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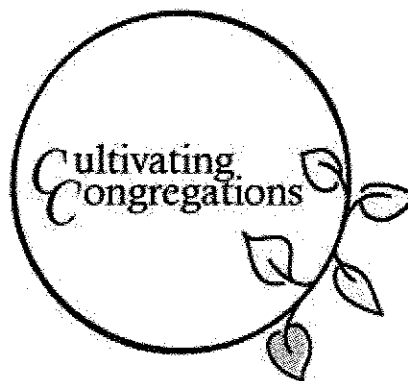
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The United Methodist Church
March 31, 2007
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**Rev. Robert C. Schnase
President & Resident Bishop**



*This is the official record of the 5th Regular Session of the Missouri Annual Conference (June 1-4, 2007) and the 2007 Called Session of the Annual Conference (March 31, 2007). Daily proceedings of the 5th Regular Session were held in the Springfield Exposition & Trade Center from Friday, June 1st to Monday, June 4th. The Service of Ordination was held in the Juanita K. Hammons Center for the Performing Arts.
This is the 122nd Session of Methodist Conferences in Missouri.*

The 6th Session of the Missouri Annual Conference will be held June 6-9, 2008 in Springfield.

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and DeKalb United Methodist churches and was superintendent of the United Methodist camps in Arcadia, Fredericktown and Hannibal.

Harold Norton

Harold Oliver Norton died February 2, 2007, at his home. Born July 8, 1936, in Coal City, Illinois, he married Glenda Jo Hurley August 10, 1963. He was a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He received his Master's in English from Webster University in St. Louis and graduated from Saint Paul School of Theology. A member and past president of the Southeast Missouri District English Teachers Association, he taught for the Sikeston Public Schools for 30 years and was active in state and community teacher associations. Also active in United Methodist Church district offices and on the Board of Ordained Ministry, he was a member of the Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church from 1962-2007. In addition to serving the Senior Adults Ministry at First United Methodist Church in Sikeston, he served pastorates in Dogwood, Bridges, Bell City, East Prairie, Blodgett, Wyatt, Annis-ton, Piedmont, Patterson, Steele and Cooter and at Wesley United Methodist Church in Sikeston. He was a master Mason.

Elmer M. Orr

Elmer Orr was born February 18, 1920, in Nashville, Missouri and died January 27, 2007, in Enid, Oklahoma. He married Blanche Louise Patton July 20, 1941, in Topeka, Kansas. She passed away in May, 1996. On October 11, 1998, Elmer married Dorothy Evelyn Orr in Muskogee, Oklahoma. From 1944 to 1946 he served as a medic and chaplain's assistant in the Army. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma City University and his Master of Divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served churches in Arizona, Iowa, Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. He served the Carterville United Methodist in Missouri for one year. He was involved in community service programs which included food bank and ministerial alliance, and in special services for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and outreach programs.

Mark Albert Oskee

Albert Mark Oskee died November 20, 2006 in Nevada, Missouri. He was born November 21, 1928, in Leavenworth, Kansas. Mark was a graduate of Fulton High School and later served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He married Corinne Bloesser on January 21, 1951. Mark had worked as manager of the Sherwin Williams store in Fort Scott for 28 years. He later attended the St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., and became a licensed local pastor with the United Methodist Church. He served as pastor of the Hume United Methodist Church for nine years and for the Devon and Mapleton United Methodist Churches for one year, retiring from the ministry in 1991. Mark was a member of the West Liberty United Methodist Church.

David Pegues III

David King Pegues III of Midway passed away August 25, 2006 in Columbia. Rev. Pegues was born September 23, 1926. He married Emma Lou Carter on May 25, 1954. He began his military career serving as a chaplain for 28 years. He retired in 1980 as a lieutenant colonel from Whiteman Air Force Base. During his career, Chaplain Pegues received a number of commendations, medals, ribbons, stars and clusters. After his military career, he was pastor of Midway Locust Grove and the Mokane, Steedman and Tebbetts Circuit, serving each for four years before retiring from the Missouri Conference in 1989. He served Rocheport United Methodist Church for four years in a retired status.

Grafton F. Poage

Grafton Francis Poage passed away April 27, 2007 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was born September 10, 1917 in Ralls County, Missouri. He attended Hannibal-LaGrange, Treveca Nazarene and Central Methodist Colleges. He served in the Army during World

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War II. He and Jessie Emmaline Harbourn were married January 1, 1942. Emmaline died in 1968. On January 1, 1980, Grafton married Ruby Apel. He began ministry in 1956 at Center and continued his ministry to Missouri congregations on the Licking, Dixon and Drake Circuits in addition to Waynesville/Newberg, Moberly Jefferson Avenue, Knob Noster, New Bloomfield, and Hallsville/Red Rock. He enjoyed trout fishing, yard work and gardening.

Gerald Sappington

Gerald Preston Sappington died Thursday, October 12, 2006, in Joplin. Rev. Sappington was born May 6, 1922, on a farm near Stella, Missouri. He graduated from Stella High School and served in the United States Navy during World War II. Gerald married the former Mina Lucille Cullers of Stella, Missouri. Following his discharge from the Navy, he spent six years in automobile, truck and farm implement businesses in Neosho. He entered ministry in the Methodist Church in 1953 and was appointed to the Oronogo/Mount Moriah charge. He served eight years in the Southwest Missouri Conference and 23 years in the Missouri West Conference. He was on a number of Conference and District Boards and Committees. His last appointment was to the Lamar/Boston Chapel Charge from which he retired. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas. His Master of Divinity degree was awarded him by Saint Paul School of Theology.

Earl Statler

Earl G. Statler of Cape Girardeau died June 23, 2006 in Cape Girardeau. He was born July 7, 1917, in Friedheim, Missouri. He and Edna L. Smith were married June 2, 1948, in Cape Girardeau. He was a graduate of Jackson High School, attended Southeast Missouri State University and briefly worked as a bank employee in Cape Girardeau. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Army Air Force. In 1948, he received a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University. He then attended Duke University, receiving a Master of Divinity degree in 1951. His pastorates included Portageville, New Haven/Senate Grove Charge, St. Clair/Fairview, Senath, Salem, New Madrid/Kewanee and Benton/Oran. He retired in 1983 and became an associate pastor at Grace United Methodist Church, serving until 1987. He was a Mason and Shriner.

William E. Stolper

William E. Stolper passed away January 22, 2007 in Springfield, Missouri. He was born January 23, 1915 and was married to Mary Jane Stolper for 68 years. He worked 32 years for the U.S. Postal Service and served 22 years as a local elder in The United Methodist Church with appointments at Mt. Tabor, Bates City, Park Hill, Cleveland, Earthland and Blue Springs. Bill was an avid model railroader and participated in his first computer class at age 88.

John Yocum

John Edward Yocum of Higginsville died August 3, 2006. He was born October 26, 1935, in Atchison, Kansas. He received a BA from Central Missouri and an MDiv from Saint Paul School of Theology. He was ordained an elder in 1988 and served churches in Orrick, Liberty and Waverly before moving to Higginsville Grace where he retired in 1998. Earlier in life he had worked as an underwriter and field manager for the insurance industry. His wife Marilyn continues to live in Higginsville.

John Zolk

John Louis Zolk of Lowell, Arkansas died December 30, 2006 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born November 23, 1951 in LaGrange, Illinois. He was a United Methodist pastor who served Calhoun/Drake's Chapel in the Missouri Conference and eight churches in the Arkansas Conference. He was a Master Mason with membership in several appendant bodies. His wife Cindy lives in Arkansas.

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