

## NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE PHOTO ALBUM



**LEFT:** Bishop Michael McKee opened the 2015 Annual Conference with an impassioned address launching the One + One Initiative, which sends North Texas United Methodists into low performing public schools as tutors and mentors. **BELOW:** Opening worship service included commissioning of the Project Transformation interns. Over 100 interns spent the summer in ministry at United Methodist churches with children from low income areas.





**St. Andrew UMC in Plano hosted the 2015 Annual Conference. Members of this church made sure that the attendees felt welcome.**



**Keynote speaker, Rev. Olu Brown, lead pastor of Impact Church in Atlanta, shared innovative techniques for engaging with the surrounding community in the name of Christ. His church is one of the fastest growing in the nation.**



**Ashley Elsey, co-founder of Minerva Consulting, offered a keynote address and taught tool box sessions on communication. Minerva Consulting is the media support for the One + One public school initiative launched at Annual Conference.**



The clergy spouses, led by spokesperson Michelle Corazao, provided the Annual Conference with comic relief by sharing a video, “All About that Grace”, of what it means to be married to a clergy person.



Annual Conference is always a time for friends to catch up. Richard Hearne of University Park and Rev. Michael Bowie of St. Luke “Community” UMC share a laugh together.



**Joan McKee, spouse of Bishop McKee and board member of Project Transformation, reminded all of the impressive ways that Project Transformation is changing lives by sharing some inspiring stories of the PT interns and participants.**



**Hope Rouse, outgoing chair of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, spoke to the conference as part of the Young Person's Address. Standing with her are members of the CCYM prepared to do a T-shirt throw.**



**ABOVE: Yvette Blair-Lavallais was commissioned as a Provisional Elder, accompanied by Dr. Michael Bowie of St. Luke “Community” UMC. BELOW: A touching moment occurred when retiring clergy Rev. Roy Spore passed down his stole to his son Adam Spore who was ordained Elder.**





United Methodist clergy worked to create peace and resolve issues in response to simmering racial tensions surrounding a McKinney pool party. Pictured are Rev. Tommy Brumett, FUMC McKinney, Rev. John McLarty, Stonebridge UMC, McKinney, and Rev. Frances Cudjoe Waters, Hamilton Park UMC, president of the North Texas Conference UMC African American Clergy, each sharing their roles in listening and creating dialogue. Over 70 clergy and laity participated in a press conference and prayer service in McKinney following the adjournment of conference.



Shawn Bakker was ordained Deacon at this majestic service that included music of the Custer Road UMC orchestra.



**Zachary Landis, pictured with his wife Laura and his mother Rev. Gayle Landis, was ordained Elder.**



**Dr. Keith Boone had the honor of presenting his son Mitchell Boone with his stole as Mitchell was ordained Elder.**



Candle lights bathed the choir and worshippers at the end of the Service of Commissioning and Ordination as they held their lit candles aloft singing “This Little Light of Mine.”



ABOVE: Dr. Robert Hasley, lead pastor of St. Andrew UMC, extends a warm welcome to the Annual Conference attendees. This was the church’s first year hosting this major event. LEFT: Bishop McKee greets the newly ordained Elder Cheryl Murray, as Carol Montgomery and Timothy Marks look on.