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## Reports

### BOARD OF LAITY

On behalf of the Board of Laity of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Board of Laity is committed to promoting the importance of the role of the laity within local congregations and cultivating lay leadership that will work in partnership with clergy to fulfill the mission of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference in new and creative ways.

During the 2012 Annual Conference you elected me as your Conference Lay Leader, since then, I have been committed to the call by being a connecting Sparkplug with lay leadership within WPA and beyond. Let me share...

Serving as Chair of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Annual Conference Lay Leaders (NEJACLL). I coordinated with the support of the Robert Penrose, DLL Indiana and Guinevere Gregory, DLL Pittsburgh the NEJACLL annual meeting which was hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Conference Board of Laity. Under the theme, "Disciples Called to a New Direction", Sandy Jackson, former director of Laity Development-General Board of Discipleship, talked about the importance of lay leadership and the roles and responsibilities of laity. Special thanks to the J. LaVon Kincaid who extended radical hospitality by opening the doors of Laketon Heights United Methodist Church for workshop sessions, meals and fellowship.

February 2013, our District Lay Leaders and Associate Lay Leaders gathered together for an overnight time of re-connecting, bonding and assessing the needs of district and local church lay leaders to better support their services. Our discussion moved us forward in planning a conference wide laity event which will be held September 2014. Our linking with other WPA Conference Committees and Agencies is important for strengthening ministry and mission. In April 2013, the Board of Laity invited Rita Platt, Chair of Parish and Community Development to share how lay persons can be a part of this growing ministry. We will continue to be in dialogue to create a plan of action were ministries can be more supportive of one another.

In October 2013, Don Blystone, DLL- Erie-Meadville and Guinevere Gregory, DLL Pittsburgh traveled with the Conference Lay Leader, Sharon Gregory to attend the Northeastern Jurisdiction Annual Conference Lay Leaders (NEJACLL) annual meeting hosted by the Greater New Jersey Conference. The theme for this event was "Developing Effective Lay Leaders". The invitation was open to all Conference Lay Leaders, District and Local Lay Leaders of the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The Laity Scholarship program continues to financially help those lay persons who are eligible to attend training events, participate in mission services and to receive other resources. Since July 2013, the Board of Laity has awarded approx. \$7,100. Some recipients were SPARK, Clergy Women Retreat, VIM, Walk to Emmaus, Global Leadership Summit.

In closing I would to thank the dedicated and faithful Laity (Sparkplugs) who are looking at ways to develop a more fruitful and effective Laity that will bring us together as the church of Jesus Christ.

Sharon Gregory, Conference Lay Leader

### CONFERENCE YOUTH COORDINATOR

Youth Ministry Team (YMT)—Guided and lead 32 youth and 10 adult advisors to plan conference youth activities and to “Spiritually Equip and Empower youth to **SEE** and follow Jesus”.

Youth Service Fund (YSF)—Prepared and received grant applications, worked with YSF Task Team in selection process, vouchered monies, promoted YSF awareness. In recent years, the WPA conference has consistently placed in the top ten for YSF fundraising.

Youth Caucus—Directed the servant leadership of 72 youth pages, 21 delegates, and 21 adult advisors to assist at the WPA annual conference.

SPARK—Seeking And Preparing a Renewed Kingdom. A youth gathering held in Pittsburgh with 600 participants. Coordinated speakers, entertainment, worship and other activities for this event with over 200 commitments or recommitments to Christ and 17 commitments to the ministry.

Confirmation Tours—facilitated confirmands touring the conference center and giving them instruction on the connectionalism of The United Methodist Church.

Mission of Peace Trip—Interviewed youth for Northeast Jurisdiction trip to South Africa and supported through process. Western PA had two youth participants.

Uth 4 missions—led a youth mission trip in the Johnstown area coordinating worksites, activities, and spiritual formation for attendees.

Consulted with youth leaders and local church youth ministries.

Northeast Jurisdiction Youth Council—coordinated youth delegation to these events in New York and New Jersey.

Renaye Hoffman, Conference Youth Coordinator

### DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*  
Romans 12:2

One of the primary responsibilities of the DCM is “to serve as a leader of the continuous process of transformation and renewal necessary for the annual conference to be faithful to our Christian identity in a changing world.” ¶608.c.2 2012 *Discipline*.

Transformational Leadership is difficult in The United Methodist Church. There are many who are talking about how hard it is to change and the pressures that surround us. Yet we must move away from the constant banter of negativity and move toward a more Biblical approach to how we do our work.

We are called to be visionary in our work and take bold challenges and steps to usher in the Kingdom of God. This is not our work, but the work of a higher calling. We are called in our local churches and our annual conference to be transformed. This transformation is not a “one and done” transformation - but a continual transformation.

Change is not only difficult for most of us, but it takes time. Depending upon your personality style, change can take too long and yet for others change is happening to quickly. Yet there is an urgency to our work, and we must make that critical balance between complacency and moving too fast.

The Kingdom of Heaven has come near. There is urgency in that voice that Jesus proclaims our call to bring people into relationship. It is urgent, because the Kingdom is near.

The work of the annual conference and our agencies are feeling that sense of urgency. Our work is directed to the local church and toward the reality that the local church is the single most important place for lives to be changed.

The role and function of the annual conference is to support the work of the local church. Not only are our agencies charged with that work, but the staff is given that same charge. We are resourcing the local church to be vital congregations. Everything that we do is directed toward that end.

Is it easy work? No! Are we there yet? Absolutely not!

But that does not change the focus that we should be seeking continual transformation, always looking to Christ for that guidance and that passion to change the world.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of that transformational work.

Gregory D. Cox, Director of Connectional Ministries

#### Judicial Council

At the April 23-26, 2014, meeting of the Judicial Council, the Judicial Council passed the following motion: "We instruct the Secretary to write Bishop Wandabula and indicate that the Judicial Council reaffirms Decision 1238 in its entirety. Because the funds were not given to Isaac Sebit by the required date of January 1, 2014, now those funds are to be returned to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference by June 1, 2014. Copies of the letter to Bishop Wandabula are to be sent to Bishop Warmer Brown, Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, Bishop Tom Bickerton, Robert Zilhaver, Thomas Kemper, Richard Rettberg, Isaac Sebit, and Nancy Denardo. The Secretary should include the full text of Judicial Council Decision 1238."

#### Judicial Council Decision No. 1238

*In Re: Request from the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference for a Ruling on the Legality of Certain Financial Actions and the Complaint Process Regarding the East Africa Annual Conference in Light of ¶¶ 258.4f, 413, and 613.13*

#### DIGEST OF CASE

In response to the three questions posed by the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, the Judicial Council finds the following:

First, the responsibility for managing the mission including the expenditure of funds was designed to be a direct partnership between the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the East Africa Annual Conference. There is no legal justification in the record for inferring donor intent from the evidence presented or for requiring restoration of funds to the donor conference.

