from what he was supposed to do to what he wanted to do.

“I had a car accident when I was 16. I was going in a terrible direction. I still knew and loved God, but I did not indicate that with my life at that point. All changed after that accident,” admitted Freed.

After high school, Dan studied human communication at the University of Wyoming. During his time there, he was introduced to the Wesley Foundation, a campus ministry of the University.

“The people were from all kinds of places and backgrounds. Some people were very spiritual, and some never have been in the church,” said Freed. “Experiencing that variety of people and being around that group was a lot of fun.”

After college, Rev. Freed attended North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He interned at the United Methodist churches in Presho, Kennebec, and Reliance. There, Pastor Dan connected with and decided he wanted to serve the Dakotas Conference.

During his time with the Dakotas Conference, Reverend Freed served in mission work with the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, helping to dean Dakotas Camps, and making many service trips to places including Mexico, inner cities, the Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee, and a Rwanda refugee camp.

“There was an opportunity to be a chaplain at a Rwandan refugee camp. It was about nine months after the genocide, in what was then Zaire, Africa.

The opportunity was a three-week mission working in refugee camps in whatever way you felt led to do that,” said Freed. “I went and did that, and it was life-changing. It was just pure connectionalism.”

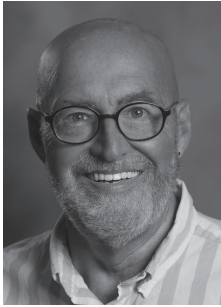
He believes that you should have faith in God’s plan and remember that He always works in you.

“It’s amazing what the people of God can do when they say yes to God. We have to do the stuff that God is asking us to do, and sometimes we’re well equipped for

it, but sometimes we’re getting well equipped for the next thing that He’s going to ask us to do,” said Pastor Dan.

Dan and Sheilah will retire in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after serving the Dakotas Conference at Burke, Piedmont, Sioux Falls Hilltop, and Dickinson. He serves in extension ministry as a chaplain at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he will continue using his gifts after retirement.

Jan Gross



Gross grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota, and attended South Maple United Methodist Church (now Open Heart United Methodist Church) with his family. His parents made sure to make faith an important part of their family traditions and values.

At his local church, he was able to plug into and develop his call for pastoral ministry.

“One thing was participating in a Disciple Bible Study, led by Rev. Gene Kroger, who was the pastor there at the time,” recalled Jan. “I was also a participant on a mission trip to Haiti. Those two things, along with the lay ministry, really helped me explore my calling.”

Gross attended Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in religion and philosophy with a minor in social

science. He then continued his education at North American Baptist Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity. During his ministry career, Jan and his wife, Deb, have served United Methodist Churches at Brothersfield, Wakonda, Irene, Viborg, Yankton, Gayville-Volin, Beresford, Hartford, and Dell Rapids.

“When I think about the most fulfilling part of my ministry, it’s seeing the lives that have been changed, knowing I may have played even a small role in that.” said Rev. Jan Gross.

A piece of advice that Gross would like to give current and future clergy is to care for each other and for yourself.

“Care for one another. Care for the people that you serve, love them,” said Pastor Jan.

David Jacobsen



David grew up in Vermillion, South Dakota, and attended First United Methodist Church. Beyond the memories of going to church, wearing his shiny shoes, and attending Sunday school and VBS, he remembers most fondly the faces of the many people in his church family who helped lay the

foundation of his faith and calling.

That calling led him to complete his undergraduate degree in psychology and German at Concordia College

in Moorhead, M.N., before heading to Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee. Upon graduation, he was ordained a deacon (what would now be commissioning) and appointed as the associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Pierre, South Dakota, where he would serve for four years and eventually be ordained an elder.

After serving in Pierre, David’s calling took him back to Vanderbilt for PhD work. He and his wife, Cindy welcomed two children during that time. After completing his doctoral work, he began teaching at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in Waterloo, Ontario,

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before being appointed to Boston University School of Theology. “I really loved the ministry of working with students as they think about how they want to begin to reflect on what the Gospel means,” said Jacobsen.

