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NEW GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS INDUCTED



Dr. Nina G. Gunter and Dr. J. K. Warrick were elected on the 24th and 35th ballots respectively as the newest members of the Board of General Superintendents at the 26th General Assembly in June. They were inducted at a celebration service June 29th before a large contingent of family, friends and delegates. The afternoon praise and worship service opened with an invocation given by General Superintendent James H. Diehl after which General Secretary Jack Stone presented the two new Board members. Retiring General Superintendent Dr. Jim L. Bond addressed the two and welcomed them to the Board of General Superintendents.

Each of the current Board members then spoke briefly to welcome Dr. Gunter and Dr. Warrick.

Full coverage of this service can be found at www.ncnnews.com as well as highlights of the election process

An election chart for the 2005 general superintendent balloting can be found at: <http://www.ncnnews.com/05GSFinal.htm>



Legislative actions of the 1,001 voting delegates of the 26th General Assembly are highlighted on the General Church website and can be read at www.ncnnews.com.

Actions taken include the following:

- Changed the name of the General Rules to the Covenant of Christian Character.
- Voted to require that the "Church of the Nazarene" name appear on church signs, official stationary, and publications of the local church.
- Rejected a proposal to make Christian baptism a requirement for membership in the Church of the Nazarene.
- Rejected a proposal to place the General Assembly schedule on a five-year track.
- Rejected a proposal to raise to 70 the maximum age for election to the Board of General Superintendents. The maximum age currently is 68.
- Voted to require that the local church treasurer be a member of that local Church.
- Affirmed that "the pastor shall have access to all records of the local church" that he or she serves.
- Acted to require a member of the clergy who has been unassigned for over four years to file his or her credential.
- Rejected a resolution to conduct district assemblies every second year rather than annually.
- Determined that "there is no provision for absentee voting in church meetings."
- The delegates voted to change the language from abortion to sanctity of life within the Manual. Included in the discussion was the rejection of human cloning. Also, scriptural guidelines regarding stem cell research were added
- The delegates voted overwhelmingly to notify the leaders of Canada, the U. S., England, and Australia of our strong opposition to induce abortion and stem cell research involving embryonic stem cells.

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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Georgia District Assembly Delegates, friends and family gathered at Dubose Porter Training/Convention Center in Dublin for the 91st assembly July 7-9 with General Superintendent W. Talmadge Johnson and District Superintendent Dr. Roy E. Rogers presiding. Pictures and other news will be featured in future newsletters.

Rev. Ed Husband, Multi-Cultural Ministries Coordinator for the Georgia District, spoke to several hundred at the Georgia Missions Service on Thursday evening.

Rev. Husband commanded the attention of his audience by introducing a man by name that the audience did not know. Choosing his Scripture focus from Luke 5, Rev. Husband introduced his audience to Mr. Multi-Culture and expounded on the need to touch the lives through the united efforts of all working together. He noted that in order for Mr. Multi-Culture to meet Jesus, it took the concerted efforts of the General Superintendent, the District Superintendent, the pastor and the lay person to make it happen. Following his message, pledges were received to continue the home missions program in Georgia for the new church year. Some \$44,000,000 was pledged.



REFLECTIONS ON CAMPMEETING

Dr. Bill McCumber, Dr. Nelson Perdue and Rev. R. T. Nix were inspired of God as they preached the Word and Brian Arner was anointed of God as he led in worship and brought special music. Peace and assurance was found at the altar as people gathered in and a sense of God's amazing grace and mercy prevailed. Workers for the 2006 camp meeting July 9-16 will be Dr. Gary Henecke, Dr. Bill McCumber and Rev. Larry Leckrone.

Music will be led by Rev. Larry and Tamela Leckrone.



GEORGIA DISTRICT LAY RETREAT

**September 9-11, 2005
Adrian Camp
Speaker: Dr. Bob Hoots**

**Music: Mark Murphy & Rio
Clemente**

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NEW MEMBERS

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Daniel Scott
Ashburn Dayspring – Joyce
Campbell
Gainesville Bethel – Sheila Curry,
Joyce Shields, Shayla Hudson
Columbus Harvest Faith – Daniel & Julie
Pratt, Stanley O'Shields, Valerie Carpenter
Macon Shurlington – Paula Harrell
New Life International – Ernestine Woods,
Benita Sears-Knight
Sharpsburg – Chip & Kristy Lawson, Teasha
Stone
Thomasville First – Isabel Finney, Alvaro
Hernandez, Martha Lavender, Roger
Lavender

BAPTIZED

**Good Shepherd – Courtney Kirkland, Magan
McKee**



**Macon Shurlington – Rev. Ronnie
Griffin**