

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUPPLEMENT
to
Program and Reports
for the
2008 Conference Session



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June 5–8, 2008
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

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ADDITIONAL PETITIONS TO THE 2008 SESSION

PETITION 20 — Articles of Religion in the Local Church

Whereas, Many United Methodists are unaware of the origins of the doctrines of our church; therefore, be it
Resolved, That during the month of August each year, the churches of The Western North Carolina Annual Conference be encouraged to make copies of the Articles of Religion (*Discipline* ¶ 103) available to the congregation, and each pastor be encouraged to include the Articles of Religion in his/her preaching and teaching.

Submitted by:

David P. Calhoun, Pastor, Wilkesboro Church, Wilkesboro

PETITION 21 — Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday

Whereas, Paragraph 266.3 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004) states that:

Rural Life Sunday shall be observed on a date to be determined by the annual conference. Rural Life Sunday shall call the Church to celebrate the rural heritage of The United Methodist Church, to recognize the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas of the nation and world today, and to affirm the interdependence of rural and urban communities. The observance of Rural Life Sunday shall be under the general supervision of the General Board of Global Ministries. Anyone who desires to recommend a Rural Life Sunday theme for a given year for this Sunday may do so one year prior to the observance for which the recommendation is made. Recommendations are to be made to the General Board of Global Ministries, and the voting members of the board shall determine the annual theme of this Sunday;

and

Whereas, The rural crisis has led many rural residents of our country to suffer the loss of self-esteem and their way of life, due to the closure of farms, businesses, schools, and health-care facilities; and

Whereas, The state of North Carolina continues to suffer the loss of rural and open land; and

Whereas, The good citizens of North Carolina in rural and urban areas face growing environmental concerns about the quality of our land, water, and air, due to what is commonly called "urban sprawl"; and

Whereas, Rural Life Sunday has traditionally promoted themes related to health and wholeness, conservation, and stewardship of our natural resources; and

Whereas, These themes are of increasing importance; and

Whereas, *The Book of Discipline* gives authority to the annual conference to set Rural Life Sunday on the date best for the annual conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church designate the sixth Sunday after Easter, or another Sunday where needed, as Rural Life Sunday in 2009; urge the clergy and laity of its member congregations to observe this day; and encourage its member congregations to utilize resources for this observance from such sources as the General Board of Global Ministries, the United Methodist Rural Fellowship, the Rural Chaplains Association, and county soil and water conservation offices located across the region.

Submitted by:

Randy L. Wall, Chairperson, WNCC United Methodist Rural Fellowship

PETITION 22 — Study of Annual Conference Meeting

Resolved, That a task force, appointed by the bishop, be constituted to evaluate what takes place during the actual sessions of the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference (e.g., reports from various agencies, time spent on legislation, special recognitions, etc.). Attention shall be given to concerns about lack of clergy attendance at sessions, the number of reports given, and the need for additional time for conversation, which is now referred to in many arenas as "holy conferencing," in order to allow those present to discuss and discern the critical issues of the annual conference.

Rationale:

The Western North Carolina Annual Conference spends the majority of its annual meeting time in the giving of reports and dealing with items required by the *Discipline*. There is very little time given to what is often described as "holy conferencing." It is also a statement of the obvious that there are usually more clergy outside of the auditorium than inside. For many clergy, this is the only time they have with friends, both lay and clergy, to really talk to each other. As we are beginning a new quadrennium, and there will

1 be, prior to the 2009 annual conference, a number of changes, including our bishop, it seems to be an appropriate time to study
2 and evaluate the schedule for the annual conference meeting.

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4 Submitted by

5 Claudia G. Harrelson, Pastor, Stokesdale Church, Northeast District
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9 **PETITION 23 — Change Location of 2009 Annual Conference Session**

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11 *Resolved*, That the 2009 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference be held at a place other than Lake Junaluska
12 Assembly, and that the Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting be directed to give priority to such concerns as handicap ac-
13 cess, the ability to move the time of the meeting, cost, housing, and parking.

14 *Resolved*, That the Western North Carolina Conference seek to hold an annual event at Lake Junaluska, in addition to the Gath-
15 ering of the Laity, which can be more easily accommodated by the Assembly, and to help defray the loss in income to the facility by
16 the moving of the annual conference session.

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18 *Rationale:*

19 At the 2006 conference session, two petitions were brought forward concerning the annual conference meeting. One dealt with
20 the need for greater accessibility; the second raised the concern that, with the statewide change for the ending of the school year,
21 youth delegates, delegates in the public education system, and families with children still in school were either having to make spe-
22 cial arrangements, miss all or part of the conference session, or be excluded altogether. Both petitions were passed. At the 2007
23 session, the Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting reported to the conference that nothing could be done about either of
24 these issues as long as we met at Lake Junaluska. Therefore, it is necessary for the annual conference to consider the location of
25 the annual conference meeting if these and other often heard complaints about parking, rising cost, lack of space, etc., are to be
26 dealt with. That is to say, there is no way for Lake Junaluska to adequately provide for the number of people attending the Western
27 North Carolina Annual Conference meeting without enormous expense. It is also unfair to ask Lake Junaluska to make these
28 changes solely for the purpose of accommodating the Western North Carolina Conference.

29 Methodists in western North Carolina have been meeting at Lake Junaluska for annual conference since 1957. There is no doubt
30 that this conference loves Junaluska. However, there have been substantial changes in the intervening 50 years:

- 31 1. The Western North Carolina Annual Conference has changed. The number of voting members has grown to a number that far
32 exceeds the capacity of Stuart Auditorium, not to mention spouses, families, and other guests. Additionally, the number of
33 clergy and laity who need more accessible facilities, parking, etc., has grown as well. The overall age of lay members, like the
34 overall age of clergy members, is getting older, and others with special needs, regardless of age, often feel excluded.
- 35 2. The Lake Junaluska area has changed. In 1957, Lake Junaluska was a quiet, fairly remote mountain retreat. Property and
36 other costs in the area were relatively low, which allowed many clergy to purchase retirement homes in the area. Since there
37 were few other places to eat, the Jones Cafeteria and dining rooms at the Terrace Hotel and Lambuth Inn were filled. In 2008,
38 the Lake Junaluska area is now considered a resort area. Many restaurants, hotels, shopping centers, and other things have
39 been built. One consequence of this is higher costs: Hotels charge seasonal resort rates, and the number of people eating
40 meals off the Assembly grounds has escalated. Property costs are now such that few clergy could afford to buy a home at
41 Lake Junaluska.
- 42 3. The world we live in has changed. Ever increasing technological resources, such as wireless Internet service and cell phones,
43 are expected and vital for many. In 1957, most people did not have air conditioning at home and were more accepting of rustic
44 accommodations. In 2008, the lack of air conditioning in Stuart Auditorium and the desire for more comfortable accommoda-
45 tions makes Junaluska problematic in cost and appeal. Fewer people are willing or able to drive to a not very centrally located
46 meeting place for four days. While there are arguments to be made on both sides of the issue, what one generation consid-
47 ered to be a luxury, another views as a necessity.

48 Lake Junaluska is a beautiful, warm, and inviting place. For those who have attended many sessions of annual conference there
49 over the years, there are great memories and much nostalgia. The annual conference needs to decide as to whether memory and
50 sentiment outweigh the needs for handicap accessibility, flexible scheduling, parking, costs of travel and other issues.

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52 Submitted by:

53 Claudia G. Harrelson, Pastor, Stokesdale Church, Northeast District
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57 **PETITION 24 — Trustees of Duke University**

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59 The following are proposed for election by the Western North Carolina Conference as trustees of Duke University:

60 *Term to expire June 30, 2013:* Gao Xi-Qing.