Retirement will still provide opportunities to do what he loves as he serves as Professor Emeritus at Boston University, continues to write, supervises PhD students, and engages in preaching as a practice.

Despite spending the majority of his career outside the

boundaries of the annual conference, David appreciates the support he has received from the church he grew up in and the Dakotas Conference during his years in extension ministry. “I’ve felt a lot of support through the years, and I do think that connection is such a strong mark of The United Methodist Church,” said David. “Having been in the environment of connectionalism, as lived in the Dakotas Conference, has made an impact on me in the long run, and I really appreciate that.”

Ronald Olson



Ron Olson grew up, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with a strong faith foundation attending First United Methodist Church with his family,

“We were faithful churchgoers and participated in a lot of this stuff going on in the church. I’m glad for that foundation that my parents gave me,” said Olson.

Both of his parents found their vocation in education. Olson’s father was a driver’s education teacher at Washington High School in Sioux Falls for the majority of his career, and his mother primarily taught fourth grade, taking a brief break to raise her family. Due to the heavy focus on education in his home life, Olson found it also shaped how he connected with his faith.

He didn’t get serious about his personal faith until his mid-twenties, after marrying his wife, Michelle. Together they started going to Seymour United Methodist Church in Seymour, Wisconsin, where they both connected with the pastor and an older couple that helped them feel connected.

Olson decided to leave his job in sales and attend seminary, along with his wife, at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Ron received a Master of Divinity while Michelle graduated with a Master of Arts in Missions and Evangelism. While at seminary, the couple connected with some of the faculty that had been missionaries and decided that was the path God was calling them to.

After time with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Olson taught English as a second language at West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas, as the director of the School of English. Ron and Michelle spent sixteen years (1995 – 2011) in Papua New Guinea doing Bible translation. The Olsons returned to serve the Dakotas Conference at Bowman, North Dakota. In South Dakota, they served at Montrose, Hurley, Viborg, Parker, and Sioux Falls First.

“Just live into the way God has created you,” said Pastor Ron. “Use your strengths. Just preach the Word, preach Jesus.”

Retired as Local Pastors

Richard Bensinger



Richard Bensinger is a third-generation United Methodist minister, following his grandfather and father into ministry. He heard the call to ministry as a teenager but chalked it up to hero worship of his dad. After serving in lay leadership positions in a variety of churches as church council

chair, Director of Religious Education, lay minister, church treasurer, and many more. Finally, in 2020, after attending the United Methodist Church's Exploration Summit with the New England Conference he started seminar courses with Kairos University.

Pastor Rich has served in four conferences on his ministry journey. In the Oklahoma Conference he served at Church of the Servant United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. In the New England Conference Bensinger served at Londonderry and Arlington Street United Methodist churches in New Hampshire. He served at Howellville United Methodist at Fort Royal, Cool Spring United Methodist Church in Delaplane and Linden United Methodist Church for the Virginia Conference.

In 2022, after receiving a phone call from Rev. Steve Trefz, his faculty mentor while he was attending Kairos, Bensinger visited Rapid City First United Methodist Church. He was being called to serve in that community.

Although his time in the Dakotas Conference was short lived, Bensinger is grateful for the community embrace he has felt during his ministry in Rapid City.

“Connectionalism within the Dakotas Conference takes on so many different facets,” he noted. “It’s just been a real positive experience with the connection from the Bishop, the conference staf, the district Superintendent, the local pastors, and the congregation.”

Building and maintaining your relationships is a priority of his ministry.

“It’s all about relationships and that starts with your relationship with God. It flows into the relationships in your family and then into the relationship with your congregation,” he described. “Establishing those relationships and listeing to people, really hearing them, and meeting them where they are, there’s no higher calling.”

