



**The United Methodist Church
Louisiana Annual Conference**

**Pre-Conference Report
Supplement Two**

June 7 – 10, 2017

Centenary College, Shreveport

2017 PRE-CONFERENCE REPORT SUPPLEMENT TWO

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CLERGY

Wednesday, June 7, 1 – 6 pm

Grace Community Church, 9400 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, LA

Thursday, June 8, 9:30 – 1 pm

Centenary College, Gold Dome

Thursday, June 8, 3:35 – 3:55 pm

Centenary College, Gold Dome

LAITY (includes supply pastors) and GUESTS

Wednesday, June 7, 5:45 – 8 pm

FUMC Shreveport, Head of Texas Street, Shreveport, LA

Thursday, June 8, 7:30 – 9:00 am

FUMC Shreveport, Head of Texas Street, Shreveport, LA

Thursday, June 8, 9:30 – 1 pm

Centenary College, Gold Dome

Thursday, June 8, 3:35 – 3:55 pm

Centenary College, Gold Dome

PETITION TO THE 2017 LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Petition Number _____ Committee or Commission _____ (The above to be filled in by the Petition Committee)

Subject: Lack of diversity and inclusivity on the appointive cabinet of the Louisiana Annual Conference

Petitioner: LA Black Methodist for Church Renewal

Signature: Clifton C. Cornwell, Sr.

Local Church: _____
(If individual petitioner)

Reasons for the Petition (Whereas):

Whereas, paragraph 417 of the 2016 Book of Discipline states, "In the selection of superintendents, bishops shall give due consideration to the inclusiveness of The United Methodist Church with respect to sex, race, national origin, physical challenge, and age, except for the provisions of mandatory retirement."

Whereas, the members of Black Methodist for Church Renewal understand that some conferences are unable to accomplish inclusivity due to lack of conference diversity.

Whereas, African Americans account for just over 12% of the Louisiana Annual Conference membership.

Whereas, the Louisiana Annual Conference has 16 eligible African American (Black) elders, with nine of them being female.

Whereas, there may be diversity on the extended cabinet, there is no diversity on the appointive cabinet.

Whereas, there has been an African American representation on the appointive cabinet since the 1971 merger of the A & B Conference, which formed the current Louisiana Annual Conference.

Whereas, Black Methodist for Church renewal recognizes that the sacredness of our mission is expressed in diversity at all levels of church mission, including the appointive cabinet.

Proposed Action (Be it therefore resolved):

Be it therefore resolved, that the Louisiana BMCR strongly encourage that the Bishop and the appointive cabinet of the Louisiana Annual Conference would give due consideration to making a diverse appointment, to ensure that the Louisiana Annual Conference meets the spirit of the Discipline with regards to diversity on the appointive cabinet, as expressed in paragraph 417 of the 2016 Book of Discipline.

Committee or Commission Report

(Number of votes): Concur _____
Do Not Concur _____
Abstain _____

If Concurrence is Sustained Refer to _____
for Implementation.

All Petitions must be typed. Margins of at least 1/2" are needed for reproduction. Send Petitions (preferably by email) to revmarkbrat@gmail.com, Rev. Mark Bray, Chair, Committee on Petitions, 735 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy, Lake Charles LA 70611. Petitions must be **received by Wednesday, May 31, 2017**; this is not an arbitrary date but is required by conference rules. Each person or organization submitting a petition must supply 200 copies on the opening day of Annual Conference. These may be brought to the office located in the Gold Dome.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Original Pre-Conference Report, page 87; Preconference Report Supplement One, page SU7)

The Pre-Conference Report Supplement One found on the page listed above is amended to correct a typographical error in Resolution Six regarding the name of the district; the report is also amended to correct the spelling of the word *Resolved* in all resolutions. The corrected Resolution 6 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION SIX

To discontinue and abandon Old Shongaloo United Methodist Church, Shongaloo, LA Shreveport District

Whereas it is the judgement of the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. Wybra J. Price II, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Old Shongaloo United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 715381; Conference ID 8280) with a municipal address of 114750 Highway 159, Shongaloo, Louisiana, should be discontinued and abandoned; and

Whereas, this decision and action has been approved by the Shreveport District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Cynthia Fierro Harvey, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Annual Conference;

The Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Old Shongaloo United Methodist Church, Shongaloo, Louisiana in the Shreveport District is now discontinued and abandoned;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference through its President and one other Trustee, be authorized to use or to dispose of said property under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

James E. DeLaune, Jr., President

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
(Original Pre-Conference Report, page 87)
Pre-Conference Report Supplement One, page SU15)

The Committee on Nominations Report found on the pages indicated above is supplemented with the following additional nominations:

Wesley Foundations

Louisiana State University

Brad Davis, Chair	Paul Ivey	Todd Rossnagel
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David Holladay	Kathy King, Secretary	James W. Wetherford
Director:	Adam Darragh	
Ex Officio:	Jane Riecke (University UMC, Baton Rouge), Ken Irby (Baton Rouge D.S.)	
Faculty Advisor:	John Fletcher	

Louisiana Tech University

Year in parenthesis indicates beginning of term, with all serving 3 year terms. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson serve a 1 year term in that position, with another 1 year term possible if elected. There are 14 voting spots total, 4 executive positions, 5 Chairpersons, and 5 Vice Chairpersons.

