

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHARGE CONFERENCE
October 19, 2022

The Full Agenda is available in the office or on the website.

Those who signed the attendance sheet:

Al Benson	Roger Curless	Laurel Gilbert	Jonathan Akyea
Lynn Burnett	Mari Curless	Kathy Breazeale	Meredith Lindgren
Wally Loague	Bob McKnight	Rev John Bell	

The meeting was called to order by District Superintendent, Rev Jeffrey Bross.

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Rev Bross reflected on our baptism and our foundational connection with the baptism of Jesus. All in attendance were given the opportunity to reaffirm their own baptism.

Vitality Report

Using a variety of factors, the Conference is aiding local churches in determining vitality. The outline of that process was given to Pastor John at the start of the meeting. No data or observations have been provided at this point.

Business of Wesley Church

- A nominations slate was presented and elected.
- The clergy compensation package recommended by Staff-Parish and affirmed by the Governing Board was presented. The total package (compensation, housing allowance, expense allowance) totals \$99,400 and was affirmed unanimously by the Charge Conference.
- Lay Servant Ministries – There were three Certified Lay Servant Ministers to be affirmed by the Charge Conference. It was moved and unanimously voted to affirm
 - Emmy Lou John
 - Herb John
 - Roger Curless

All affirmations are dependent on all required paperwork being submitted to the District Superintendent.

Comments from Superintendent:

Rev. Bross advised the conference the costs for health care insurance will be increasing by \$150.00 per month. The Conference is going to pick up \$120.00 a month leaving \$30.00 per month to be the responsibility of the local church.

The current interim bishop, John Hopkins will complete his time in Northern Illinois on December 31, 2022. There is no word yet on what might be done and whether Northern Illinois will be yoked with another conference.

In response to a question about the future of the United Methodist Church and disaffiliations, Rev Bross indicated that in Northern Illinois, two congregations are exploring disaffiliation. Regardless of what occurs there is still a United Methodist Church with all its missions and ministries and that United Methodist Church will continue to find the ways to move forward.

The Charge Conference closed with prayer.

Roger L. Curless
Secretary