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## Bishop's Message

New beginnings create new opportunities. The creation of the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is that kind of new beginning. Many things will change in our life together. All of these create new opportunities for greater faithfulness and fruitfulness for God.

A great deal of energy has been expended by the Transition Team, Dream Teams, working groups and conference staff to plan for this new entity. The plan of organization we approved at the Uniting Conference August 22-24, in Salina, Kansas was the covenant guiding and shaping this new ecclesial reality.

All of the work will be for nothing if we do not seize this new beginning as a new opportunity for greater service to Christ. We must take seriously the mission, calling and priorities of the new Great Plains Conference and find ways to live out our service to the best of our abilities.

What we will accomplish together will be by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to pray daily for the power to flow through us and shape our thoughts, words and deeds.

This is the last Journal of the Kansas West Annual Conference. It marks the end of a particular way of being a connectional church in this part of God's work. We have celebrated our accomplishments and remembered our saints. We have thanked God for our many blessings. There is something a little painful in saying goodbye to a community that has shaped us for so long. Yet, what God has done through us in the past will not be lost. We hope to carry forward the best of the Kansas East, Kansas West and Nebraska Annual Conferences. We will be enriched by the traditions and experiences of each one. We will learn from each other and together find new ways of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I am deeply grateful for this conference and all it has meant to its laity, clergy, congregations and missions. What God will do through us in years to come will be based on all that has been accomplished through us and our foremothers and forefathers in the past. As bishop of all three conferences, I have learned much from each one and been blessed by each one in many ways. May we all seek God's blessings so that we can bless others in the name of Christ.



Mary Lou Reece and  
Bishop Scott Jameson Jones

## Vision Statement of Kansas West Annual Conference

As we make disciples of Jesus Christ,  
the Kansas West Conference calls God's people to...

**INVITE** through *radical hospitality*  
**EXCITE** for *intentional faith-sharing*  
**UNITE** in *risk-taking mission*

**For the transformation of the world**



The 2013-14 Cabinet is pictured above, from left: Rev. Max Clayton, Rev. Linda Louderback, Rev. Dennis Livingston, Bishop Scott J. Jones, Rev. Lewis Van der Wege, Rev. Gary Brooks, Rev. Don Hasty



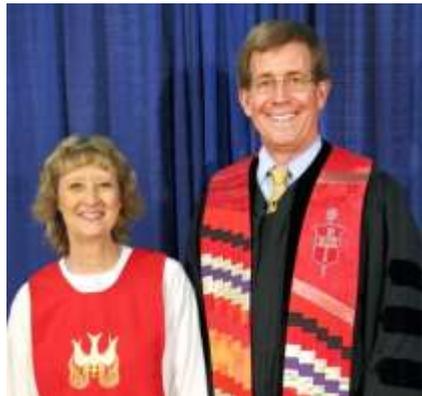
The 2013 Kansas West Conference retirees and spouses are, front row from left: Ruth Rose, Melanie Greenwood, Rev. Larry Greenwood, Rev. Guy Rendoff, Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Rev. Kathryn Graver, Kathi and Rev. Phil Fischer; middle row from left: Rev. Alvin Rose, Rev. Dennis and Deanna Kuder, Rev. Donna Wise, Pastor Sue Talbot, Nancy Rendoff, Elizabeth and Rev. Ralph Jarboe Jr., Joan and Rev. Jim Bush; back row from left: Rev. Mark and Joyce Conard, Philip Wise, Rev. Susan and George Stover, Rev. Marilyn and Lloyd Christmore. Retirees not pictured are Revs. William Hammond, Linda Stewart and Amy Jaime-Wood.



The 2013 class of elders and full members: Revs. Janet Myers, Christopher Eshelman, Ross Baker, Mike Gaddie, Anne Williams, Justin Jamis and Margaret Johnson



Rev. Abby Lynn Caseman and Rev. Ashley Prescott Barlow-Thompson were ordained deacons with full membership.



Rev. Nancy Proffitt was received into Associate Membership at the 2013 Annual Conference.



Commissioned into United Methodist ministry at the 2013 Annual Conference: William Kenyon, Aaron Duell, and Donna Goltry

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