Chairperson: Wesley McConnell (2017)
Vice Chairperson: Neal DeForest (2017)
Recording Secretary: Meghan Magee (2016)
Treasurer: TBD
Finance Committee Chair: Josh Mandrell (2016)
Finance Committee Vice-Chair: Leslie Stephens (2017)
Trustees Committee Chair: Michael Lammert (2016)
Trustee Vice-Chair: Bob Deich (2017)
Personnel Committee Chair: Charles Penuell (2016)
Personnel Vice-Chair: Kate Perot (2016)
Development Committee Chair: Connie McKenzie (2016)
Development Committee Vice-Chair: Diane Jefcoate (2017)
Ministry Committee Chair: Deborah Lynch (2016)
Ministry Committee Vice-Chair: Nancy Williams (2016)
Ex-Officio Members (all are Non-Voting Members): District Superintendent for the Monroe District; Ryan Ford (Director of the Wesley Foundation); Kaiti Lammert (Associate Director of the Wesley Foundation); Juliet Spencer, Jon Lord, Danny Baskin, Brian Mercer (Area Pastors Under Appointment); Carla Terry (Lay Member - Administrative Assistant)

McNeese State University

Chair: Bradley Swire
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Faculty Advisor-McNeese: Ann Warner
Faculty Advisor-Sowela: Jennifer Bruney
Director: Kevin D. Hodge
Staff: Lindsey Sirman, Jacki Seal

Student Intern: Joseph LeBouefu
Student Council President: Jake Miller
Student Council Senator: Bill Deggs, Taylor Duplichan
Ex Officio: Lake Charles District Superintendent, Richard Sirmon
Student Representatives: Morgan Dieterich, Joseph LeBouef

Board of Director Classes:

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Campus Minister: Clair Carter

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Alisa McGehee
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Ex-Officio: Monroe District Superintendent
Board Secretary: Margie Hendricks (Administrative Assistant)
Director: T. Alan Johnson

Grambling University (no report received so this is the list from last year)

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Vice-Chair: Thomas Nsubuga
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Finance/Treasurer: Kim Alexander
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Board:

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Jerry Hilburn

Clara Toombs
Patrick Taylor
Earl Griffin

Stavinoah Bradley
John Tellis

Director: Wanjiku Kamuyu
Ex Officio: Monroe District Superintendent; Juliet Spencer (Senior Pastor, Trinity UMC); Janet Guyden (GSU VP); David Ponton (Baptist GSU Student Affairs)

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(Original Pre-Conference Report, page 92; Preconference Report Supplement One, page SU64)

The Pre-Conference Report, Report 1, item 8, is amended to reflect the fact that the Committee on Moving Expense has filed a report on page SU11 of the Pre-Conference Report Supplement One. The amended item 8 (which is found on page 93 of the Original Pre-Conference Report reads as follows:

REPORT I

8. The Council has considered the Report of the Committee on Moving Expenses found in Pre-Conference Report Supplement One, page SU11 and concurs in its recommendation to the Annual Conference. If the Annual Conference does not adopt said report as written, then the Council recommends that the local churches reimburse the moving expenses of incoming full-time clergy up to \$6,000 in accordance with the policy and voucher which can be obtained from the Conference Treasurer/Executive Director of Administrative Services. Churches are asked to budget this amount each year. Money not used for moving should be placed in an escrow account to assure such funds are available when needed. When the recommended amount is exceeded by the incoming clergy, that clergy is to pay the additional costs.

METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.

Methodist Health System Foundation, Inc. (MHSFI) envisions a measurably healthier community through improving access to quality and affordable health services, evidence based health education, research analysis, and addressing ongoing food disparities. Finding the most effective means to meet the health needs of a community is always a challenge and we are pleased to report, we met that challenge.

Through our strategic partnerships, we are steadily strengthening the efforts to address the root causes of health challenges of at-risk populations, through increasing awareness and accessibility.

In our fiscal year of 2015-2016, MHSFI committed \$7,676,014 in services and programmatic grants that has had a measurable impact on the health of the communities we serve. We strive to maximize our impact through evaluation, learning from our successes and failures, and continuously improving the quality and effectiveness of our programs.

We will remain a trusted resource as we continue our Legacy's Mission to reach beyond the walls of the care settings to touch lives in the places where healthcare resources, health education and hope are needed.

Patrick M. Gibbs, Chairman
Frederick C. Young, Jr., President