Second, the funds in the amount of \$3,000 intended for compensation to Isaac Sebit should be paid to him by the East Africa Annual Conference by January 1, 2014, or be returned to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

Third, the inquiry about the complaint filed against the Bishop is hypothetical at this point and cannot be addressed by the Judicial Council.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the 2012 session of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, a motion was approved to ask that the Judicial Council determine the legality of three actions linked to the mission program of the conference. They were stated as follows:

Were the funds given by the Pittsburgh East District of the Western Pennsylvania Conference to the East Africa Annual Conference used in accordance with ¶ 258.4f?

Were the funds given by the members of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference in the payment of Isaac Sebit in compliance with ¶ 258.4f and ¶ 613.13?

Was the complaint filed by one member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference (Nancy Denardo) properly dealt with in accordance with ¶ 413 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*?

The questions arose in the context of a long history in the relationship between the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the East Africa Annual Conference, more specifically involving the mission of the church linking the Pittsburgh East District and the people of Uganda. In 2003, the superintendent of the Pittsburgh East District initiated a “Uganda Challenge” to raise \$30,000 for constructing a church building, digging a water well, and providing a mobile maize mill for the churches and the people of Eastern Uganda. The Bishop of the East Africa Central Conference approved the proposal and assigned the Project Coordinator for Uganda, The Rev. Daniel Wandabula, to manage the process. By June 2004, the Pittsburgh East District had raised \$85,000 for this mission (later increasing to more than \$90,000), and by August 2004 they had sent a total of \$87,000 for the Pittsburgh East District Project. Additionally, the General Board of Global Ministries had committed \$20,000 for the purchase of property on which the church building in Namboole was to be constructed.

In January 2005, Nancy Denardo and other persons from Western Pennsylvania visited Uganda to see the outcomes of the mission. At the site where the church was to have been constructed, they discovered only a foundation, and they were told by Rev. Wandabula that the funds had been exhausted. On four subsequent occasions (2007, 2009, 2010, and 2011), Mrs. Denardo visited the site to determine whether additional construction had occurred, but she found no evidence of it. She did find that the water well was bored, albeit at a location different from the one initially proposed, but that the mobile maize mill—which had been built—was inadequate for the purposes intended, hence it was unusable.

In a separate mission endeavor, the Western Pennsylvania Conference raised funds to provide salary support for Isaac Sebit, a pastor in South Sudan. Approximately \$3,000 was raised and—beginning in March 2009—the funds were sent for this purpose. In 2010, the Western Pennsylvania Conference heard from Isaac Sebit that he received none of these funds.

In May 2006, Rev. Daniel Wandabula was elected as Bishop for the East Africa Episcopal Area. Continuing the relationship with him that had been established when he was the Uganda Project Coordinator, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference had repeated and direct contacts with him about the three original projects and about Isaac Sebit. Bishop Wandabula has asserted that the enthusiasm of the people in the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference for these endeavors was not matched by a recognition of the actual costs of property acquisition and construction in Uganda, especially in the urban area of the capital, Kampala. Bishop Wandabula has further asserted that the funds allegedly intended for Pastor Isaac Sebit have never been sent to the East Africa Annual Conference. And, Bishop Wandabula contends that there is no evidence that the funds sent for the three mission projects were in any way misused.

In July 2011, Nancy Denardo filed a complaint against Bishop Wandabula. In March 2012, she filed a further complaint against Bishop Wandabula and was joined in that complaint by a clergy member of the East Africa Annual Conference. The Bishop has asserted that he has been notified that the complaint was dismissed. The complainant has said that she participated in no agreement about any resolution and has received no notification of any resolution.

The Western Pennsylvania Conference seeks the following: an affirmation of the principle that funds raised for specific purposes must be spent solely for those purposes; a determination that the funds they provided were not expended in accordance with that principle; that funds not used in accordance with this principle be restored; that any funds for projects which cannot be completed by January 1, 2015, will be restored to the annual conference where they were raised; that funds raised for Isaac Sebit be paid to him no later than January 1, 2014, or that the funds be restored to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference; and that the Judicial Council find the disposition of the complaints filed by Nancy Denardo has not been compliant with the requirements of the *Discipline*.

Oral Hearings were conducted in October 2012 in Elk Grove, Illinois, and in April 2013 in Seattle, Washington. The Rev. Robert Zilhaver and Bishop Daniel Wandabula participated in both Oral Hearings. Mrs. Nancy Denardo participated in the April 2013 Oral Hearing.

#### JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under ¶ 2610 of the 2008 *Discipline*.

## ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE

The first question posed by the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference asks whether the funds given by the Pittsburgh East District were used in accordance with the *Discipline* in ¶ 258.4f.

All of the mission endeavors identified in this matter were undertaken as a direct partnership between the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference—more specifically, by a district within that conference—and the East Africa Episcopal Area. While some general church funds contributed to the total budget for this effort, the projects were not managed through the connectional systems in the General Board of Global Ministries or authorized as an “Advance” of the denomination. Members of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference raised the funds, transmitted the funds to the East Africa Annual Conference, visited the locations in Uganda, and negotiated the terms of the mission with church leaders in East Africa.

The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference bases its argument, in significant part, on the application of ¶ 258.4f of the 2008 *Discipline*. This is one of several places where the *Discipline* specifies the importance of donor intent in the expenditure of funds (See Judicial Council Decision 976). However, this specific paragraph involves the work of the finance committee in a local church. Beyond the general principle of honoring the donor’s intent, it is difficult to discern how far the limits of this citation in the *Discipline* may apply in this case. For example, it is unknowable from the record whether individual donors from the Pittsburgh East District or the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference understood that the established connectional procedures for monitoring mission projects would be employed or whether the donors intended that Western Pennsylvania would manage the effort through its own resources. Nor is it clear from the record whether any specific officers within the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference had the authority to adjust expenditure plans in cases where acquisition of the property became too expensive or too cumbersome, where construction (such as the mobile maize mill) proved to be too inferior for effective use, or where the water well was to be bored. To imagine a way that the narrow reference of ¶ 258.4f could be stretched legally to cover all aspects of donor intent concerning the complexities of this mission endeavor is more than the Judicial Council can achieve.

The record indicates that the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference now seeks supervisory action by the General Board of Global Ministries to help remedy the errors that the annual conference finds in the management of this mission. But it is not clear that the Judicial Council can legally reach such a determination *ex post facto*.

In its second question, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference asks about the funds intended for Isaac Sebit, again seeking to use ¶ 258.4f as one basis for the query and invoking also ¶ 613.13 for the matter. The latter paragraph contains legislation that applies to the work of an annual conference council on finance and administration. This specific portion of ¶ 613 authorizes the annual conference council to “establish uniform and equitable policies and practices” with regard to such matters as employment and

compensation as well as to provide “pension benefits.” There is no legal bridge for the Judicial Council to cross that ties ¶ 613.13 to the funds raised and sent for Isaac Sebit.