Laurie Ann Kidd



Laurie Kidd grew up, Raytown, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City. She attended a Disciples of Christ Christian Church with her family where they were very involved.

It was while attending William

Jewelle College, where she studied vocal music, she realized that faith was an important part of her life. After college Kidd worked at a music retail store. She then began working as an administrative assistant in the business world while playing piano and organ part-time at her home church in Raytown, Missouri where she eventually took the position as full-time music, worship, and drama director.

“There were a lot of things we did in worship, like bringing drama into worship because people sometimes receive a message more through drama,” Kidd notes.

Kidd took a job as the music and worship director at

Sioux Falls First UMC in South Dakota. While she was there, she still felt like God was nudging her, not to move somewhere else, but to do a different kind of ministry.

“As soon as I got there, I was getting this nudge. ‘You’re not there yet,’” Kidd emphasized. “I talked to my co-associate pastors, Emil and Penny Eberhart. Penny helped me discern that I wanted to get my local pastor’s license. (LLP).”

After getting her LLP license, Pastor Laurie was officially appointed at Sioux Falls First UMC where she worked alongside her mentors before receiving a solo appointment to Kimball, South Dakota. During her time in the Dakotas Conference, she has served United Methodist churches in the South Dakota at Sioux Falls, Wagner and Tyndall, and Hettinger, North Dakota.

One of the most fulfilling ministries for Kidd is the KWOW program at the United Methodist Church in Hettinger, North Dakota. “It is incredible to see kids grow in their faith,” Kidd exclaimed.

IV. MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS

*Ministry Appointments as of July 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted

The following code system has been adopted to designate the status of the ministers appointed:			
AF	Affiliate Member (¶¶, 337.1344.3b, 586.4d)	OL	Local Pastors on Loan (¶ 318.4)
AL	Administrative Location (¶ 360)	OM	Other Methodist (¶346.1)
AM	Associate Member (¶¶ 322, 370.1, 634.2h)	OMR	Retired Other Methodist Denominations
BH	Bishop	OP	Provisional member of other Annual Conf. (¶ 346.1)
DC	Deaconess (¶ 1913.2)	OR	Retired member of other Annual Conference
DM	Diaconal Minister (2004 Discipline ¶ 369.1)	ORE	Retired Elder of other Annual Conference - NEW
DR	Retired Diaconal Minister (consecrated under provisions of 1992 or earlier Discipline) (¶ 357)	ORD	Retired Deacon of other Annual Conference - NEW
FD	Deacon in full connection (¶ 330)	PD	Provisional Deacon (¶¶ 324, 325,326)
FE	Elder in full connection (¶ 335)	PE	Provisional Elder (¶¶ 324, 325,326)
FL	Full time Local Pastor (¶ 318.1)	PL	Part time Local Pastor (¶ 318.2)
FLR	Full time Local Pastor Retired (¶ 318.1) - NEW	PLR	Part time Local Pastor Retired (¶ 318.2) - NEW
HL	Honorable Location\Honorable Location Retired (¶¶ 359.1, 359.3)	RA	Retired Associate Member (¶ 358)
HR	Honorable Location Retired (¶359.3) status restored by GBHEM	RD	Retired Deacon in Full connection (¶ 358)
HM	Home Missioner (¶ 1913.2) - NEW	RDC	Retired Deaconess (¶ 1913.2) - NEW
LM	Certified Lay Minister (¶ 268)	RE	Retired Full Elder (¶ 358)
OA	Associate Member of other Annual Conf. (¶ 346.1)	RHM	Retired Home Missioner (¶ 1913.2) - NEW
OD	Deacon member of other Annual Conf. (¶ 331)	RL	Retired Local Pastor (¶¶ 320.5, 327.7)
OFD	Full Connection Deacon of other Annual Conference (¶¶331,346.1) - NEW	RP	Retired Provisional Member (¶ 357) (prior to 1/1/2013)
OPD	Provisional Deacon of other Annual Conference (¶¶331,346.1) - NEW	SL	Student Local Pastor (¶318.3) – NEW
OPE	Provisional Elder of other Annual Conference- NEW	SY	Other Supplies – Used by GCFA for assigned pastors
OFE	Full Connection Elder of other Annual Conference - NEW		
OE	Elder member of other Annual Conference	TBS	To be supplied
OF	Full Member of other denomination (¶ 346.2)	LTFT	Less than full time