61 *Term to expire July 1, 2009:* Benjamin Kennedy.
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63 Submitted by:

64 Richard V. Riddell, University Secretary, for the Board of Trustees, Duke University
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PETITION 25 — Immigration and Trade Policy and Practice

Whereas, Our Scriptures admonish us to care for the stranger and alien in our midst; and

Whereas, The U.S. Declaration of Independence proclaims that all persons are created equal, indicating that all in this land, documented and undocumented, are entitled to basic human rights; and

Whereas, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares that “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world”; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Social Principles urge us to advocate “for the rights of all migrants” and calls upon our churches to provide “service to such migrant people who come within their parish”—again without mention of documentation; and

Whereas, The recent flow of migrants into the United States is largely due to unjust economic and trade policies embodied in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and similar “free trade” acts that disadvantage and impoverish farmers in the Global South, depriving them of land and livelihood; and

Whereas, There is a rising tide of racist and anti-immigrant sentiment in the United States that violates all of the above and is unbecoming of and inconsistent with the principles of “liberty and justice for all” on which this country was founded and which it proclaims to the world—a climate that is fostering fear, hatred and violence in our land; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Western North Carolina Annual Conference call upon:

- a. All United Methodists to treat migrants with Christian love, hospitality, respect, and good will and to oppose immigrant bashing, discrimination, fear-inducing raids of homes and workplaces, and mistreatment by citizens and government officials.
- b. All United Methodist congregations to participate in community efforts to see that all migrants, documented and undocumented, are accorded courtesy, hospitality and justice, protected from verbal and physical abuse, and supported in their efforts to earn an honest living and maintain family unity.
- c. The U.S. Congress to redress the inequities in existing “fair trade” agreements by incorporating effective labor, environmental, and human rights protections and to provide for legal migration of workers and their families in all future trade treaties;
- d. Our elected officials at local, state, and federal levels to enact and implement comprehensive immigration reform, including the following elements:
 - (1) Family reunification.
 - (2) A path to citizenship.
 - (3) Worker protection.
 - (4) Legislation which will allow undocumented migrants a way to gain permanent legal status and access to services we take for granted.
 - (5) Human and civil rights.
 - (6) Border security, which will happen only when immigration laws are realistic and enforceable.

Resolved, That the Western North Carolina Annual Conference call upon all United Methodists to become informed on these issues and communicate with their senators and representatives.

Submitted by:

Esther Megill, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Alycia Johnson, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Pat Richardson, Asbury Memorial Church, Asheville
 LeGrand B. Smith, Clergy Member of Conference
 Jayne Smith, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Beth Griffin, Asbury Memorial Church, Asheville
 Laura Wells, St. Paul's Church, Asheville
 Lucy Gist, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Ruth Clark, St. Paul's Church, Asheville

Nola Smee, St. Paul's Church, Asheville
 Elaine Gasser, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Joyce Anderegg, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Shelly F. Webb, Clergy Member of Conference
 Dot Sulock, St. Paul's Church, Asheville
 Cameron Kempson, Biltmore Church, Asheville
 Ed McFarland, First Church, Waynesville
 Linda McFarland, First Church, Waynesville

PETITION 26 — Camp Tekoa Trustees

The following are proposed for election as trustees of Camp Tekoa, Inc.:

Class of 2011: Brian E. Combs, Shelton Dunn Davis, David Moore, Jerry Smith.

Class of 2010: D. Michael Jordan, Daniel J. Lyons, Charlotte Miller, Donald A. Newman.

Class of 2009: Roland T. Barnhardt, David Speer, Candis Vaughn Walker, Tim Walker.

Ex-Officio (Conference): Cabinet Representative, Council on Youth Ministries Representative, Conference Ministries Advisory Council Representative.

Ex-Officio (Staff): James S. Johnson, executive director; Karen Rohrer, business manager; Mike Pruett, program director.

Submitted by:

Board of Trustees of Camp Tekoa, Inc.

PETITION 27 — Rejoice! Publication

Whereas, United Methodists across the Western North Carolina Annual Conference have requested the development of a print communication and, in response, a new publication, *Rejoice!* has been researched and designed over the past two years to celebrate the life and work of United Methodists in western North Carolina; and

Whereas, A prototype of the proposed publication has been printed by the Commission on Communications and distributed to the members of the 2008 annual conference; and

Whereas, Funding for the year 2009 in the amount of \$80,000 will be required to cover quarterly publication and distribution of this resource to every church in the conference; and

Whereas, The budgets for 2009 as proposed by the Council on Finance and Administration do not include this amount; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Western North Carolina Annual Conference grant funding for the proposed publication in the amount of \$80,000 for 2009.

[*Secretary's Note*: By rule, this petition is being referred to the Council on Finance and Administration, which will present its recommendation on this matter at the time it is considered by the conference.]

Submitted by:

Commission on Communications, Kelly Keesling, Chairperson

PROPOSED BOARD/AGENCY/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE Western North Carolina Annual Conference

Task

The conference needs a clear, efficient, just, and effective organizational structure for conference staff, committees, commissions, agencies, boards, and councils. The immediate task to which we are called is to create an organization that equips the conference for its stated purpose of *Following Jesus, Making Disciples, and Transforming the World*. Our intention is to provide a simple structure that creates lines of accountability and responsibility that support the ministry of the entire annual conference without being overly focused on individual components and that remains responsive and relevant to the mission and ministry of the church.

Proposals

Transition Process:

The 2008 annual conference will elect nominees to the structure as it exists prior to the adoption of this new structure. The bishop and annual conference Committee on Nominations are asked to nominate persons to the new structure to be approved at the 2009 annual conference. Where possible, the existing groups of the conference will operate using processes from the new structure during the transition year.

Conference Ministries Advisory Council, boards, agencies, councils and commissions:

We propose that the name CMAC (Conference Ministries Advisory Council) be changed to the Western North Carolina Conference Connectional Table, in keeping with ¶¶ 901-907 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004). (*Effective June 2008*)

We propose that the Connectional Table be responsible for focusing and guiding the work of the annual conference as defined in ¶ 607 of *The Book of Discipline*. The connectional table is responsible for promoting the **vision** of the annual conference, for developing and equipping **leadership** to fulfill the vision, and for ensuring **accountability** for accomplishing the tasks and utilizing the resources entrusted to the annual conference. The Connectional Table may meet annually or more frequently to recommend a plan for the deployment of personnel, capital, and financial resources to support the work of ministry of the annual conference, and to define and refine the standards of excellence and fruitfulness of the Teams for Excellence. The Connectional Table and its officers will be elected to quadrennial terms by the annual conference from nominations made by the Committee on Nominations of the annual conference in accordance with the rules of the annual conference. The first Connectional Table will be elected for a term of three years, beginning in the conference year 2009. (*Effective June 2008*)

We propose that the Connectional Table shall consist of persons including:

- A chairperson or co-chairpersons.
- 15 district representatives, at least seven of whom shall be laity, with each district nominating either a lay or a clergy member on a quadrennial rotation.
- At least four persons representing the diversity of ethnic persons in the annual conference, who may also be among the district representatives.
- A representative from each of the rural church, the United Methodist Men, the United Methodist Women, and the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, who may also be among the district representatives.
- The chairs of the Order of Elders and of the Order of Deacons, who may also be among the district representatives.
- The chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members, who may also be among the district representatives.
- The chairs of the three Teams for Excellence in Ministry.

- Ex-Officio members shall include the bishop, the conference lay leader, the assistant to the bishop, the director of connectional ministries, the fiscal officer, the director of ethnic and justice ministries, the secretary of the annual conference (representing the Board of Ordained Ministry), and the director of communications.