Regarding the matter of donor intent, however, the record is clearer. According to the evidence presented, all of the funds for Isaac Sebit came from one individual, namely a retired missionary who designated a portion of his own pension for Pastor Sebit. Until his death in January 2011, the donor contributed \$3,000 for this purpose and the funds were transmitted to the office of Bishop Wandabula. While the Bishop has asserted that these funds “have never been sent to the East Africa Annual Conference,” and while one exhibit in the record says that the only funds received for Isaac Sebit were \$2,500 for the purchase of a motorcycle, it is clear from other parts of the record that the funds were sent and that the intent of the donor was well established. A separate and unrelated item in the record, namely a letter from Bamutya Charles (the Treasurer of the East Africa Annual Conference) to Barbara Jacobsen at the General Board of Global Ministries on September 28, 2012, acknowledges that financial records—which had previously been administered manually—were now in the process of being computerized. In that same letter, the Treasurer acknowledges a discovery that documents concerning construction expenditures for a school had been improperly filed.

It should be possible to locate the funds in the office of the Bishop and either direct them to Pastor Isaac Sebit or restore them to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference by January 1, 2014, as the petition from the conference requests.

In its third question, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference asks whether the complaint filed against Bishop Wandabula was handled properly in accordance with the *Discipline* in ¶ 413. The question is, at this point, hypothetical because there is no conclusive evidence in the record that the complaint process has concluded. During the Oral Hearing in October 2012, Bishop Wandabula stated that the complaint had been dismissed, and he promised to provide documentation to support this assertion after the close of the hearing. However, the Judicial Council has received no such documentation from him or from any other source, and none was provided during the Oral Hearing in April 2013. Hence, the only indication that exists in the record about the outcome of the complaint process is the Bishop’s unsubstantiated claim. The Judicial Council, therefore, understands that the complaint process is continuing. The Council cannot intervene in the midst of an ongoing administrative or judicial process but can only do so in response to an appeal that is properly filed after any such processes are concluded. The complainant is certainly entitled to be included in active consultation with regard to the handling of the complaint, and the accused is certainly entitled to fair process. The Africa Central Conference College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops have responsibility for the proper handling of the complaint to its conclusion. Beyond that, the Judicial Council has no legal authority to intrude into the case.

### DECISION

In response to the three questions posed by the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, the Judicial Council finds the following:

First, the responsibility for managing the mission including the expenditure of funds was designed to be a direct partnership between the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the East Africa Annual Conference. There is no legal justification in the record for inferring donor intent from the evidence presented or for requiring restoration of funds to the donor conference.

Second, the funds in the amount of \$3,000 intended for compensation to Isaac Sebit should be paid to him by the East Africa Annual Conference by January 1, 2014, or be returned to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

Third, the inquiry about the complaint filed against the Bishop is hypothetical at this point and cannot be addressed by the Judicial Council.

Beth Capen and Ruben Reyes were absent. Sandra Lutz, first lay alternate, and Warren Plowden, fifth lay alternate, participated in this decision.

Saturday, April 20, 2013.

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#### **Memorandum No. 1241**

In Re: Request for Reconsideration of Decision 1238

Saturday, October 26, 2013.

Request denied.

#### **CONCURRING OPINION**

We concur with the decision not to reconsider Decision 1238. However, we also understand that the Judicial Council retains jurisdiction on the payment of money indicated in part 2 and in the documentation of the process and outcome of the complaint filed in March 2012 by Mrs. Nancy Denardo and the Rev. John Kiviiri.

F. Belton Joyner, Jr.  
Katherine Austin Mahle  
Timothy K. Bruster

#### **THE POVERTY TEAM**

The Poverty Team has continued to grow in its membership and its commitments of

- Educating clergy and laity regarding poverty concerns and ministries
- Igniting a passion for social justice
- Empowering churches to make a difference by providing them with resources.

We have used our funds to support ministries with the poor which include:

- mobile food banks
- street ministry health clinics and substance abuse recovery programs
- Circles programs and Bridges Out of Poverty programs
- Poverty Simulations to educate middle class, students, and others about the real experience of living in poverty

- Thanksgiving meals for those who are in need or alone on holidays
- Two of our major agencies, Connellsville Area Community Ministries and Erie United Methodist Alliance with renovations and expansion of their ministries
- A very small parish that provides assistance to people who need new identification cards or legal papers in order to access services, such as driver's licenses, birth certificates, social security cards, etc.
- An inner city program that provides young people employment that helps them to get off the streets and learn how to be employable

In addition we have collaborated with other groups:

- Pittsburgh District UMW and Greensburg District in bringing Rev. Lorenza Andrade Smith to WPA for presentations on her ministry with the homeless; and shared a meeting with OIKO credit to learn about this form of outreach and ministry.
- Provided resources to the Health and Wellness Team for their Lenten Devotional
- We communicate regularly with the DCM, News and Information Specialist, Board of Missions and Church and Society by sharing our minutes and other pertinent information.

We also produced an Advent Prayer Calendar for individuals or groups to use which had scripture readings for each day that related to ministries with the poor.

We have provided training support funds to team members who have attended conferences. The results of this were people returning and leading Bible and Book studies in their local congregations, and developing new strategies for ministries with the poor.

Our goals for the coming year are to provide more training events throughout the conference that will help churches and communities identify their local needs and means by which they can increase their witness to those with whom they live and work in a dignified and respectful way. No church is too small or too large to be in ministry with the poor.

By God's grace we seek guidance, listen for God's voice to lead us into even more ways to be effective in ministry with the poor.

We thank the Annual Conference for the funds which they provide so that we may serve.

Glenna P. Wilson, Chair

#### JUSTICE REFORM

In 1997 Bishop Bashore called on us, as the institution of prophecy, to communicate with our legislators and participate in the legislative process. Since that charge, this Conference has led the campaign for victim compensation, DNA rights, restructuring jury databases, expunging misdemeanors, the care of geriatric and seriously ill inmates, removing both juveniles and persons with retardation from Death Row. We have also conducted a study of the death penalty, *Death in Pennsylvania: James V. Bennett Revisited*(2005), and joined in the campaign for a moratorium on death warrants.

The Governor appointed us and the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus to the Pennsylvania Committee for the Analysis and Reform of Our Criminal System. This Committee made 23 recommendations, which this Conference adopted as RS 102 of 2008. Eleven of these recommendations have been implemented in Pennsylvania. Our annual Justice Reform Report has kept the Conference abreast of the progress.

- As of 2013, victim families will be allowed to testify at parole hearings.