NORTHEAST (NE) DISTRICT – Superintendent Kris Mutzenberger 6

DISTRICT TOTAL UM CHURCHES: 32

TOTAL CHARGES: 26

ABERDEEN Area Total UM Churches: 8	Total Charges: 5		Status	Years
ABERDEEN FAITH	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Eldon Reich)		RE	
ABERDEEN NORTH HIGHLAND	Andrea Johnson		PE	3
BATH	Loren and Pat Siefken		SY	15
GROTON / CONDE / BRITTON	Robert Moorlach		FE	3
LEOLA / FREDERICK	Don Peck		SY	31

WATERTOWN Area Total UM Churches: 3	Total Charges: 3		Status	Years
CLARK	TBS		FE	4
HENRY	Pulpit Supply		FE	
WATERTOWN FIRST	Sara McManus		FE	2

WAHPETON Area Total UM Churches: 6	Total Charges: 4		Status	Years
FAIRMOUNT / BRECKENRIDGE MN	Shandon Klein (supplied by MN Conf)		OE	2
LISBON/ ENDERLIN	Chuck Belzer	1/2	OL (UCC)	5
MILNOR	Tiana Bohn	1/4	PL	5
WAHPETON EVERGREEN	Kori Lehrkamp		FE	3

FARGO Area Total UM Churches: 6	Total Charges: 6		Status	Years
ARTHUR	Veronica Fleming		FL	5
CASSELTON	Randy Harwood	1/2	PL	11
FARGO FAITH	Jordan Louks		FE	1
FARGO FIRST	Ryan Mutzenberger		FE	9

HILLSBORO UNITED-UMC/UCC	Ray Baker (effective 9/1/25)	1/4	RE	1
WEST FARGO FLAME OF FAITH	Teresa Whetsel		PE	2

UPPER VALLEY Area Total UM Churches: 9	Total Charges: 8		Status	Years
CRYSTAL	Pulpit Supply			
DRAYTON	Pulpit Supply			
PEMBINA / HUMBOLDT MN (Upper Red River Valley Parish)	Pulpit Supply			
GRAFTON FEDERATED UMC/PCUSA / MINTO KNOX PCUSA (Northern Valley Parish)	Robin Dill	3/4	OF (PCUSA)	11
GRAND FORKS ZION	Clay Lundberg		FE	1
HOLMES/ BEAVER CREEK ELCA	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Mark Ellingson)		RE	
LARIMORE / ARVILLA PCUSA	Raenelle Sorensen	1/2	PLR	18
PARK RIVER FEDERATED UMC/PCUSA/ ST. THOMAS/ FORDVILLE PCUSA	Jesse Irvine	3/4	PL	5

NORTHWEST (NW) DISTRICT – Superintendent Joel Winckler 6

DISTRICT TOTAL UM CHURCHES: 40

TOTAL CHARGES: 29

JAMESTOWN Area Total UM Churches: 9	Total Charges: 6		Status	Years
CLEVELAND	Darrell Losing	1/4	SY	10
ELLENDALE UNITED/ EDGELEY WESLEY / JUD	Rebecca Hafner		FL	3
JAMESTOWN FIRST	Marty Toepke-Floyd Travis Voeltz		FE FL	6 4
JAMESTOWN ST PAUL'S	Jennifer McDonald		FE	6
VALLEY CITY EPWORTH	Bryce Blank		FE	1
WIMBLEDON / KENSAL	Jeanne Sortland	1/2	FE	8