(Effective at the approval of new nominations at annual conference 2009)

The Resource Team:

We propose that there shall be a Resource Team, responsible for developing and deploying resources to encourage excellence and fruitfulness to flourish in the annual conference as it accomplishes its primary task of *Following Jesus, Making Disciples, and Transforming the World*. The Resource Team may choose to meet together for coordination and planning as called by the bishop, the assistant to the bishop, or the director of connectional ministries. The Resource Team is not a team of representatives, but includes groups and entities of the annual conference which are available to deploy resources for ministry, including, but not limited to:

- Council on Finance and Administration
- Board of Trustees
- Communications
- Archives and History
- Committee on Episcopacy
- Episcopal Residence Committee
- United Methodist Foundation
- RFD-CDC
- Committee on Nominations
- Resource Center
- Health and Human Services

Three Teams for Excellence in Ministry:

We propose that there shall be three teams, each consisting of 12 to 15 persons, which shall empower and equip laity and clergy to bring excellence and fruitfulness to the annual conference, using effective and efficient methods. The annual conference Committee on Nominations will name the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the team, and other officers will be chosen by the team. Team members are to be nominated on the basis of giftedness and passion for the particular ministries for which each team is responsible. Conference staff members serve on the teams for organizational support and to encourage the full implementation of team initiatives.

1. Team for Excellence in Clergy and Laity Ministries:

This team is responsible for promoting excellence (Philippians 4) and fruitfulness (Matthew 7 and John 15) in the work of Covenant Peer and Accountability Groups.

- Board of Ordained Ministry
 - Investigation
 - Incapacity/Disability
 - Transfer
 - Administrative Review
 - Candidacy, Licensing, and Ordination
- The Conference Council on Youth Ministries
- The Order of Elders
- The Order of Deacons
- The Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members
- The Council on Laity
- Older Adults
- Young Adults
- Campus Ministries
- Camping and Retreat Ministries

and will include staff:

- Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry
- Ministries with Young People
- Nurture and Christian Education
- Covenant Peer/Accountability Groups

2. Team for Excellence in Congregational Ministries:

This team is responsible for promoting excellence and fruitfulness in the work of

- Small-Membership Church
- Town and Country
- Commission on Witness
- Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns
- Conference Board of Congregational Development

and will include staff:

- Director of Connectional Ministries (and Congregational Development)
- Ethnic and Justice Ministries

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3. Team for Excellence in Missions, Outreach, and Advocacy Ministries:

This team is responsible for promoting excellence and fruitfulness in the work of

- Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
- Committee on Church and Society
- General Board of Global Ministries
- Committee on Native American Ministries Volunteers in Mission
- COSROW
- Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries
- Disaster Response
- Country Mission Groupings
- SEJAM
- Mission Response Center
- Step-by-Step Ministries
- Golden Cross
- Commission on Religion and Race
- Advocacy Groups

and will include staff:

- Mission and Outreach
- Ethnic and Justice Ministries

(Effective at the approval of new nominations at annual conference 2009)

Effective Processes:

We propose that the conference program staff, chairpersons and officers of the Connectional Table, and of each of the Three Teams for Excellence develop meeting plans with these characteristics:

- The primary task of the Connectional Table and of each Team for Excellence is to develop and equip leadership in the annual conference to fully realize our joint mission of *Following Jesus, Making Disciples, and Transforming the World* and to fully realize the missional emphases of The United Methodist Church, as defined in *The Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions*.
- Meetings will be designed to define and continuously refine measurable and observable standards of excellence and fruitfulness in leadership, supporting the work of the annual conference and its constituent people, congregations, boards, and agencies.
- During the 2008-2009 transition year, the reorganization committee that drafted these proposals, in consultation with the new bishop and cabinet, will continue to meet to refine the processes to be used by the Connectional Table, the Resource Team, and the Teams of Excellence to fulfill their mission, reporting those refined processes to the 2009 annual conference for revision and approval.
- The meetings are designed to utilize the most cost-effective and efficient means to accomplish the goals of the committee.

(Effective June 2008)

Appendix

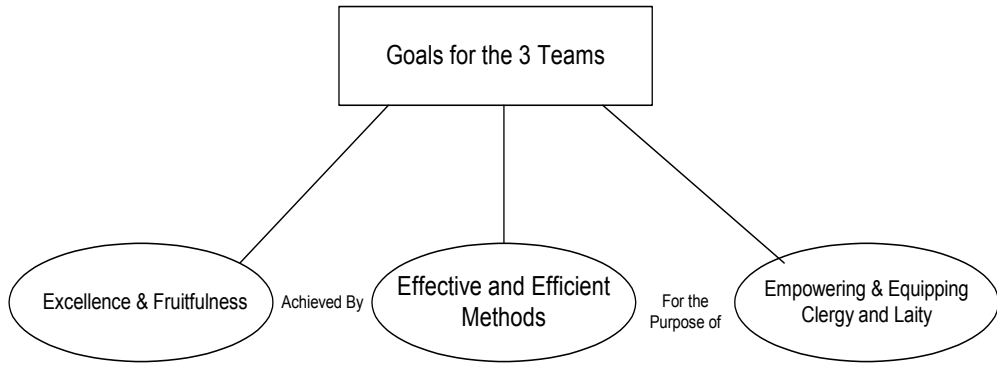
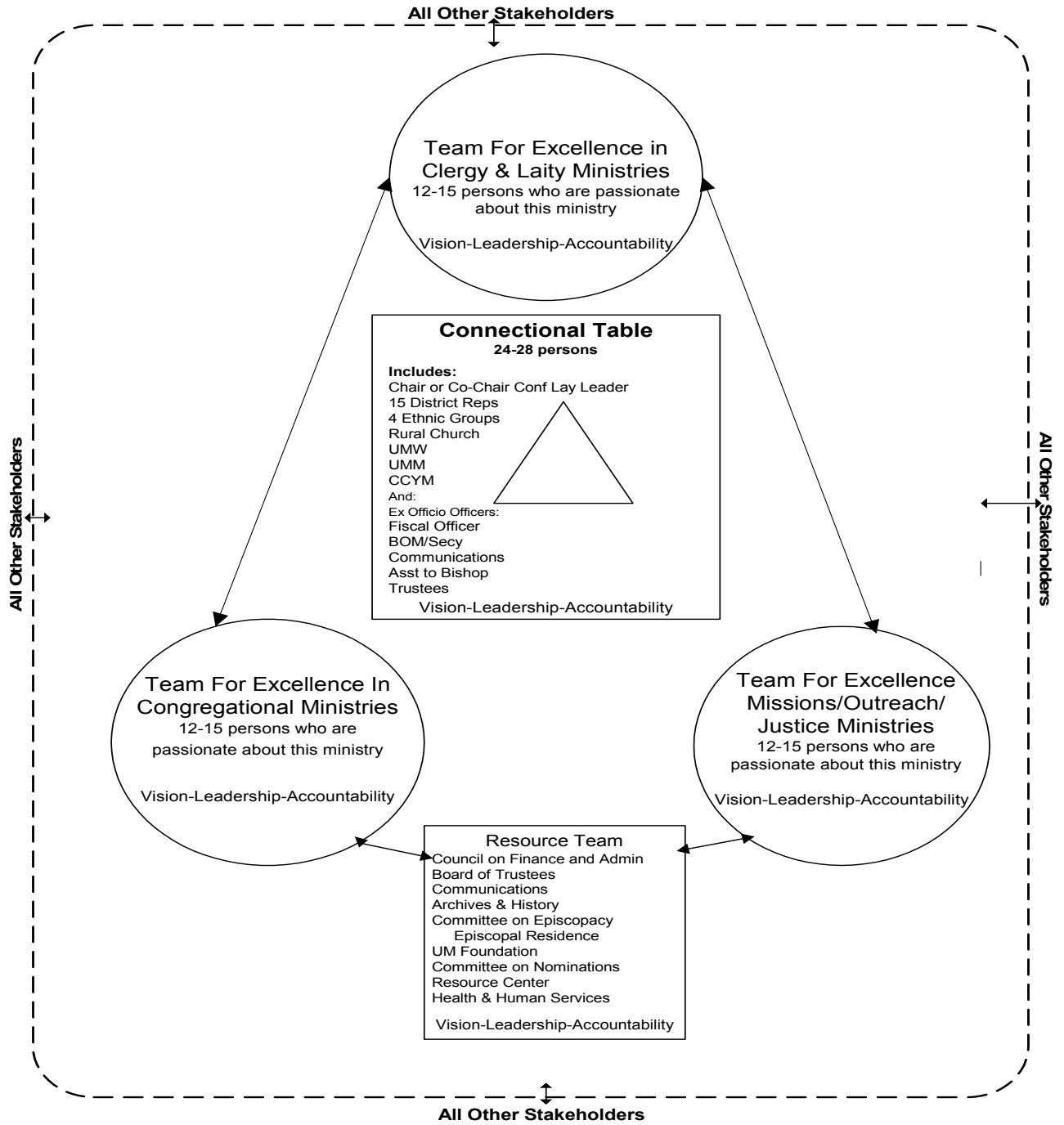
Relevant Disciplinary Paragraphs:

¶ 601. *Purpose*—The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

¶ 607. *Connectional Ministries*—Each annual conference is responsible to focus and guide the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church within its boundaries by:

1. envisioning the ministries necessary to live out the mission of the church in and through the annual conference;
2. creating and nurturing relationships and connections among the local, district, annual conference, and general church ministries;
3. providing encouragement, coordination, and support for the ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness in districts and congregations for the transformation of the world;
4. ensuring the alignment of the total resources of the annual conference to its mission;
5. developing and strengthening ethnic ministries, including ethnic local churches and concerns;
6. providing for advocacy and monitoring functions to ensure that the church is consistent with its stated values.

¶ 901. *Name*—There shall be a **Connectional Table** in The United Methodist Church where ministry and money are brought to the same table to coordinate the mission, ministries, and resources of The United Methodist Church. Effective January 1, 2005, the Connectional Table shall be assigned the primary responsibilities, general policies and practices found in the relevant 700 paragraphs.



CONDENSED REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN FOR 2007

Line	2006	2007	Change
Church Membership			
1. Total full members, start of year	293,089	293,772	683
2A. Received on profession of Christian faith	4,969	4,698	-271
2B. Restored by restoration or added to correct previous error	720	630	-90
3. Received by transfer from other United Methodist churches	3,226	3,069	-157
4. Received from other denominations	2,992	2,907	-85
5A. Removed by Charge Conference action or to correct previous error	2,651	3,114	463
5B. Removed by withdrawal from membership	1,182	1,358	176
6. Removed by transfer to other United Methodist churches	2,188	2,041	-147
7. Removed by transfer to other denominations	1,372	1,430	58
8. Removed by death	3,831	3,545	-286
9. Total professing members, end of year	293,772	293,588	-184
<i>Asian</i>	723	760	37
<i>African American/Black</i>	11,098	11,324	226
<i>Hispanic</i>	637	777	140
<i>Native American</i>	430	412	-18
<i>Pacific Islander</i>	85	85	0
<i>White</i>	280,493	279,879	-614
<i>Multi-Racial</i>	306	351	45
<i>Female</i>	164,326	164,808	482
<i>Male</i>	129,446	128,780	-666
10. Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service(s)	127,538	126,551	-987
11. Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)	3,887	3,786	-101
12. Number of baptized members not yet professing members	36,069	36,397	328
13. Number of persons on constituency roll	47,033	51,559	4,526
14. Total enrolled in confirmation classes this year	3,355	3,379	24
Christian Formation Groups			
Sunday Church School – Membership/Attendance:			
15A. Number of leaders (teachers, administrators)	16,151	16,385	234
16A. Children (birth through sixth grade or ages 0-11)	28,625	27,959	-666
17A. Youth (seventh grade through high school or ages 12-19)	14,614	14,307	-307
18A. Adults (post-high school and older)	65,254	60,149	-5,105
19A. Total Sunday Church School membership	124,644	118,800	-5,844
20. Average attendance in Sunday Church School (all ages)	63,154	62,002	-1,152
All Other Christian Formation Groups – Membership/Attendance:			
15B. Number of leaders (teachers, administrators)	9,107	13,389	4,282
16B. Children (birth through sixth grade or ages 0-11)	20,013	29,524	9,511
17B. Youth (seventh grade through high school or ages 12-19)	13,060	15,056	1,996
18B. Adults (post-high school and older)	39,408	46,330	6,922
19B. Total participants in other Christian formation groups	81,588	104,299	22,711
21. Average attendance in other ongoing classes and groups	30,269	39,686	9,417
22. Average attendance in short-term classes and groups	39,489	47,912	8,423
23. Total number of Christian formation groups	6,342	7,110	768
24. Number of Christian formation participants who became professing members by profession of faith	3,107	3,067	-40
United Methodist Volunteers in Mission			
25A. Number of UMVIM teams/groups sent this year	1,031	1,107	76
25B. Number of church members participating in any UMVIM team	7,989	9,092	1,103
United Methodist Men			
26. Membership in United Methodist Men	12,948	12,488	-460
27. Amount paid for projects	\$1,393,046	\$1,412,797	\$19,751
United Methodist Women			
28. Membership in United Methodist Women	33,544	32,310	-1,234
29. Amount paid for local church and community work	\$1,752,771	\$1,804,226	\$51,455
United Methodist Youth			
30. Membership in United Methodist Youth	16,491	15,321	-1,170
31. Amount paid for projects	\$1,665,934	\$1,892,397	\$226,463

Weekday Ministry Programs				
32A.	Number of weekday ministry programs	779	632	-147
32B.	Number of persons served in weekday ministry programs	33,384	28,022	-5,362
Property and Other Assets				
33.	Value of Church land, buildings, and equipment	\$1,840,930,716	\$1,942,616,535	\$101,685,819
34.	Value of Church-owned parsonages and furniture	140,206,103	146,022,524	5,816,421
35.	Value of Other assets (cash, securities, other property, etc.)	217,115,624	250,737,118	33,621,494
36.	Indebtedness on items in Lines 33, 34, and 35	117,697,523	119,505,436	1,807,913
37.	Other indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)	1,168,119	1,487,328	319,209
Benevolences				
38C3.	Total Conference Apportionments and Askings paid	\$13,154,200	\$13,521,802	\$367,602
38D.	World Service, Conference Benevolences, Higher Education, and Health and Human Services	4,599,651	4,598,840	-811
40.	Other general church apportioned funds	1,085,960	1,149,750	63,790
43.	General Advance specials, World Service Special Gifts, conference Advance specials, and special-day offerings	2,183,832	1,987,498	-196,334
48.	District or county mission society	711,915	713,001	1,086
49.	Congregational Development Asking paid	754,892	721,390	-33,502
50.	Other Benevolences sent to conference treasurer	178,677	123,982	-54,695
51.	Benevolences paid directly by local church	9,780,694	11,635,440	1,854,746
Administration				
52.	General, jurisdictional, area, and conference administration and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	4,373,320	4,591,379	218,059
56.	District administration funds	1,872,374	1,976,983	104,609
Clergy Support				
59B.	Pension and benefit funds	6,972,897	5,891,584	-1,081,313
60.	District Superintendents' Fund, Episcopal Fund, and Equitable Compensation Fund	2,340,377	2,460,443	120,066
63.	Pastors'/associates' health insurance	4,718,238	4,949,700	231,462
64.	Base salaries paid pastors	34,656,628	35,213,129	556,501
65.	Base salaries paid associates	4,469,273	4,763,156	293,883
66.	Housing-related allowances, accountable reimbursements, and other cash allowances paid to/for pastors and associates	9,281,937	9,362,634	80,697
Local Church Expenditures				
69.	Total compensation and expenses of diaconal minister(s) and or deacon(s)	1,721,130	1,448,809	-272,321
70.	Total compensation and expenses of other church employees	42,811,426	44,619,904	1,808,478
72.	Other current expenses for program and operation	51,381,726	54,756,002	3,374,276
73.	Principal and interest paid on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	28,102,093	25,178,343	-2,923,750
74.	Paid on buildings and improvements (not including funds borrowed)	21,219,762	25,325,972	4,106,210
United Methodist Women				
75.	United Methodist Women funds paid to district and conference treasurers	995,013	1,051,647	56,634

76.	GRAND TOTAL PAID (lines 38D-75, excluding 59A).....	\$234,211,815	\$242,519,586	\$8,307,771 (3.5%)

Charles D. White, Jr., *Secretary-Statistician*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Vacancies Filled *ad Interim*

Council on Campus Ministry

George C. Weekley, replacing Ramsey Qubein, effective 11-01-2007

Jennifer McSwain Martin, replacing Amy J. Rio-Anderson as one of two campus ministers, upon nomination by the campus ministers, effective 11-01-2007.