- The SB 6 of 2011 committee has been convened to study the death penalty in Pennsylvania. Its report is due shortly.
- The “Biological Evidence Retention Act” (HB 1007 of 2013), has been re-introduced to provide law enforcement with positive guidance regarding the preservation of biological evidence from crime scenes.
- The “Care-Givers Exemption Option” (HB 1008) allows primary care givers the opportunity to decline jury duty for that term.
- The “Juror Compensation Act” (HB 1009) provides an alternative to the \$9 per diem presently provided for jury service.
- The “Eyewitness Identification Act” (HB 1006) provides the police with precise guidelines for eyewitness identification. 82% of the felonies reversed on appeal are from defective eyewitness identification. Under this Bill, the eyewitness is given a written list of rights. The idea of a verbatim list of rights reflects the concept encompassed in the Miranda Rights. [Pew Forum on Religious & Public Life reports that the UMC is 18th among such lobbying groups, and 1st among mainline Protestant denominations. *The United Methodist Reporter* Dec. 2, 2011.] The Bill also provides precise guidelines for the independent investigator to follow in conducting either live of photo lineups. It further provides for the videotaping of these lineups.
- The “Snitch Testimony Disclosure Act” would require that judges be told precisely what deals were made with inmates who decide to testify against other defendants.
- The “Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act” would inform defendants of the incidental consequences of confessing to a felony. This includes the impact of the “Felony Homicide Rule” on the Defendant’s friends and relatives.
- The “Solitary Confinement Reform Act” would limit the amount of time an inmate could be held in a 7x9x8 cell. The cost of solitary confinement is twice that of general population, and some Pennsylvania inmates have been in solitary confinement for 60 years. The Federal Department of Justice evaluated Pennsylvania’s solitary confinement facilities. DOJ found the conditions deplorable, and determined that Pennsylvania was liable under both the Eighth Amendment and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The Unified Judicial System Act, (SB 1215) would consolidate the Clerk of Courts, Prothonotary and Orphans’ Court under the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts and the County President Judge. The Jury Commissioner was absorbed under (HB 808).
- The Judicial Merit Selection Act (HB 1848) would establish a process to assure the qualification of appellate judges.

#### **Racial Justice Act**

The Racial Justice Act, (HB 1004), introduced by Rep. Rob Matzie (D-Ambridge) and Rep. Ron Waters (D-Philadelphia), is designed to plug a hole in the US Supreme Court decision of *McCleskey v Kemp* (1986). The Kemp decision allows the accused to provide evidence and testimony of racial profiling, but it does not say how. The RJA delineates what evidence may be presented, and how. All three Pennsylvania UMC Conferences adopted RJA Resolutions in 2013, and Bishop Bickerton wrote a personal letter supporting it. These resolutions and the Bishop’s letter were presented to the Chairman of the Pennsylvania House Judiciary Committee and the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus.

30 legislators, including every member of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, co-sponsored the RJA.

On April 20, 2012 Superior Court Judge Greg Weeks applied the RJA in *North Carolina v Marcus Robinson*. Judge Weeks held that “Robinson met his initial burden of production by demonstrating –using unadjusted statistical data standing alone- that race was a significant factor” in his prosecution and sentencing. Accordingly he reduced the death sentences of four defendants. This holding was so broad that essentially no minority could ever be convicted, and all of them would have to be re-sentenced. The North Carolina District Attorneys’ Association had the entire RJA repealed. Several retired members of the North Carolina Supreme and Superior Courts have filed a brief asking that Judge Weeks’ four revised sentences should be sustained.

The Pennsylvania model Bill was immediately amended so that the primary proof of racial profiling would be the testimony pertaining to that specific case, and data could be used as ancillary evidence. Hearing before the House Judiciary Committee was scheduled for August 14, 2013 with experts from across Pennsylvania and the United States. Suddenly, on July 31, 2013 another group of Pennsylvania justice reform advocates contacted the Judiciary Committee and cancelled the August 14 hearing. When advocates appear to be quarrelling policy makers do nothing. (“A fragmented demand elicits a regulatory policy.”)

To this date, Pennsylvania Courts have no positive guidance regarding the admissibility of Racial Profiling or Disproportionate Minority Contact.

#### **Juvenile Justice Act**

The 2013 Annual Conference also called for action on the Juvenile Justice Act (HB 1005). This Bill, introduced by Rep. Rob Matzie (D-Ambridge) and Rep. Joe Preston, Jr. (D-Pittsburgh), addresses the 10th Century common law “Felony Homicide Rule”. Under this Rule, if anyone is convicted of committing a homicide in the course of any other felony every person associated with the triggerman is subject to second degree murder. It is collective culpability. Pennsylvania currently has 509 juveniles serving juvenile life without parole. Our Senate found that “59% of these juveniles never held a weapon, never confronted a victim, and did not even know a crime had taken place.” The JJA would allow the sentencing court to review these cases to determine the individual culpability. 28 legislators, including the entire Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, co-sponsored the bill. Sen. Dylan Leach introduced a companion Bill in the Senate.

The fortunes of the JJA were greatly accelerated when the US Supreme Court ruled, in *Miller v Alabama* (2012), that juveniles could no longer be automatically sentenced to life without parole. Pennsylvania then passed SB 850 which provides that if an accomplice was 15 or older on the day of the offense they could be sentenced to 35 years to life. If they were under 15 they could be sentenced to 25 years to life. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania ruled, in *Comm. v Batts* and *Comm. v Cunningham* that the new statute’s discretionary sentence provisions came into force as of June 25, 2013. There is still collective sentencing, and life without parole is still an option.

The Holy Spirit has given me several academic decrees, and has used me to nurse several Bills through legislatures. Each of these Bills pertained to inclusion or social justice. I have learned that the system works when given a chance.

Bishop Bashore's challenge is being met, the Governor's assignment is being met, and the 2008 Conference Resolution is being satisfied. We are continuously striving toward the teshuvah in Ezekiel, the Covenant Code in Exodus, and the Great Commission in Matthew. One step at a time.

Roger Thomas

#### UGANDA CHRISTIAN SOLUTION

Uganda Christian Solutions had a very productive and successful 2013 year of outreach. There were a total of 5 UVMIM teams that traveled to Uganda and South Sudan.

January 2013: A 15 member ecumenical mission team, from 2 UMC's and a Catholic church, based from Community UMC in Harrison City, led by Scott Mains and Rich Phipps traveled to Uganda and accomplished the following:

Provided pastoral training for 20 pastors, installed a permanent sound system in the Mt Olives UMC in Mukono along with removing a wall to enlarge the sanctuary, performing some building maintenance, and donating a keyboard, guitar, and a drum set to enhance their music program. At the Mt Olives site a second building that had been constructed previously by CUMC was completed with the addition of concrete floors, setting the windows and doors, and plastering the entire building inside and out. This structure known as the Henry's Hands building will house the UCS Mukono office and a large medical clinic. The team then traveled to the village of Banga where CUMC had previously constructed the Wesley Primary School (enrollment 150 students) and installed 2 solar panels and wired lights to the school and office, set up a charging station for the teachers electronic devices, constructed a large swing set for the children, provided agricultural supplies including a roto-tiller to assist the school to raise crops to feed the children, and paid to have the road leading into Banga graded. The team distributed 150 clothing items that were made by a sewing team from CUMC, at both locations. Traveling to Jinja, the team dedicated a new water well that was constructed with a donation of over \$4,000 from the CUMC VBS offering. The team also facilitated repairs on 2 other water wells. CUMC also provides ongoing support to the Wesley school by paying the teachers' salaries, and provides a monthly stipend for both pastoral and congregational support for the Mt Olives UMC. Later in 2013, CUMC provided the funds for construction of new living quarters for 10 teachers at the school, and expanded the existing piggery to provide a source of income for the school so it can soon become self-sustaining. In addition, several individuals from CUMC sponsor students to attend other schools and training programs, from primary and secondary school to university, seminary and trade schools. The total dollar amount of support given by this team and CUMC through UCS in 2013 is around \$110,000.