DICKINSON Area Total UM Churches: 2	Total Charges: 2		Status	Years
DICKINSON	Rita Ennen		PL	4
HETTINGER	Paul Plueddeman		FL	1

SPIRIT LAKE Area Total UM Churches: 6	Total Charges: 4		Status	Years
CANDO / ROCK LAKE / ROLLA	Timothy McDowell		SY	4
CARRINGTON FEDERATED-UMC/UCC	Rick Loewen (supplied by UCC)		OF (CCCC)	9
DEVILS LAKE FIRST	Dayne Zachrisson	3/4	FE	3
LANGDON	Robert Blackburn		FL	5

MINOT Area Total UM Churches: 12	Total Charges: 8		Status	Years
BOTTINEAU UNITED-UMC / PCUSA	Beth Kelsey (supplied by PCUSA)			
BOWBELLS / KENMARE RENEW/ SHERWOOD (North Prairie Parish)	Mark Turner	1/2	PLR	4
MARTIN / DRAKE	Pulpit Supply			
LANSFORD / LANSFORD ELCA / GLENBURN ELCA	TBS			
MINOT FAITH / DES LACS	Rick Craig		FL	4
MINOT VINCENT	Chang Yi		FE	1
RUGBY EMMANUEL UNITED UMC/PCUSA	TBS by PCUSA			
VELVA	Lisa Luft	1/4	PL	1

BISMARCK Area Total UM Churches: 11	Total Charges: 9		Status	Years
BISMARCK CALVARY	TBS			
BISMARCK LEGACY	Cory Thrall (Senior Pastor) Annie Carlson	1/2	FL PE	4 2
BISMARCK MCCABE	Karl Kroger (Lead Pastor) Lou Whitmer	3/4	FE RA	6 3
CENTER	TBS			
LINTON / STERLING	Marlin Sapp	3/4	PLR	12

MANDAN	TBS			
GOODRICH / CHASELEY	Warren Rhodes	1/2	RE	16
STEELE	Don Dinger		PE	4
WASHBURN	Annie Carlson	1/2	PE	5

SOUTHEAST (SE) DISTRICT – Superintendent Brandon Vetter **2**

DISTRICT TOTAL UM CHURCHES: 54

TOTAL CHARGES: 46

BROOKINGS Area Total UM Churches: 13		Total Charges: 11		Status	Years
AURORA IMPACT	Donna Kuper	1/4	PL	8	
BROOKINGS FIRST	Jen Osterloh (effective 1/1/25)		FE	2	
CANISTOTA UNITED UMC/PCUSA	Jerry Bertelson (Supplied by PCUSA)			7	
COLTON / CHESTER	Susan Jennys	3/4	PL	12	
DELL RAPIDS	Laura Sherman		PE	1	
ELKTON UNITED UMC/UCC	Daren Junker		OF (AB)	23	
HARTFORD	Seth LaBounty		FE	7	
HOWARD BEACH	Diane Stangohr	3/4	PL	4	
	Laura Laible	1/4	LM	1	
LAKE PRESTON UMC/UCC, Lake Preston UCC	Kris Larson	1/2	PLR	6	
MADISON	Peggy Hanson		FE	4	
WHITE / STERLING	Teri Johnson	1/4	FE	2	

HURON Area Total UM Churches: 10		Total Charges: 8		Status	Years
BROADLAND	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Kippy Udehn)		PLR		
CARPENTER	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Tia Felberg, effective 1/1/25)		PL		
DESMET / IROQUOIS (West Kingsbury Parish)	Tia Felberg	3/4	PL	6	
ESMOND	Pulpit Supply				
HURON RIVERVIEW	Teresa Person		FE	6	
FRANKFORT	Pulpit Supply		FE		
ALPENA UNITED UMC/UCC / VIRGIL	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Rebecca Trefz)		FE		
WOONSOCKET SPIRIT OF FAITH UMC/ELCA	John E. Anderson	3/4	PL	7	