Commission on Nurture Ministries

Cecelia B. McGee, replacing Sandra H. Devoid as Charlotte District lay representative, effective 09-20-2007.

Commission on Religion and Race

F. Annalee Allen, replacing Cynthia L. Watke (Mackey) as Salisbury District representative, effective 11-28-2007.

Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Connie King, replacing Mary Catherine Willis as Winston-Salem District representative, effective 10-01-2007.

Nominations for the 2008-2012 Quadrennium

Quadrennial Election

Conference Ministries Advisory Council

Chairperson: Robert E. Shepherd

Lay Members at Large:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ernest Allen | 5. Johnny Harvell |
| 2. Jane Kirby Campbell | 6. Daphne L. Strickland |
| 3. Jim Gullede | 7. Doris D. Vincent |
| 4. Teila Hand-Broadnax | |

Commission on Nurture Ministries

District Representatives:

	<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Laity</i>
AL	B. Tracy Carroll	David Garcia
AS	Debra L. Gaddy	Katie W. Warren
CH		
GA	H. Eugene Moore	Cheryl Perkins
GR	Kelley G. Groce	Annette C. Cooper
HP	Jeffrey H. Sypole	
LN	Beverly Parker-Reece	Jane Testerman
LX	Toni Ruth Smith	Richard Smith
MA	Holly C. Adams	Pamela Deck
NE	Laura A. Wyant	Susan Poole
NW	J. Christian Wilson	Sandra Sisson
SA	Anna L. Barden	Rachel Graves
ST	Diron C. Chloe	Betty Coulter
WA	Donna C. Cobb	Gladys Campbell
WS	Evelyn L. Lemons	Janet Turner

Members at Large:

- Donna Cooke
- Phil Hunsucker
- Sarah E. H. McKinney

Commission on Outreach Ministries

District Representatives:

	<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Laity</i>
AL	Clyde K. Penry	Ron Menchelli
AS	R. Naomi King	Madeline Moseley
CH		
GA		Elizabeth Baker
GR	Cecil E. Donahue	Max Kern
HP		Bonnie Horney
LN	Betty B. Brown	Sandra S. Hargett
LX	Benjamin C. Clodfelter	Louise D. Jones
MA	Allen P. Boliek	Tracy Yancey
NE	W. Douglas Pryor	Helena Scales
NW	Sarah S. Fouts	Aileen L. Young
SA	Donald A. Newman	Gary Emerson

ST	C. James Church	Michael Houser
WA	Brian E. Combs	Darwin Van Gorp
WS	Joseph W. Collins	Glenda Beauchamp

Members at Large:

- Roy Dunaway
- Dianne Hamrick
- Susan A. Heafner-Heun

Commission on Witness Ministries

District Representatives:

	<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Laity</i>
AL	Nicholas L. Rochester, Jr.	Virginia Braswell
AS	Rodney H. Hagans, Jr.	Richard Rhodes
CH	Timothy S. Killian	Carolyn Perlman
GA	Thomas R. Steagald	Pat Stevens
GR	J. Mark Weekley	Linda McKinney
HP		Jack Young
LN	Robert L. Kerr	Wanda Carter
LX	Roger D. Weisner	Carolyn Potter
MA	C. Ray Davis	Mike Baumberger
NE	Daniel V. Miller	Pat Merricks
NW	John C. Fitzgerald	Jerry Hatfield
SA	Andrea R. Conder	Tim Krotchko
ST	Jill B. Rhinehart	William Sharp
WA	Alfred L. Beck, Jr.	Linda Masters
WS	Keith W. Bingham	Rosa Reynolds

Members at Large:

- Mel Burton
- C. Darrin Everhart
- Ronald D. Perry

Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

District Representatives:

AL	Kimberly S. Higgins	MA Lynda L. Ferguson
AS	LeGrand B. Smith II	NE Michelle D. Chappell
CH	William T. Jeffries	NW Amy Van Devender
GA	A. Owen Peeler	SA Jonathan V. Hunter
GR	H. Bryant Wilbourne	ST Thomas H. Jones
HP	Christopher A. Franks	WA Erma M. Bond
LN	Yvonne L. Vredenburg	WS Richard W. Buffkin
LX	Allison Brown	

Members at Large:

	<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Laity</i>
1.	Janet F. Dixon	Betty Compton
2.	Leonard O. Fair	Walter M. Hand
3.	James W. Ferree	Alycia Johnston
4.	Glenn S. Griffiths	Sydnor Thompson

Commission on Religion and Race*District Representatives:*

AL Rhonda D. Hartweg	MA Betty Young
AS _____	NE Doris Van Putten
CH Earonita Strong	NW Ralph A. Shipp
GA Pauline Smith	SA F. Annalee Allen
GR Yama Kurewa	ST Roger L. Hunter
HP Jennie Boyd	WA Richard L. Buff
LN Donna Young	WS Jane Williams
LX Linda Thomas	

Members at Large:

1. Lee E. Bynum
2. Kelly P. Carpenter
3. Sarah Kim

Commission on the Status and Role of Women*District Representatives:*

AL Betty Jeanne Day	MA Sharon Smith
AS Rosaleen C. Feeser	NE M. Catherine Turman
CH Nancy Dozier	NW Barbara Hart
GA Dana Gates	SA Evelyn Eller
GR Karen L. Easter	ST Peggy Wilkerson
HP Debbie Auman	WA Patricia G. Chaput
LN Linda Young	WS Connie King
LX Sue Cave	

Members at Large:

1. Steve Arnaudin
2. Lisa Clement Bryant
3. Edith Costner
4. Ronald R. Robinson
5. Debra N. Short
6. J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley

Committee on Church and Society*District Directors:*

AL J. Curtis Goforth	MA Cornelius F. Brantley, Jr.
AS Stephen R. Combs	NE Debra Herbin
CH _____	NW Lynn Holaday
GA Stephen F. Lee	SA Ruth B. Atkinson
GR Sharon L. Adams	ST David A. McCauley
HP Boyd M. Holliday	WA _____
LN Louise Learson	WS Tom Bridges
LX Douglas E. Hochmuth	

*Members at Large:**Clergy*

1. Crystal M. Alexander
2. Jason W. Harvey
3. Patricia G. Pegram
4. Julie A. Roberts
5. Sara J. Scruggs
6. Mark R. Sills
7. Julie Wilburn Peeler

Laitry

- Lynn Barnes
- Lisa Caldwell
- Martha Frederick
- Lazelle E. Free
- Mitchell Matthews
- Steve Noblitt
- Vickie B. Sigmon

Committee on African American Ministries*Elected Members:*

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Alvin Brown | 10. Walter Pegues |
| 2. Jill D. Alventosa-Brown | 11. Albert O. Perkins, Sr. |
| 3. Wanda Carpenter | 12. Ronnie E. Roseboro |
| 4. George Eubanks | 13. Liston Sellers, Jr. |
| 5. Belvin J. Jessup | 14. Pamela Shoffner |
| 6. Bart W. Milleson | 15. Marsha Stewart |
| 7. Clyde A. Moore, Jr. | 16. Mildred Ware |
| 8. Jimmie Moore | 17. Norris N. Wilson |
| 9. Tina F. Mosby | 18. Stephanie Wilson |