February/March 2013: A 22 member ecumenical mission team from 8 UMC's including one from Ohio, a Catholic church and a non-denominational church, were based from Carnegie UMC, led by Kay Rahuba and Bernie Lopretto, and conducted medical/dental/eye, pastor and laity training, and children's ministries programs in several different locations in Uganda. The medical/dental/eye team was joined by local health workers who provided free HIV/AIDS testing and education. The combined teams examined and treated the following: medical team - 2,800 persons, some were sent to the hospital for more in depth care, dental team - 300 persons received exams and/or had tooth extractions, dental hygiene and how to make toothpaste was taught, and 2,500 toothbrushes

were distributed, eye team - saw and treated 700 persons, and distributed 500 pairs of eyeglasses. The entire team ministered in the following villages: Mukono, Katosi, Busaana, and Banga, all in south central Uganda, Palisa in eastern Uganda, Jaguzi Island in Lake Victoria (accessed by boat), Odranna and Anzu in north western Uganda near Arua. Pastoral and laity training was held in 6 of the 8 locations with a combined attendance of 550 persons. Male attendees received donated neckties as a gift, female attendees received handkerchiefs. During breaks in the training, the pastoral team members and participants circulated among the waiting medical/dental/eye patients offering comfort and prayer. Ministries for children was held at 7 of the 8 locations. 150-250 children surrounded the children's team members at each location. The team taught the children songs in English and learned songs in Luganda, they had games, crafts, and Bible stories, and distributed, balls, bracelets and balloon animals. The team also distributed hundreds of dresses and shorts that were made and donated by First UMC in Waynesburg for the children. The team was also able to visit an HIV/AIDS clinic, and the Katalemwa Cheshire Home for Disabled Children in Kampala, with which UCS has a treatment agreement and refers children there on a regular basis. One of the nurses on the team is the president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Association of Orthopedic Nurses, who have since sent support to the Cheshire Home. Several members of this team also individually sponsor students of all ages from Uganda and South Sudan. The total dollar amount of support given by this team and their churches through UCS in 2013 is around \$55,000.

June 2013: A 15 member ecumenical mission team of United Methodists and Baptists from Georgia, Arkansas and Florida, based from the Riverside UMC in Macon, Georgia, led by Sally and Rev Steve Waldorf, traveled to the Busia area in eastern Uganda, working mostly in and around Busia town and Bwakama village. The following programs were held:

Agricultural training offered by 2 County Extension Agents included a 2 day workshop where 12 rural farmers were taught new methods of farming. Each farmer received tools and seeds. They were trained to use a tiller, and were given one to share. The agents then visited each farmer on their land to evaluate the challenges each one faced and offer solutions for their individual problems. Pastoral training was provided for 12 pastors. Youth leaders were provided with a 2 day seminar to enhance their skills, 10 leaders attended. The medical/eye team held clinics for 6 days at 4 different sites, treating 2,250 persons, sending some to the hospital for more extensive treatment, which the team paid for. 700 pairs of eyeglasses were distributed. A dental hygienist using Alfie the puppet educated the children at each site about dental care, and about the gospel of Christ. 2,000 toothbrushes and dental floss was distributed. Health education binders with picture based health guidelines were distributed to nurses and pastors in rural villages. The teacher training team provided a workshop for 12 teachers from the Bwakama Primary school about classroom management, and managing students at all learning levels. Several school supplies were given to the teachers. The team also visited a nearby orphanage and established a relationship with the couple in charge, to provide ongoing workshop aid for the Bwakama teachers. The Bwakama school scholarship program team took new photos of the sponsored children to send to their sponsors, and distributed gift bags to the children, along with suitcases of flip flops. The team also provided start-up funds for a piggery, repaired a water well, and provided funds to purchase study Bibles for the area pastors.

August 2013: A couple from Port Vue UMC, Nancy and Nick Denardo, traveled to Uganda and South Sudan, visiting and encouraging churches and pastors in eastern, northern, and south central Uganda, as well as in and around Yei, South Sudan. Local language Bibles were purchased and hand delivered to several churches. 100 mosquito nets were purchased and delivered to 2 churches in South Sudan. The Eastbrook Mission Barn in W Pa provided 125 children's outfits that were distributed to children in 3 locations in South Sudan, including a Congolese refugee camp on the border of South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The couple met with government officials who endorsed the work of UCS, held a UCS Board of Directors meeting to assess the ongoing work of UCS, and plan for future projects, and visited with representatives of Mulago Hospital in Kampala, who provided a hospital tour to establish a working relationship with the hospital. They also obtained government published clinical treatment handbooks for the future UCS medical teams, supported the women's prison ministry program in Jinja, and purchased and delivered battery operated lanterns for the teachers quarters at the Wesley school in Banga. A meeting was held with the Wesley school teachers, Banga village leaders, parents/guardians of the students, and the students to discuss management of the school and its resources, and ways to help the school become self-sustaining within the next 18 months. They visited the site in Jinja where the Women's Empowerment Center will be constructed and discussed the plans with the project coordinator. Visits to encourage the several students of all ages, who are sponsored by members of the Port Vue UMC were accomplished.

September-November 2013: A couple from the Reynoldsburg UMC in Ohio, Mike Holm and Patty Huston-Holm, spent 6 weeks in Uganda teaching at the Uganda Christian University in Mukono. In addition to their work at the university they served as agents to facilitate some of the work of UCS. They met with the UCS Board of Directors to write new guidelines for the scholarship program structure for UCS. They visited the Womens Empowerment Center site in Jinja and went on 2 visits to the women's prison for worship and to support the craft ministry of the prisoners. The couple also spent a day at the Wesley school in Banga along with journalism students from the university who were on assignment to write articles about the school and its head teacher, which were published. While there they presented the school with textbooks, and provided funds for a piggery, and for the feeding of the students. The couple has been instrumental in setting up scholarships for several young women to attend Uganda Christian University. They also have an Artisan project that markets crafts and baked goods to provide an income for women. While there they also provided for a workshop to be held where 13 persons were trained to make shampoo and conditioner to sell as an income generating business.

Other projects in 2013 - UCS also had donations for the Karen's Wells project and dug 3 additional water wells, at \$4,200 each, and constructed 2 latrines. Donations came from Level Green Presbyterian Church, and the Ingomar UMC Living Waters program.

