

Upper New York Annual Conference 2022 Daily Notes

Saturday Oct. 8

- The day kicked off with the Young Adult worship service. The time highlighted the Northeastern Jurisdiction Mission of Peace and featured scripture readings, reflections, and music from young adults across the Conference.
- The morning plenary began with the monitoring report, which illustrated that of the speakers that came to the floor during Friday's plenaries, 16 were male and 12 were female. There were large disparities between clergy and laity and between white People and People of Color. Twenty-two of the speakers that came to the floor were clergy and six were laity. Twenty-six of the speakers were white and one was a Person of Color.
- The Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, Upper New York, Director of Connectional Ministries, presented the 2023 Conference Advance Specials, as listed on page 20 of the *UNY 2022 Annual Conference Journal Vol. 1*, with the addition of the Southern Sudan Health Project and Buffalo 10 Scholarships. The Rev. Childs then encouraged support of the projects and to contact him if Conference members want to lift up other projects. The body approved the list of Advance Specials.
- Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb recognized the work of the 2022 retirees, the new Licensed Local Pastors, the local pastors who completed the Course of Study, the Local Lay Ministers, and the Cabinet.
- Bishop Webb recognized the clergy appointments that began July 1, 2022.
- Bishop Webb thanked everyone who helped put on the Annual Conference, including Mary Bradley and the Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, the Cabinet, the Worship Team, GNTV, the Conference staff, Steve Hustedt and the Communications Team, among others.
- The Communications Team surprised Bishop Webb with a video celebrating his 10 years of service in the Upper New York Conference.
- The day ended with the Service of Commissioning and Ordination. This year's ordinands were: The Rev. Natalie Ora Bowerman, the Rev. Bryant Clark, the Rev. Christine Depestre, the Rev. Linda Haight, the Rev. Melissa Killenberger McCarthy, the Rev. Hector Rivera, and the Rev. Lisa Taylor. This year's Commissioner was Se Gye Shin.
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