Committee on Asian American Ministries*Elected Members:*

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| 1. J. Kenneth Curtis | 9. Patricia Love |
| 2. Kadada Dara | 10. Sun Ja McCoy |
| 3. Lee Gauger | 11. Samuel Om |
| 4. Tou-Chao Her | 12. Donald W. Turman |
| 5. K. Wesley Judy | 13. Cher Lue Vang |
| 6. Byong Lee | 14. May L. Vang |
| 7. David J. Lee | 15. Rebecca Wright |
| 8. Min Ho Lee | |

Committee on Hispanic Ministries*Elected Members:*

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sonia N. Baca-Zuniga | 10. David R. Ortigoza |
| 2. William F. Berry II | 11. Sybil R. Parks |
| 3. Augusto O. Caldera | 12. Frank Ramos |
| 4. Samuel Castro | 13. Mark R. Smith |
| 5. David A. Cook, Jr. | 14. Sarah L. Smith |
| 6. Thomas Davis | 15. Alex Smythers |
| 7. Clarissa Y. Fuentes | 16. Vicky Villanueva |
| 8. Monique Luckey | 17. Diana Wingeier-Rayo |
| 9. Ana C. Morrison | 18. Oscar F. Zuniga |

Committee on Native American Ministries*Elected Members:*

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Jack Alley | 9. Christie Jacobs |
| 2. Chris J. Bennett | 10. Larry King |
| 3. Loretta Bolton | 11. Tommy Lambert |
| 4. Delton F. Collins | 12. Neffie Connie Lockear |
| 5. Ralph H. Eanes, Jr. | 13. Cathy McMillian |
| 6. Darlene Farrar | 14. A. J. Moore |
| 7. Dinah Grant | 15. James Taylor |
| 8. James Hunt | 16. Jerry Wolfe |

Council on Campus Ministry*Elected Members:*

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Timothy L. Auman | 9. Jennifer M. Martin |
| 2. Mark Bailey | 10. Jeffrey S. Patterson |
| 3. Jonathan Coppedge-Henley | 11. Lauren P. Richardson |
| 4. Laura A. Elliott | 12. Amy J. Rio-Anderson |
| 5. Nancy A. Ferree-Clark | 13. John Thomas |
| 6. Franklin W. Grice | 14. Nagatha Tonkins |
| 7. Ken Hudson | 15. Beverly H. Warner |
| 8. In-Yong Lee | 16. Robert R. Webb III |

Council on Finance and Administration*Elected Members:*

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| <i>Clergy</i> | | <i>Laitry</i> | |
| 1. Julianne Brittain | | Dale Batman | |
| 2. Elizabeth Coppedge-Henley | | Jennifer L. Burton | |
| 3. Randolph H. Harry | | James B. Dalton | |
| 4. R. Mark King | | Laurie Guy | |
| 5. Thomas A. Langford III | | Doug Howard | |
| 6. Albert Mills | | Scott Humann | |
| 7. xx | | Preston Jones | |
| 8. xx | | Harvey McIntyre | |
| 9. xx | | Angela White | |

Council on Higher Education*Elected Members:*

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Charlotte G. Brendel | 6. Emma K. Griffis |
| 2. Faye Burton | 7. Greg Hunter |
| 3. Chandra Caple | 8. F. Edward Ingram |
| 4. J. Keith Crisco | 9. Elaine Robinson |
| 5. Charles F. Gibbons | 10. Mary R. Scarlette |

Council on Laity*Elected Members:*

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Larry Butler | 7. Sybil J. Perrell |
| 2. John D. Crane | 8. Bobby Sharp |
| 3. Henry Goldston | 9. Elaine Surgeon |
| 4. Kim Keyse | 10. Patricia W. Wiseman |
| 5. Jerry Lamb | 11. Kim H. Wright |
| 6. Tonya A. Lanier | 12. Thelma Wright |

Board of Congregational Development*Executive Committee*Kenneth M. Partin, *President*Betty Jo C. Hardy, *Vice-President*Pamela E. Blackstock, *Secretary*Ellis L. Rouse, Jr., *Treasurer*Lillie M. Jones, *Cabinet Representative*Stephen M. James, *Director of Connectional Ministries**District Representatives*

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| AL David F. Lawrence | MA David M. Hamlyn |
| AS Ron Ballard | NE Glenda E. Bennett |
| CH _____ | NW Marianne M. Romanat |
| GA _____ | SA Carl E. Settle |
| GR Suzanne G. Michael | ST Charles C. Kyker |
| HP D. David Talbert | WA David H. Christy |
| LN Valerie B. Rosenquist | WS James T. Webb, Jr. |
| LX Timothy K. Roberts | |

*Members at Large:**Fund Development and Finance*

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| 1. M. Kenneth Lyon | 4. Ray Smith |
| 2. Chan Martin | 5. Lauri Wilks |
| 3. Leigh Ann Smith | (6. Fund Dev. Specialist) |

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| 1. Jimmy R. Chrisawn | 4. Allan R. Van Meter |
| 2. Paula B. Northrup | 5. Ken White |
| 3. David E. Smith, Jr. | |

Evangelism

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Keith Francis | 4. Tommy Stilwell |
| 2. William R. Jarrett | 5. Rachel West |
| 3. Donald E. McCoy | |

Revitalization

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Beverly B. Copley | 4. R. Keith Turman |
| 2. Kaye H. Fry | 5. W. Kirk Tutterow |
| 3. Rey Rodriguez | |

New Church Starts

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Andrew D. Brown | 4. Percival T. Reeves |
| 2. Thomas J. Herin | 5. Charles W. Wilson II |
| 3. Karla Knotts | |

Board of Ordained Ministry (bishop's nominations)*Elders:*

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| 1. Veranita G. Alvord | 17. Mark J. Key |
| 2. Laura Hubbard Auten | 18. H. Jae Lee |
| 3. Stephen L. Autrey | 19. Terry L. Moore |
| 4. Michael F. Bailey | 20. Scott A. Osterberg |
| 5. John K. Ferree | 21. Ivan H. M. Peden |
| 6. Michael H. Goode | 22. Susan E. Pillsbury-Taylor |
| 7. Elizabeth L. Graves | 23. Angela A. Pleasants |
| 8. James H. Graves | 24. W. Lyn Sorrells |
| 9. David S. Greene | 25. Ashley Crowder Stanley |
| 10. E. Wannamaker Hardin, Jr. | 26. Paul B. Thompson |
| 11. Bonnie P. Harris | 27. C. Sydnor Thompson III |
| 12. Faye L. Herbin | 28. Shelly F. Webb |
| 13. David C. Hockett | 29. C. M. Westmoreland |
| 14. Lory Beth T. Huffman | 30. Judith L. White |
| 15. Susan P. Jones | 31. Earl Wilson, Jr. |
| 16. Amy L. Coles | 32. Sanford L. Giles, Jr. (DS) |

Deacons:

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| 1. Nancy Miller Campbell | 4. Kathleen H. Kilbourne |
| 2. Brandon K. Dirks | 5. Sallyanne I. McVay |
| 3. Kimberley T. Ingram | 6. Elizabeth C. Minus |

Laity:

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| 1. Rebecca G. Bingham (DM) | 6. J. Edgar McFarland |
| 2. Mildred S. Carter | 7. Etta W. Marcellus |
| 3. Jennifer P. Davis | 8. William L. Noell III |
| 4. Henry Dozier | 9. Robert D. Upchurch |
| 5. Sandra L. Hieronymus | |

Associate Members/Local Pastors:

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| 1. Freida H. Hobson | 2. Karen C. Kurtz |
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Commission on Archives and History*Elected Members:*

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| 1. Linda P. Addo | 7. Cornelius Holland |
| 2. Diane Blanton | 8. Clarence E. Horton, Jr. |
| 3. Virginia Bjorlin | 9. Robert McKellar |
| 4. Andrew W. Brown, Jr. | 10. James L. Pyatt |
| 5. Dennis W. (Bud) Cameron | 11. Randy H. Tarlton |
| 6. Russell Ford | 12. Sandra Williamson |