We praise and thank God for the total amount of funds \$210,000 that were donated to accomplish the work of UCS in 2013.

Nancy Denardo

#### RUSSIA INITIATIVE

Our Annual Conference has a Partner Relationship through the General Board of Global Ministries and the Russian Annual Conference with the Embassy of Love United

Methodist Church, located in Syktyvkar, the capital city of the Komi Republic, part of the Russian Federation. Komi Republic is nestled on the western shoulder of the Ural Mountains, just below the Arctic Circle.

In 2009 the Embassy of Love burned to the ground. WPA Conference local churches responded in 2010 with an offering of \$60,000 for the rebuilding of the church.

During summer of 2012 Embassy of Love asked for financial help to finish construction, so that what was already done would not be lost to weather. An additional \$35,905 was raised to finish the exterior and the interior of the church, thought to be finished in 2013.

We learned in 2013 that the \$60,000 gift had been utilized to retire the purchase agreement that was outstanding against the church rather than to rebuild the church. The \$35,905 was expended towards church rebuilding, mainly on exterior and entry work. Additional work to plumb the church, electrical, and interior finishing remain to be done. To date there has been no running water at the church. It is serviced by an outhouse on the back boundary; they haul water in for fellowship activities.

We continue to remit annual sponsorship monies for the support of the pastor and the congregation, totaling near \$9,000. The Russian UMC is encouraging congregations to work towards self-sufficiency, and we are presently beginning dialogue for a time line of fiscal self-sufficiency.

John Flower and Gary Grau attended the Russia Initiative Consultation in Tennessee in April, 2013. In November 2013 Grau, Flower, and Alexander Evanoff (mission chair of Waynesburg First UMC) traveled to Syktyvkar, Komi to meet with the pastors, church council, and District Superintendent of the church. They were housed in the homes of church members, participated in a series of business meetings, enjoyed experiencing the Russian culture, and the renewal of the partner relationship

It is of interest to note that one of the members of the Embassy of Love United Methodist Church, a person of disability who uses a wheel-chair, was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch as it came through Syktyvkar on the way to Sochi. A video is available and may be played at Annual Conference.

John E. Flower, Jr., Chair

#### EASTERN GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

The partnership between the conferences of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Germany was initiated at the beginning of Bishop Bashore's tenure in the fall of 1988. A committee was formed at that time to seek an appropriate partnership in then-communist eastern Europe; and it was determined that the greatest facility lay with eastern Germany, as Bishop Bashore and then Bishop Ruediger Minor, a native of that conference, were well-acquainted and both able to correspond in both languages. The first direct correspondences between members of the two conferences occurred about the beginning of 1989. Since those early days when our conference viewed ourselves in ministry to the German churches then under communism, to multiple cultural and mission exchanges between us in the 1990's, we have cultivated a true peer partnership in the 21st century.

Throughout the 1990's, several friendship and cultural exchanges fostered a sense of deep appreciation and friendship among us. The early and mid-'90's saw large groups of visiting youth (in both directions) highlighting our connection. The first visit by a primarily adult group from PA in November 1995 opened the way for a series of

friendship/mission visits to aid the economically recovering German churches. By the late '90's, friendship/mission groups, mostly youth, came among us to return the favor in some of the mission sites of our conference. In the summer of 1996 Ms. Uta Drutkowski (now an Eastern German pastor) broke ground by serving on staff at Jumonville.

Highlights of cultural exchange include visits by the German conference children's choir in 1995 and 2003; and the German brass band in the late '90's and in 2008. Our conference ministers' chorus toured the German churches in 2000 and 2006; Mrs. Joy Conti visited the Eastern German conference in May 2004, offering a vocational mission presentation. The most groundbreaking mission endeavor occurred when a team of 21 from our conference joined 15 Germans in a VIM mission project to Camp Voronezh, Russia. In March 2005, a second international team embarked on a reforestation mission to Nicaragua, and in summer 2008 a joint team returned for further work at Camp Voronezh.

Local church-to-church partnerships continue their work as well, and we count their contributions as priceless. Among the oldest and most fruitful has been the bond between Mt. Lebanon and Zwickau-Planitz, a partnership that involves near-annual exchanges of visiting teams for enrichment and mission.

In 2009 we celebrated 20 years since the initial contacts between our conferences with special observances at Grove City in June.—and in October-November, the fall of the Berlin Wall, where Mary Garber represented our conference partnership at the Berlin celebration.

Our committee manages three annual projects—the inter-conference prayer day in early January, with a list of prayer foci or printed liturgical prayer provided in the *Interlink* in December; a display table at Annual conference; and the Advent daily devotion booklet, distributed through the monthly mailings to all pastors in November. Anecdotal feedback indicates that these prayer and meditation tools are used by a growing number of churches across our conference each year. The Advent devotional is now made available online, on our conference website.

In 2013 the partnership sent its third delegation to our sister conference's English Camp for youth, a week-long event in August which allows teens to know the call of Jesus Christ while honing their English language skills. Eric Buzard of Pittsburgh served on the program staff of the 2013 camp.

2014 marks the 25th anniversary of our partnership with eastern Germany. Plans to observe the landmark include an exchange of delegates to our respective annual conferences: Bishop Bickerton is invited to speak at the Eastern German conference to be held May 21-25 in Schwartenburg; committee members Mary Garber and Joe Stains are also invited to represent our conference there. Rev. Werner Philipp, chair of the partnership from Germany, is expected to attend our annual conference in Grove City in June.

The next joint VIM experience is set for March 2015, where a team of Germans and Pennsylvanians will engage in a building and evangelizing project at a young church in Albania. We are in the early stages of recruiting people and resources for this event.

For information on these projects, or other ways you may be more involved in our partnership's work, inquire of chair Joe Stains, or any of the committee members listed below.

The partnership has progressed with a very modest budget, and very generous contributions from pastors and laity throughout the conference in the context of special

events and tours. Great thanks to the dedicated committee members: Rick Russell (secretary), Dean Byrom, Joy Conti, Mary Garber, Grace Killian, and Eric Buzard.

Joseph R. Stains, Chair

#### NICARAGUA PARTNERSHIP

A delegation from Western Pennsylvania UMC attended the Nicaraguan Methodist Church Annual Conference at the end of January 2014. After the Conference, we visited our WPAUMC partner church in Jinotega and the Kane District partner church in Condega. Then, we went to Pearl Lagoon (on the east coast of Nicaragua) to explore opportunities for new ministries. The east coast population is a combination of English-speaking Creole people and indigenous natives--such as the Miskito Indians. Neither group mixes with the Hispanic population in the rest of Nicaragua and seldom visit the rest of the country. The "WPA Conference Nicaragua Partnership" is committed to seeking opportunities for reconciliation and compassion for all of the people of Nicaragua.