SIOUX FALLS Area Total UM Churches: 11		Total Charges: 11		Status	Years
BEN CLARE	TBS				
BRANDON CELEBRATION	Addy Kenkel	3/4	LM	6	
	Josh Willprecht	1/4	PL	6	
FLANDREAU	David Jennys		OF (UCC)	1	
GARRETSON UNITED UMC/UCC	Brian Gregg	1/4	PL	8	
	Julie Gregg	1/2	FE	8	
HARRISBURG	Brandon Dunham		FL	3	
SIOUX FALLS ASBURY	Kip Roozen (Lead Pastor)		FE	19	
	Matt Morrison (Associate Pastor)		FE	10	
SIOUX FALLS FIRST	Sara Nelson		FE	6	
SIOUX FALLS HILLTOP	Rodney Knock		PE	4	
SIOUX FALLS SOUTHERN HILLS	Don Vanderlip	3/4	PL	9	
SIOUX FALLS SUNNYCREST	Charles Moore		FL	9	
SIOUX FALLS WESLEY	TBS				

MITCHELL Area Total UM Churches: 10		Total Charges: 8		Status	Years
ALEXANDRIA	TBS				
ETHAN	Tara Bush	1/2	PL	4	
MITCHELL DOWNTOWN FIRST	Keith Nelson		FE	10	

MITCHELL FUSION	Taryn Ragels	1/2	PE	6
PLANKINTON / WHITE LAKE	Wayne Huber		FL	4
MONTROSE	Valerie Hummel LaBounty		FE	7
SALEM UNITE	Davis Anderson		PE	1
WAGNER / TYNDALL	Rydel Samuelson		FL	3

YANKTON Area Total UM Churches: 10	Total Charges: 8		Status	Years
BERESFORD ZION	John Schomberg		FL	4
CANTON	Rob Salmonson		FE	1
GAYVILLE-VOLIN	Jeff Vore	1/4	PLR	5
PARKER / HURLEY	Ron Olson	1/2	RE	1
NORTH SIOUX CITY ARK	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Pat Mersch)			
VERMILLION	Jordan Minnich Kjesbo	1/2	PL	5
WAKONDA / IRENE	Judy Saylor	3/4	PL	12
YANKTON FIRST	Katie Ricke		FE	6

SOUTHWEST (SW) DISTRICT – Superintendent Dan Bader

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DISTRICT TOTAL UM CHURCHES: 35

Total Charges: 27

NORTHERN HILLS Area Total UM Churches: 6	Total Charges: 6		Status	Years
CAMP CROOK / BUFFALO UCC	Pulpit Supply			
FAITH/ MARCUS PCUSA	Connie Eichinger	1/2	PL	14
LEAD TRINITY	Jason Christensen		FL	4
PIEDMONT GRACE	John Britt		FL	6
SPEARFISH	Paul Lint		FE	2
STURGIS	Jenene Earl		FE	15

GREATER PIERRE Area Total UM Churches: 17	Total Charges: 10		Status	Years
BLUNT	Pulpit Supply (supervised by Kippy Udehn)		PLR	
BURKE /HERRICK/GREGORY (Abundance Parish)	Thanael Certa-Werner		FE	3
COLOME	Ron Snethen	1/4	OF (NAZ)	34
FAULKTON	Bennett Clough		FL	1
GETTYSBURG / ONIDA (Wheatland Parish)	Laura Isakson Cook Janet Madsen		OF (EC) LM	2 12
MILLER/ HIGHMORE / HARROLD	Allison Galbreath		PE	2
MISSION	Jerry Bottger (pulpit supply)	1/4	LM	3
MURDO / DRAPER/ WHITE RIVER	Cheryl Nymann		FL	4
PIERRE FIRST	Jeff Lathrop Beata Ferris	3/4	FE LM	4 4
TIMBER LAKE FEDERATED-UMC/ELCA/AB / ISABEL UCC	Teri Gayer (supplied by ELCA)			