Commission on Communications*Elected Members:*

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| 1. Harold K. Bales | 7. Edward D. McKinney |
| 2. Brian Bingham | 8. T. Gregg Plott |
| 3. Bonnie Dixon | 9. Deyanira T. Ramos |
| 4. William D. Gibson | 10. Paul B. L. Revere |
| 5. Frederick N. Jones | 11. Molly T. Templeton |
| 6. Uiyeon Kim | 12. _____ |

Named by Commission:

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

Commission on Equitable Compensation*Elected Members:*

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| <i>Clergy</i> | | <i>Laity</i> |
| 1. Cynthia L. Arnold | | Nan Coulter |
| 2. J. Paul Christy | | Janet Maddox |
| 3. Larry E. Fitzgerald | | Doris W. Morrison |
| 4. Angela R. Marlowe | | Paulette Norman |
| 5. Tony H. Matthews | | David Stewart |
| 6. George E. Roberson | | Charlie L. Taylor |
| 7. Dale P. Sneed | | W. Vann York |

Administrative Review Committee (bishop's nominations)*Elected Members:*

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| <i>Clergy</i> | | <i>Alternate:</i> |
| 1. Miller C. Carter, Jr. | | 1. R. Naomi King |
| 2. Beverly E. Gaska | | |
| 3. H. Kyle Thompson | | |

Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting*Elected Lay Members:*

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| 1. J. Zachery Christy | 5. Susan L. Yarski |
| 2. Chris Grimmatt | 6. _____ [Youth] |
| 3. Amy L. Johnson | 7. _____ [Youth] |
| 4. Monica Smith | |

Committee on Appeals*Elected Members:*

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| <i>Clergy</i> | | <i>Laity</i> |
| 1. Mark R. Smith | | Bill Cannon |
| 2. Martha B. Welch | | Carroll Saunders |
| 3. xx | | Sara M. Williams |

Reserves:

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| 1. W. Kirk McNeill | Lane Mallonee |
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Committee on Conference Staff Relations*Elected Members:**Elders:*

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| 1. Stephen D. Haines | 2. Katherine Clontz Sherrill |
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Deacon/Diaconal:

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| 1. Ramona M. Clapp |
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Laity:

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| 1. Lisa Clement-Bryant | 2. Ed Welch |
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Committee on Episcopacy*Elected Members:**Clergy:*

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| 1. Jill D. Alventosa-Brown | 3. Robert E. Roach |
| 2. Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. | 4. Earl Wilson, Jr. |

Lay Women:

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| 1. Jennifer P. Davis | 3. Mary K. Kizer |
| 2. Amy L. Johnson | 4. Daphine L. Strickland |

Lay Men:

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| 1. Edward Broadwell | 3. Robert D. Upchurch |
| 2. James Sibert | 4. Thomas W. Wilson, Jr. |

Appointed by Bishop:

Clergy: Nancy Burgin Rankin

Lay Woman: Maggie Tilley

Lay Man: Robert Winchester

Committee on Investigation of Clergy (bishop's nominations)*Principal Clergy Members:*

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Barbara J. Barden | 5. John F. Epps |
| 2. Edward L. Biggers | 6. Glenn L. Lyles |
| 3. Lynda T. Briggs | 7. Brenda M. Newman |
| 4. W. Ashby Brown, Jr. | |

Alternate Clergy Members:

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| 1. Roland T. Barnhardt | 4. Carl S. Johnson |
| 2. Alfonza Everett | 5. Linda Stack Morgan |
| 3. John W. Fowler | |

Lay Observers:

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| 1. James Freeman | 2. Nathan Poovey |
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Alternate Lay Observer:

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| 1. Coley Hooker, Jr. |
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Committee on Investigation of Diaconal Ministers

(bishop's nominations)

Principal Diaconal Members:

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| 1. Mark H. Christy | 3. Sandra M. McGarrah |
| 2. Michael P. Dougherty | |

Alternate Diaconal Members:

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| 1. Catherine Ritch Guess | 2. Susan F. Osterberg |
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Committee on Nominations*Elected Lay Women:*

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| 1. Luann Elliott | 3. Louise D. Jones |
| 2. Irma Ellwanger | 4. Daphine L. Strickland |

Elected Lay Men:

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| 1. Wesley Bailey | 3. John W. Hunt |
| 2. John F. Howard, Jr. | 4. James Morehead |

Conference Statistician

Kimberly T. Ingram

Term Election**Conference Board of Trustees, Inc.***Class of 2009:*

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| 1. Danny R. Gobble | 3. Doris P. Loomis |
| 2. Linda M. Kelly | 4. Joseph P. McGuire |

Class of 2010:

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| 1. Julia M. Hite | 3. Richard N. Randleman |
| 2. Paul N. Milton | 4. Carol Williams-Gilbert |

Class of 2011:

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| 1. Fredrick B. Bowman | 3. Samuel H. Moore, Jr. |
| 2. Roslyn Harris | 4. Harold (Hal) Powell |

Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Inc.*Class of 2012:*

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Roberta E. Blackwell | 4. Don R. Lineberger |
| 2. Mark B. Edwards | 5. Wm. H. (Bill) Osborne |
| 3. Barbara Ewings | 6. Frank A. Stith III |

Class of 2016:

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| 1. James M. Armstrong, Jr. | 4. Louretta Howze |
| 2. Louis Fletcher | 5. Al Jones |
| 3. M. Lynne Gilbert | 6. Dennis B. Marshall |

Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches*Class of 2009:*

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Shirley L. Canty | 4. Bart W. Milleson |
| 2. Irma Ellwanger | 5. Suzanne B. Northcraft |
| 3. Walter M. Hand | 6. Lewis L. Poag |

Class of 2010:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Glenn S. Griffiths | 4. LaNell Johnson |
| 2. Lisa Hartzog Hannah | 5. Peter R. Parish |
| 3. Faye L. Herbin | 6. A. Owen Peeler |

Class of 2011:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Arnetta E. Beverly | 5. Sydnor Thompson |
| 2. James W. Ferree | 6. Shelly F. Webb |
| 3. Betty Jo C. Hardy | 7. Angela White |
| 4. Lisa L. Martinez | |

Alternates:

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| 1. Beverly E. Gaska | 2. Kerry B. Pursell |
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Annual Election**Conference Secretary of Global Ministries**

Michael W. Collins.

J. Lawrence McCleskey, *Chairperson*
Charles D. White, Jr., *Secretary*

NOMINATIONS TO THE “JURISDICTIONAL POOL”

As prescribed in ¶ 705.1 of the *Discipline*, a committee composed of Bishop Lawrence McCleskey and the Western North Carolina Conference delegates to the 2008 General and Jurisdictional conferences have compiled the following list of nominees for consideration as the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference elects members of the general agencies of the church. By rule, all delegates to the General Conference are placed in the pool. Additional persons are placed in the pool to meet requirements concerning inclusiveness.

At the appropriate time during the 2008 conference session, Bishop McCleskey will guide the process of dealing with this matter. The annual conference will be asked to consider and adopt the pool nominations.

