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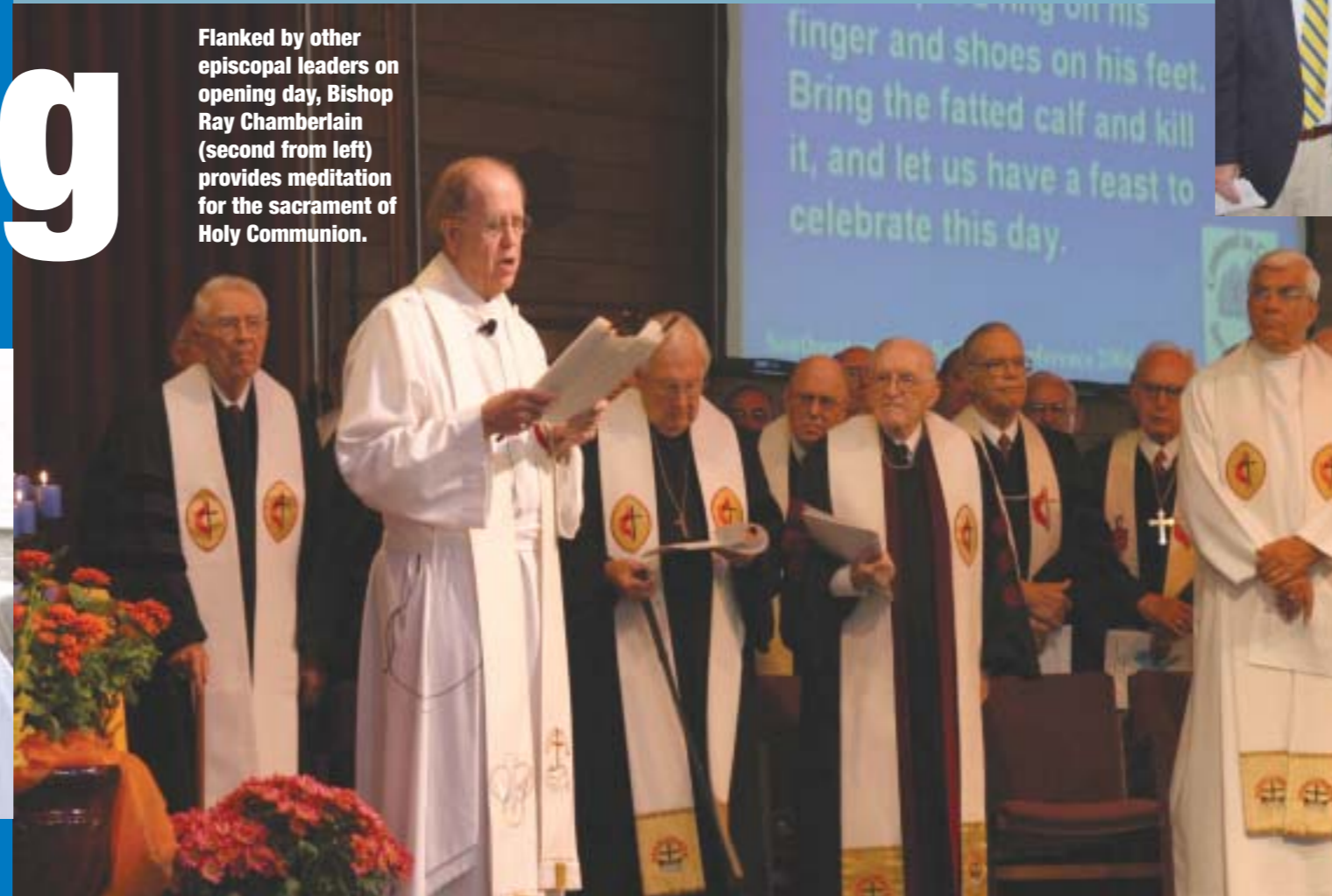
Dindy and Rusty Taylor's daughters and son-in-law attend the consecration service. From left to right: Kyle and Mandy Young and Tiffany Taylor.



Bishop Ken Carder chats with the Rev. Gordon Ridenour following a service honoring Carder and other retiring bishops.



Flanked by other episcopal leaders on opening day, Bishop Ray Chamberlain (second from left) provides meditation for the sacrament of Holy Communion.



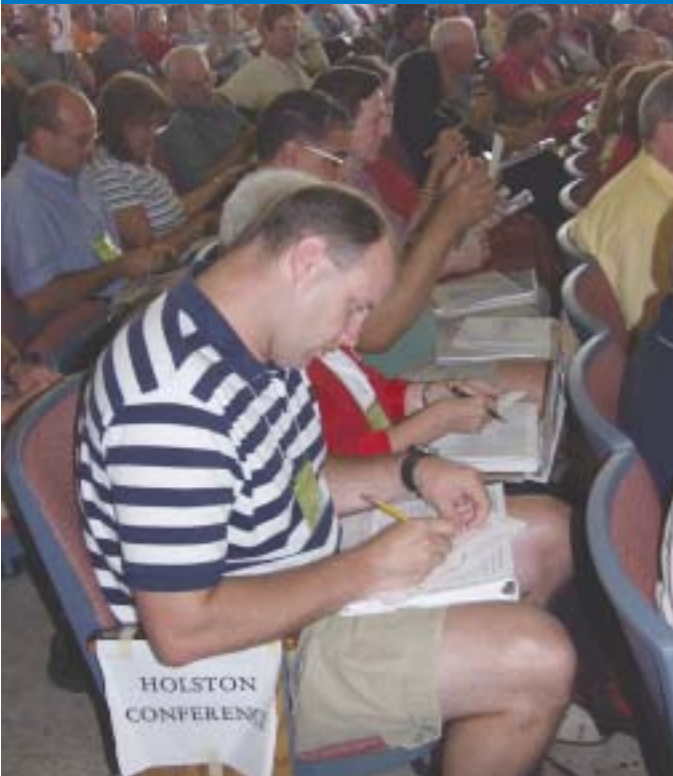
Letter from Bishop Chamberlain

Your new bishop, James Swanson, will not be able to fit into my shoes. My shoes are not big enough for him! Bishop Swanson will bring his own, large shoes. He comes with a passion for the Gospel. He comes with authentic compassion for all. He comes with vision, vigor, immense goodwill and genuine faith. I rejoice that the Holston delegation wanted him to come to this conference. The recognition of his leadership qualities and hospitality by our delegation is in itself a wonderful witness. You will discover an almost instantaneous spiritual connection with Bishop Swanson. I relinquish with an enormous sign of relief my responsibilities to him, for my prayer is answered that Holston Conference receive a great spiritual leader. I predict that when the story of Holston Conference is written, Bishop Swanson will be remembered as the most beloved bishop in its history. I leave you in the gentle, strong and courageous care of your new shepherd: Bishop James Swanson.

Ray W. Chamberlain Jr.



Bishop Swanson stops for a photo opportunity with the Rev. Eddie Fox.



The Rev. Jonathan Jonas votes for candidates along with the rest of the Holston delegation.

Photo by Woody Woodrick, Mississippi Conference

Dindy Taylor is joined on stage by her husband, the Rev. Rusty Taylor, moments after her election to the episcopacy.



The newly consecrated Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor steps off the stage with South Carolina in her future.



The Rev. Jerry Russell withdraws from the election after the ninth ballot.



Shortly after his consecration, Bishop James Swanson (right) chats with Holston Jurisdictional Conference delegate Shelbi Wilson.

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