RUSHMORE Area Total UM Churches: 12	Total Charges: 11		Status	Years
EDGEMONT UNITED UMC-UCC	Supplied by ELCA			
HOT SPRINGS FEDERATED-UMC/AB/PCUSA	David Cook (supplied by PC-USA)		OL(PCUSA)	6
PHILIP UNITED UMC/PCUSA / INTERIOR PCUSA	Kathy Chesney		FE	18
PRAIRIE VIEW	George Keehner	1/2	PL	3
PRINGLE	John McKnight	1/4	RE	6
RAPID CITY CANYON LAKE	Scott McKirdy Stephanie Eliason		FE PE	4 4

RAPID CITY FIRST	Duane Coates Cindy H. Coates	1/2	FE PE	1 1
RAPID CITY KNOLLWOOD HEIGHTS	Sharla McCaskell		FL	15
RAPID CITY OPEN HEART	Michele Slott		FE	6
RAPID VALLEY	Quaya Ackerman		FE	5
WALL / WASTA	Justin Trent		FL	3

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES (¶344)

(1a) Appointments within the Connectional Structures of United Methodism			Status	Years
Allen, Joel - CC Mitchell Fusion	DWU, Mitchell, SD		FE	13
Anderson, Nicole – CC Watertown First	Lake Poinsett Camp		FE	3
Bader, Dan – CC Rapid City Canyon Lake	Southwest District Superintendent		FE	4
Eberhart, Rebecca - CC Mitchell Downtown First	GETS Seminary, Evanston, IL		FE	16
Eberhart, Timothy - CC Mitchell Downtown First	GETS Seminary, Evanston, IL		FE	14
Luft, Lisa – CC Minot Vincent	Minot Area Regional Care Coordinator (eff. 4/1/25)	1/4	PL	2
Mutzenberger, Kris - CC Fargo First	Northeast District Superintendent		FE	6
Ragels, Taryn – CC Mitchell Fusion	DWU Campus Ministry	1/2	FL	3
Trefz, Rebecca - CC Mitchell Fusion	Assistant to the Bishop for Connection and Communications		FE	12
Trefz, Steven - CC Mitchell Fusion	Kairos University		FE	10
Vetter, Brandon – CC Sioux Falls First	Southeast District Superintendent		FE	2
Wicks, Brenda – CC Carpenter	Congregational Care Coordinator	1/4	PL	3
Winckler, Joel - CC Mandan	Northwest District Superintendent		FE	6

(1b) Under Endorsement by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry			Status	Years
Budd, Paul - CC Watertown First	John Knox Village, Lee's Summit, MO	LTFT	RE	41
Kattelmann, Brad - CC Brookings First	Army Chaplain, Fort Cavazos, TX		FE	7