<i>Delegates to the General Conference</i>		<i>Asian Americans</i>	<i>African Americans</i>
<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Lay</i>	Abraham Kim	Jennifer P. Davis
Thomas A. (Andy) Langford III	Betty Jo C. Hardy	H. Jae Lee	Lazelle E. Free
Sally O. Langford	John F. Howard, Jr.	In-Yong Lee	Earl Wilson, Jr.
Arnetta E. Beverly	Jack Young		
Angela A. Pleasants	James C. Windham, Jr.	<i>Hispanic Americans</i>	<i>Native Americans</i>
Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.	Sarah E. H. McKinney	Ana C. Morrison	Connie Locklear
Kimberly T. Ingram	Amy L. Johnson	Frank Ramos	Donna Strickland Smith
Charles D. (Denny) White, Jr.	Teila Hand Broadnax	Diana Wingeier-Rayo	Daphine L. Strickland
James C. Howell	Kimberly H. Wright		
Julianne (Jan) Brittain	Sandra L. Hieronymus	<i>Pacific Islanders</i>	
Nancy Burgin Rankin	Sarah Kim	None	
Ashley Crowder Stanley	John D. Ammons		
Ronald A. (Alan) Rice, Jr.	William E. Greene		
Patricia A. Lewis	Joetta F. Rinehart		
<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Lay Women</i>	<i>Lay Mem</i>	<i>Youth</i>
Shirley L. Canty	Jennifer L. Burton	Michael G. Carle	Canon Brodar
Elizabeth Coppedge-Henley	Mildred S. Carter	Henry Dozier	Donta' Glenn
Frank H. (Duke) Ison	Tonya A. Lanier	Crowson H. Hunt	Chloe A. Gobel
Keys S. Pendleton	Sara M. Williams	Philip D. Wingeier-Rayo	Phillip Howard
			Samantha Shuford
<i>Young Adult</i>	<i>Older Adults</i>	<i>Persons with Disabilities</i>	
Samantha Adams	Iva Sue Allen	Marty Folsom	
Abigail Huggins	Coley Hooker, Jr.	Harold Johns	
Leonard Howze	Robert E. Shepherd	N. Gregory McLaughlin	
Will Sherrill	Richard W. Strachan	Bobby Sharp	
Jesse Smith			

J. Lawrence McCleskey, *Resident Bishop*
Betty Jo C. Hardy, *Delegation Chairperson*

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CABINET

Duncan Memorial Church, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte District

Whereas, The local church property of the former Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, 420 East 15th Street, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is no longer used, kept, or maintained by the membership as a place for divine worship as a United Methodist church; and

Whereas, Said property no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and

Whereas, The superintendent of the Charlotte District has recommended discontinuance of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte District; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Charlotte District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action, and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been met; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte District, be discontinued, effective December 31, 2007; that the church property located at 420 East 15th Street, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, be declared abandoned, effective December 31, 2007; and that the annual conference trustees assume control of all remaining real and personal, tangible and intangible property, in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004).

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Kelly's Chapel Church, Bessemer City, Gaston County, Gastonia District

Whereas, The local church property of the former Kelly's Chapel United Methodist Church, Bessemer City, Gaston County, North Carolina, is no longer used, kept, or maintained by the membership as a place for divine worship as a United Methodist church; and

Whereas, Said property no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized in 1893; and

Whereas, The superintendent of the Gastonia District has recommended discontinuance of Kelly's Chapel United Methodist Church, Bessemer City, Gaston County, Gastonia District; and,

Whereas, The presiding bishop and a majority of the district superintendents and the Gastonia District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action, and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been met; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Kelly's Chapel United Methodist Church, Bessemer City, Gaston County, Gastonia District, be discontinued, effective January 27, 2008; that the church property located at 914 West Carolina Avenue, Bessemer City, Gaston County, North Carolina, be declared abandoned, effective January 27, 2008; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., in consultation with the Gastonia District Superintendent, be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004).

Leicester Church, Leicester, Buncombe County, Asheville District

Whereas, The local church property of the former Leicester United Methodist Church, Leicester, Buncombe County, North Carolina, is no longer used, kept, or maintained by the membership as a place for divine worship as a United Methodist church; and

Whereas, Said property no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and

Whereas, The superintendent of the Asheville District has recommended discontinuance of Leicester United Methodist Church, Leicester, Buncombe County, Asheville District; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Asheville District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action, and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been met; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Leicester United Methodist Church, Leicester, Buncombe County, Asheville District, be discontinued, effective May 14, 2008; that the church property located on New Leicester Highway, Leicester, Buncombe County, North Carolina, be declared abandoned, effective May 14, 2008; and that the annual conference trustees assume control of all remaining real and personal, tangible and intangible property, in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004).

Manus Chapel Church Property, Polk County, Marion District

Whereas, The local church property of the former Manus Chapel Methodist Church, Polk County, Marion District, located on the north side of North Carolina State Road No. 1327 in White Oak Township, Polk County, North Carolina, was closed by the 1965 session of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church (page 106, Journal of the 1965 Session); and

Whereas, There exists no resolution of the annual conference concerning the disposition of said property; and

Whereas, The Marion District Superintendent has recommended the abandonment of said property according to ¶ 2548.2b of *The Book of Discipline* (2004) for the purpose of forming a cemetery association in accordance with the laws of the state of North Carolina; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop and a majority of the district superintendents consented to the following action on May 13, 2008; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the property of the former Manus Chapel Methodist Church, located on the north side of North Carolina State Road No. 1327 in White Oak Township, Polk County, North Carolina, Marion District, be declared abandoned, effective May 13, 2008, and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., in consultation with the Marion District Superintendent, be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004).

Martin Street Church, Shelby, Cleveland County, Gastonia District

Whereas, The local church property of the former Martin Street United Methodist Church, Shelby, Cleveland County, Gastonia District, located at 608 Martin Street, Shelby, North Carolina, is no longer used, kept, or maintained by the membership as a place of divine worship as a United Methodist church; and

Whereas, Said property no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and

Whereas, The superintendent of the Gastonia District has recommended discontinuance of Martin Street United Methodist Church, Shelby, Cleveland County, Gastonia District; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop and a majority of the district superintendents and the Gastonia District Board of Church Location and Building have consented to the following action, and all Disciplinary requirements have been met; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Martin Street United Methodist Church, Shelby, Cleveland County, Gastonia District, be discontinued, effective November 30, 2007; that the church property located at 608 Martin Street, Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, be declared abandoned, effective November 30, 2007; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., in consultation with the Gastonia District Superintendent, be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004).

Rolling Hills Church, Monroe, Union County, Albemarle District

Whereas, Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, Monroe, Union County, Albemarle District, declined to fewer than 15 active members; and

Whereas, The Rolling Hills charge conference voted on February 26, 2006, to sell its property due to encroaching commercialization; and

Whereas, The members were unable to meet local expenses, pastoral compensation, and district and annual conference apportionments; and

Whereas, The congregation was unable to fulfill its purpose and mission according to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas, A called church conference on September 26, 2007, voted unanimously to discontinue the congregation rather than relocate and to request that all assets from the sale of the property be used for congregational development in Union County, the seventh-fastest growing county in the United States; and

Whereas, The remaining members wish to attend several different nearby United Methodist churches; and

Whereas, A final service of celebration for the ministries of Rolling Hills Church was held on October 21, 2007; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference, a majority of the cabinet, the Albemarle district superintendent, and the Albemarle District Board of Church Location and Building have given their consent to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, Monroe, Union County, Albemarle District, be discontinued, effective October 21, 2007; that the church property located at 2691 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina, be declared abandoned, effective October 21, 2007; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., in consultation with the Albemarle District Superintendent, be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), with the assets from the sale of the property to be used, as requested by the Rolling Hills church conference, for congregational development in Union County.

Union Hill Church , East Bend Charge, East Bend, Yadkin County, Northeast District

Whereas, The membership of Union Hill United Methodist Church , East Bend Charge, East Bend, Yadkin County, Northeast District, has declined to 24 professing members, with a worship attendance of 8; and

Whereas, The church is no longer able to provide either pastoral compensation or connectional apportionments; and

Whereas, The church cemetery continues to provide the resting places of loved ones from the church family; and

Whereas, The sanctuary of the church is furnished with many items that were made by members of the church who have died, but continue to live through this legacy of faith; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop , a majority of the district superintendents, and the Northeast District Board of Church Location and Building have given their consent to the following action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Union Hill United Methodist Church, East Bend Charge, East Bend, Yadkin County, Northeast District, be discontinued, effective December 31, 2007; that the church property located at 4309 Union Hill Road, East Bend, Yadkin County, North Carolina, be declared abandoned, effective December 31, 2007; and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., in consultation with the Northeast District Superintendent, be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), provided that the church buildings and cemetery are to be transferred to the Union Hill United Methodist Chapel and Cemetery Association, Inc ., for care, maintenance , and use.