



Bishop Paul L. Leeland, Ed.D.

Resident and Presiding Bishop

2016-

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
CLERGY ORDAINED AS ELDERS AND DEACONS AT 2018 SESSION



*Back row, from left: Christopher A. Smith, Meredith A. Hinton, Bradley T. Hinton, Debra C. Swing.
 Front row, from left: Corey C. Milliet, Aryn M. Williams-Ruebel, Sarah L. Belles, Jerriane C. Pyles.*



From left: L. Angel J. Christ, Dianne R. Johnston, Daniel R. Wilson, Jesse R. Smith, Patricia B. Spicer, Juston R. Smith

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*Back row, from left: J. Zachery Christy, Joshua O. Britton, Darryl D. Dayson II, Jonathan A. Gaylord, Joshua D. Kurtz.
Front row, from left: Adam C. Love, Tae Wan (Joseph) Kim*, Tracy F. Love, Karen C. Doucette, Matthew R. Lawing.
Orders recognized in The United Methodist Church

Not Pictured: Kyle L. Sigmon



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
PROVISIONAL ELDER'S COMMISSIONED AT 2018 SESSION



*Back row, from left: Bryan A. Wilson, Jeremiah L. Johnson, Tamara M. Ingram, Sharad H. Creasman.
 Front row, from left: Caitlin M. McAlhane, Charles S. DiRico Jr., Mary E. (Meg) Gaston, Amy B. Hutchison.*



*Back row, from left: Luke P. Christy, Joseph T. Precht, Cole D. Altizer, Evan W. Hill, Kelly R. Dotson.
 Front row, from left: David E. Cochran III, Holly D. Evensen, Caitlin M. Tremper, Bahekelwa S. (Baim) Imatha, Wanda H. Lancaster.*

PROVISIONAL DEACONS COMMISSIONED AT 2018 SESSION



From left: Carrie A. Carpenter, Kristen M. Surratt, Gregory R. Little.



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
LOCAL PASTORS RECOGNIZED AT 2018 SESSION



*Back row, from left: Kevin H. Jasper, Cody W. Johnsen, Joel N. Bartz, David W. DeWitt, Darryl E. Donnell.
 Front row, from left: Cynthia H. Furr, Benjamin M. Gatton, Caroline R. Franks, Maria T. Askea, Rodney L. Davis.*



*Back row, from left: Deborah S. Toney, Dana H. Pate, John L. Mitchell, Patrick J. Neitzey, Jason E. B. Smith.
 Front row, from left: Keith A. Nichols, Melanie T. Nichols, Timothy J. Byrd, James A. Marsh, J. Patrick Ledford.*

CLERGY GRANTED RETIREMENT AT 2018 SESSION AND THEIR SPOUSES



From left: John B. Rowe, Paul N. Milton, John L. Taylor Jr., Sybil R. Parks, Sally O. Langford, Andy Langford, Guinnell C. Hunter



Back row, from left: Libbie G. Taylor, Stephen J. Ray, Albert O. Perkins, Marcus S. Portis, A. Owen Peeler, Ralph J. Lopley, D. Ronald Allen. Front row from left (Spouses): Holly Ann Ray, Mary Lou Perkins, Janice Portice, Mary Peeler, Lynne Lopley.

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Back row, from left: Yvonne Thigpin Papas, David G. Raiford, Keith W. Bingham, Bob Kerr, Betty B. Brown, Alfonza Everett, Jimmie S. Surratt. *Front row from left (Spouses):* Jeannie Raiford, Becky Bingham, Linda Kerr, Thomas Brown, Stephanie Everett.



Back row, from left: Terry L. Matthews, David A. Cook, Daniel L. Brubaker, Stephen D. James, Caroll A. Flack, R. Scott Nowlan, Perry J. Bradshaw. *Front row from left (Spouses):* Julie Matthews, Miriam Cook, Mary Joanne Brubaker, Vivian James, Brenda Flack, Julia Nowlan, Anna Bradshaw.

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*Back row, from left: Phillip M. Hurst, Chris B. Hughes, John A. Moore, Tony J. Jordan, Bill F. Berry, Joyce H. Bunn, J. O'Neil Haynes.
Front row from left (Spouses): Gloria Hughes, Patricia Moore, Wanda Jordan, Lynne Berry, Dana Bunn.*



Back row, from left: Donnie B. Durham, Donald A. Newman, W. Mark Andrews, Nancy B. Rankin, Carol Williams-Gilbert, David J. Duncan, Larry G. Puryear. Front row from left (Spouses): Deborah Durham, Brenda Newman, Denise Andrews, Terry Rankin, George Gilbert, Freida Duncan, Linda Puryear.

CLERGY GRANTED RETIREMENT AT 2018 SESSION AND THEIR SPOUSES



Back row, from left: Michael B. Brown, Kathleen Kilbourne, Robert Roten, Patricia Spicer.
Front row from left (Spouses): Ed Kilbourne, Janis Roten, Charles Spicer.

Not pictured: Linda G. Briggs, Richard L. Cloninger, Phyllis L. Glahn, David H. Hobson, Stephen W. Miller, Bruce E. Morasco, Mary Lynne Peterson, Stephen W. Pillsbury, W. Doug Pryor, Robert W. Rollins, Harry D. Sammons, Robert R. Scott, Harvey L. Talbert, Paul K. Hacklander



Response of the Class of 2018 in Full Connection, and Newly Licensed Local Pastors:

We, like Elisha, receive that mantle with humility and in gratitude for the paths you have carved out. We not only follow in your footsteps, but hear the call to set out on our own journey of faith and service.

People:

We give thanks to God for your presence among us. You were called to "Word, Sacrament, and Order", and to "Love, Justice, and Service" ministries. On many occasions, you have risen to serve above and beyond what was expected or required. We thank you for the love you have shown to God and God's people. May your transition into retirement not be a shrinking from your calling, but rather, a turning of the page into a new beginning.

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (stanzas 1-4)

2018-2019 WNCC APPOINTIVE CABINET

Back row, from left: Rev. Bev Copley, Northern Piedmont; Rev. Angela Pleasants, Catawba Valley; Rev. Mike Bailey, Yadkin Valley; Bishop Paul Leeland; Rev. Linda Kelly, Smoky Mountain. *Front row, from left:* Rev. David Hockett, Metro; Rev. Beth Crissman, Blue Ridge; Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington, Appalachian; Rev. Laura Auten, Uwharrie; Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop

2018-2019 WNCC EXTENDED CABINET

Back row, from left: Rev. David Snipes, President/CEO, United Methodist Foundation; Rev. Bev Copley, Northern Piedmont District Superintendent; Ms. Jane Boatwright Wood, Conference Lay Leader; Rev. Mike Bailey, Yadkin Valley District Superintendent; Bishop Paul Leeland; Rev. Linda Kelly, Smoky Mountain District Superintendent; Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop; Rev. Dan Pezet, Conference Director of Church Development. *Front row, from left:* Rev. Angela Pleasants, Catawba Valley District Superintendent; Rev. David Hockett, Metro District Superintendent; Rev. Beth Crissman, Blue Ridge District Superintendent; Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington, Appalachian District Superintendent; Rev. Laura Auten, Uwharrie District Superintendent; Rev. Kim Ingram, Conference Secretary/Director of Ministerial Services; Ms. Caroline Wood, Conference Director of Mission Engagement and Connectional Ministries; Rev. Mark King, Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services. *Not pictured:* Ms. Melissa McGill, Conference Director of Communications.