(1c) Elders in Service Under the General Board of Global Ministries			Status	Years
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(1d) Other Extension Ministries			Status	Years
Avery, Martin - CC Fargo Faith	Mayville & Gran ELCA, Mayville ND		FE	5
Coates, Cindy H. – CC Rapid City First	Ground Works Connect, Sioux Falls, SD	1/2	PE	2
Dorfman, Tiff – CC Sioux Falls First	Chaplain Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD (Sanford only effective 9/27/23)	1/2	PL	6
Ducker, Krista – CC Ben Clare	Chaplain Avera Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD (less than full time)	LTFT	PD	3
Ehrmantraut, Mark – CC Bismarck McCabe	The God's Child Project, Bismarck, ND (eff. 9/16/24)		FE	2
Eidem, Deann – CC Rapid City Canyon Lake	Stillwater Hospice, Rapid City, SD (fulltime effective 3/9/25)		FE	3
Freed, Dan – CC Sioux Falls First	Avera Heart Hospital Chaplaincy, Sioux Falls		RE	7
Gall, Melissa – CC Watertown First	Milbank Public School District, Watertown First (secondary appointment)		FD	8
Gregg, Julie – CC Garretson	Spiritual Direction, Sioux Falls		FE	5
Hallenbeck Orr, Jennifer – CC Bismarck Legacy	Chaplain Hospice Red River Valley, ND	3/4	FE	4
Iverson, Justin – CC Sioux Falls First	St. Louis University Hospital Chaplain (eff. halftime 9/30/24, fulltime 1/1/25)		FE	2
Johnsen, Mark – CC Sioux Falls First	United Church of Christ, Brookings		FE	4
Johnson, Teri – CC RC Knollwood Heights	SDSU, Brookings SD	3/4	FE	6
Kersey-Russell, Jeanine – CC Bismarck McCabe	ND Youth Correctional Center, Mandan, ND (effective 1/1/2025)		FE	2
Matthews, Shelly - CC Fargo Faith	Brite Divinity School, Ft. Worth, TX		FE	14
Miller, Theta – CC Fargo First	Kansas Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)		FE	3
Richards, Leisa - CC Aberdeen North Highland	East River Legal Services, Aberdeen SD		FE	4

Richards, Matthew - CC Mitchell Downtown First	Avera@Home Hospice Chaplain and Mitchell Congregational UCC		FE	6
Vondergeest, Craig - CC Jamestown St. Paul's	Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC and Pastor at Lupo Memorial, Clinton, SC		FE	21 / 9
Walters, Gary – CC Rapid City Knollwood Heights	Kirk Funeral Home, Rapid City, SD		FE	7
Walters, Laura – CC Rapid City Knollwood Heights	New Underwood School District		FD	7

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS

Appointments Under the Provisions of ¶345 (Ecumenical Shared Ministries) - NONE		Status	Years
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Appointments Under the Provisions of ¶346.1 (other AC or Methodist Denominations)		Status	Years	
Anderson, Jennifer – CC Jamestown First	Minnesota Conference		FE	9
Bartel, Andrew	Alaska Conference		FE	11
Bockwoldt, Stan	Wisconsin Conference		FE	11
Johnson, Taylor	Minnesota Conference		PE	1
Krueger, Autumn	Alaska Conference		FE	9
Nelson, Cliff	Minnesota Conference		RE	6
Van Meter, Eric - CC Sioux Falls Asbury	Kentucky Conference		FE	3

Sabbatical Leave ¶351 – NONE		Status	Years
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Voluntary Leave of Absence ¶353 (2.a) - NONE		Status	Years
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Family Leave of Absence ¶353 (2.b) -- NONE		Status	Years
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Transitional Leave of Absence ¶353 (2.c)		Status	Years
Thompson, Janice		FE	1

Medical Leave ¶356		Status	Years	
Baird, Howard	10 th year (effective 5/4/17)		FE	10
Broschat, Lori	6 th year (effective 6/1/21)		FE	6
Kloster, Kevin	6 th year (effective 10/1/20)		FE	6
Zeck, Rich	3 rd year (effective 7/1/23)		FE	3

Deaconesses ¶415.7 – NONE		Status	Years
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Appointments to Attend School ¶416.6 - NONE		Status	Years
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Local Pastor On Loan ¶ 318.4		Status	Years	
Stoll, Shawn	MN Conference - 4 th Avenue UMC (3/4) & Hope UMC Faribault (1/4)		OL (FL)	1

Certified Candidates for Ministry – Not Appointed			
Northeast District	Janson Stefan		
Northwest District	Carrie Gilkerson, Andrea Plueddeman		
Southeast District	Manuel Loaeza, Melissa Rowenhorst, Eric Fjerestad, Kevin Wehle, Curtis Dorfman		
Southwest District	None		

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.