In April 2014, a delegation from Western Pennsylvania attended the National Nicaragua Connection in Hillsville, VA to share joys and concerns and to plan for ministry with Methodists in Nicaragua in the coming year. After the Connection, Western Pennsylvania Conference hosted Pastor Ruben Zeledon, the Vice President of the Board of the Nicaragua Methodist Church, who is also the pastor of the church in Jinotega. He visited several churches in the Conference and reported on the ministries of his church, "Jesus is Coming Soon". These ministries included: preschool, adult literacy, feeding programs for children and the elderly, vocational training, street gang reconciliation, and mentoring satellite churches--as well as several worship services and Sunday School classes each week.

A VIM team from Heritage UMC, led by John Flower and Bethany Orban, will be going to Nicaragua from July 8-22. They will be participating in different ministries in Nicaragua. Additional members are always welcome.

Richard Schall, Director, W PA UMC Nicaragua Partnership

#### ERIE UNITED METHODIST ALLIANCE

EUMA (Erie United Methodist Alliance) continues our commitment to combating homelessness by providing Christ-centered ministries of shelter, support and service to families, Veterans and individuals in Erie, Pennsylvania. EUMA's roots can be traced back to 1888 as a pastoral fellowship and church planting group which led into outreach programs centered around homelessness in the mid-1980's. EUMA served 2,971 people last year through five ministry programs.

##### *The Refuge*

The Refuge is EUMA's emergency homeless shelter for families with children. The Refuge can shelter single dads, single moms, and two parent families with their children – up to 32 people on any given day. The average stay at The Refuge is 30 to 45 days, during which the family's basic needs are met and they are able to take a breath. Then their case manager begins meeting with them to determine their reasons for homelessness and create a plan and action steps to help them move forward to secure stable housing. This process becomes more challenging each year as resources continue to decline or disappear and people's situations become more complex and desperate. Despite the challenges last

year, The Refuge provided shelter and care for 72 families including 89 adults and 156 children, a 34% increase over the previous year.

#### *Hope House*

Hope House is EUMA's four-apartment transitional program for homeless families with children, providing more time and assistance to address each family's individual reasons for homelessness. With average stays of up to nine months, families are able to address financial instability, follow through on educational and vocational opportunities, and secure employment. Last year EUMA staff provided support and encouragement as well as life skills trainings to 7 families including 8 adults and 14 children through the Hope House program, a 20% increase over the previous year.

#### *Liberty House*

Liberty House is EUMA's transitional housing program created specifically for homeless, honorably discharged Veterans. The house is a safe haven for men who proudly served our country and are now in need of new beginnings. Last year this program provided 26 Veterans advocacy and support within a structured living environment to allow them to develop the skills necessary to deal positively with life issues.

#### *Project Hope Outreach*

Project Hope Outreach is EUMA's unique on-the-street ministry to the homeless community. Outreach workers seek out and meet homeless individuals and families, wherever they may be – soup kitchens, downtown parks, the public library, area shelters, public lunch programs – offering care and assistance. Last year, Outreach helped 277 people by providing hygiene items, new socks and undergarments, assistance obtaining government identification documents, referrals to available shelters and housing, transportation assistance, and vouchers for free clothing and necessities. This was a 30% increase over the previous year.

#### *Rainbow Connection Thrift Store*

The Rainbow Connection is EUMA's thrift store with a mission. The Rainbow Connection serves dual purposes in providing financial assistance to EUMA programs and helping people in the community obtain low-cost quality clothing and household necessities. In addition the store also serves the homeless community and those in need by providing these same items free of charge through a voucher assistance program coordinated through Erie's homeless shelters and social service agencies. Last year, the Rainbow Connection distributed \$61,154 worth of clothing and items to 2,401 people, a 30% increase over the distribution of the previous year.

#### *Chaplain Program*

Despite losing our dedicated Chaplain mid-year, EUMA continues to provide an environment where God's unconditional love for each person is reinforced by staff in their daily interactions. Bible studies are provided by volunteers and residents/clients are prayed over daily. Pastors serving on the EUMA Board provide individualized services as needed. Individuals are treated with dignity and respect and shown the grace of God as EUMA seeks to uplift and encourage them through life's trials.

During this past year EUMA is proud to have become part of a new collaborative within the Western Pennsylvania Conference. Under the name Regional Missions Initiative, Connellsville Area Community Ministries, EUMA, United Methodist Church Union in Pittsburgh, and United Methodist Human Services of Johnstown PA have come together to learn from each other and to grow together through a collaborative process to

improve service delivery, enhance agency infrastructure, and develop staff and leadership skills. Initial meetings have been in the “getting to know you” phase with tours of each location and beginning to understand what each agency does. Future plans call for continued monthly meetings, quarterly trainings, and collaborative grant applications.

We at EUMA are very thankful for the prayers and support that allow us to meet such wonderful people and help them renew their spirits and their lives. God bless all of you for your prayers and support.

Cheryl Davis, Executive Director

#### CONNELLSVILLE AREA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

In 2014 Connellsville Area Community Ministries (CACM) is celebrating 40 years of ministry to needy families in the Connellsville area. Since its formation in 1974 the mission of the ministry is to be an extension of the church to all hurting people needing support in life’s development and the struggle to obtain justice and a healthful life grounded in God’s love. The Connellsville area is one of the most economically distressed areas of Pennsylvania. Recent studies revealed that 35.4% of families in Fayette County are economically distressed – unable to afford adequate food, shelter, healthcare and other necessities. CACM provides emergency assistance for individuals and families in poverty by meeting urgent basic needs through the following ministries.

*Crisis Ministry* This encompasses many crisis situations. We assist with utility shut off notices including electric, water and gas. Auto assistance crisis includes gas and vehicle repairs. Furniture assistance provides gently used or new furniture, appliances, household items and clothing. The crisis ministry also provides a homeless shelter, Trinity House, which consists of two apartments used for families or individuals that are made homeless due to crisis situations. This is a 30 day program to provide time for the client to secure housing.

*Food Pantry* CACM operates the largest food pantry in Fayette County. Our food program provides for an average of 400 families each month. We are supplied through Fayette County Community Action and supplemented through individuals, churches and local businesses. In 2013 nearly 5,000 food boxes were distributed. Due to cuts in government programs the food pantry has seen an increased need for food assistance.

*Care & Share Boutique* is our clothing boutique that accepts donations of clothing, household items, furniture and appliances. These items are either sold or used in our Crisis programs and given away to families in need who have experienced a loss beyond their control.

*PUMP (People Under Mission to People)* consists of mission groups that come to the Connellsville area to perform work projects which include wheel chair ramps, handicap accessible bathrooms, roof repair, painting, etc. Work is performed for qualifying poor or low income families or individuals. Groups can be local or from anywhere in the United States.

Our *Medical Equipment Program* was founded by the United Methodist Men and lends medical equipment to those who are unable to afford it or only need it for a short period of time. Lends include: Hoyer lifts, wheel chairs, hospital beds, walkers, canes and other medical supplies.

The *Layette Ministry* has distributed 3,700 layettes to families with newborn babies since it began in 1985. Each layette includes one quilt or blanket, one receiving

blanket, 12 disposable diapers, two undershirts or onesies, one hat, one bib, one pair of socks or booties and two sleepers or gowns. Volunteers have devoted themselves to this ministry knowing that every newborn is a special gift from God.

*Circles* is a new ministry that CACM is bringing to the Connellsville area. This ministry is a partnership between CACM and the local chapters of The Salvation Army and Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The three ministries have a goal of starting Circles in the Fall of 2014 and enlisting 25 low income families in the initial launch of this new ministry. Through the Circles initiative families who are in poverty will be provided a hand up not just a hand out. This is achieved by matching the people in poverty with trained middle-to-high-income community volunteers, called Allies, who support their efforts to achieve economic stability. The Circles concept began in 1992 and has shown great effectiveness in breaking the social isolation that keeps people in poverty and in providing folks with the necessary emotional and social support to move them out of poverty.

This past year has been an exciting season at CACM as we have been starting new ministries and improving existing ministries. We are continuing to renovate our headquarters that the ministry purchased in 2012. With over 21,000 square feet of space it is exciting to see this space transformed to better meet the needs of our clients. On a daily basis we see God at work at CACM as our dedicated staff and a team of over 75 faithful volunteers serve the needy in our community. Through our Sharing The Harvest campaign we raised over \$100,000 to help fund the ministry. We are grateful for the support provided by the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the churches throughout the Annual Conference. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated as we are enabled by God to bring light and hope into the Connellsville area.

Chip Rowan, Executive Director

#### CONNECTIONAL WITNESS MINISTRIES TEAM

The Witness Team brings together the chairpersons of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Communications, Discipleship, Evangelism, Higher Education and Campus Ministries, and Parish and Community Development along with four members at large. Our task is to find ways to collaborate to equip congregations to tell the story of God's love and grace. This has been a startup year in which we have worked on a disciple-making template or outline. Our hope is that we can eventually offer a basic approach to making disciples of Jesus Christ and a variety of resources to help implement the plan. We also had discussions to set the stage for using the pool of financial resources that are included in the 2014 budget for our work. The members of our team have participated faithfully in all these discussions. However, our efforts have been somewhat hampered by vacancies in some of the positions that make up our team.

Michael Long, Witness Team Chair

#### EVANGELISM

The Western PA Conference Evangelism Team continues to plan and organize training events focused on equipping laity and pastors for more effective and fruitful evangelistic efforts. In order to do this efficiently, we have created a working definition of Evangelism as follows:

Goal of Evangelism: To bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and help them become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, therefore we understand evangelism to be:

An: Intentional and holistic presentation of the Gospel through word, deed, and sign that;

\***Introduces** people to God's grace through Jesus Christ.

\* **Invites** people to respond to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith as Savior and Lord.

\***Instructs** Christians in the ways of discipleship and becoming Christ like while encouraging continued spiritual growth.

\***Inspires** Christians to proclaim, serve and witness in ways that testify to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and address human brokenness, suffering, shame and guilt, and that provide healing, hope and life through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We continue to vision ways to reach out into the individual districts and churches to identify evangelists, both lay and clergy, to equip them to do the work of evangelism and to motivate them to go! Our vision is: **FIRE!**

To redefine our evangelistic mission by

\* **Fostering** a Wesleyan based movement within our Conference.

\* **Intentionally** discovering leaders, both clergy and laity that have a passion for evangelism.

\* **Renewing** spiritual passion within our congregations that springs from a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

\* **Establishing** our distinct United Methodist identity through our Wesleyan heritage, theology and doctrine.

Your evangelism team held a Clinic on Evangelism on April 20th at Charter Oak in Greensburg district and April 21st at Indiana Grace and Lakeside UMC in DuBois. Mark Mittelberg was our motivational and equipping speaker as well as a Christian apologetic teacher. This event helped ordinary Christians feel comfortable sharing their faith in every day circumstances and gave them answers for the tough questions that sometimes keep us fearful of sharing our faith. The Conference Parish and Community Development committee partnered with us to bring this event to our conference and provided resources in the form of books to equip our people to go and make disciples. Over 500 people were touched by the 2 days of events and more people were equipped by the books that were handed out at Annual Conference at the evangelism table.

In conjunction with the Billy Graham Association's effort called *My Hope*, we held a training at the conference center to instruct interested people to prepare to take part in the My Hope event that was held November 7, 2013.

We are planning 4 schools of evangelism in 2014 and hope to continue to build a momentum of sharing the Good News in Western PA. Please join us in the effort.

We continue to fulfill our relationship with our General Evangelists and Conference Evangelist. Our Annual Conference approved Luella Krieger to our newly formed position of Conference Evangelist last year. Our responsibilities with the evangelists include annual evaluations, recommending them to the Annual Conference and promoting them throughout our conference. We have policies and guidelines for both General Evangelist and Conference Evangelist. This information will inform those who desire to explore the calling of evangelist and provide guidelines and expectations for those who are currently approved as evangelists.

Evangelism is an integral part of discipleship and not just a segmented part of the Christian life; therefore, a holistic understanding of evangelism will encompass the varied theological focuses of our conference and inform all of the different avenues of ministry and mission carried out by our local churches.

We covet your prayers as we seek to fulfill our responsibilities in the Western PA Conference to provide leadership, connection and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through an effective evangelistic outreach.

Paul Morelli, Evangelism Chair

#### COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN (COSROW)

*“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*  
Galatians 3:26-28

AC 2013 is the third consecutive year that COSROW has monitored the conference, each year adding on to the areas monitored. Racial/ Ethnic information is now being gathered for those registering for Annual Conference. Monitoring for age and ability continues to prove difficult for us. Recruiting and training monitors is an ongoing process.

COSROW was pleased that over the course of 2 days almost 40 people attended the screening of “MissRepresentation” during Lay Academy. However it was very troubling that an anonymous note was left in one of the viewing rooms. The tone of the note was somewhat angry and in disagreement with the film. Bishop Bickerton was unequivocal in emphasizing to the body that leaving anonymous notes was not in keeping with Holy Conferencing.

Female clergy increased their contributions in legislative sections for the second consecutive year. However male clergy speak 2.4 times more often in legislative session and 3.3 times more often in plenary. The reasons for this disparity need to be determined.

COSROW held a Listening Post in October 2013, led by Audrey Krumbach of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. It was held in conjunction with the Greensburg Spiritfest and Helpshop. Bishop Violet Fisher attended and addressed the Listening Post. Approximately 30 people, women and men, clergy and lay, attended.

COSROW is planning a Women’s program for the spring 2014.

There is a steady increase in the number of people approaching COSROW members to discuss issues of full inclusion. It appears that as a conference we are aware of this issue. It is now time to work consciously, knowledgeably and intentionally toward full inclusion. We must strive daily if we are to have it reflected in our time together at Annual Conference.

COSROW recommends that all leadership in the conference read, *Privilege, Power and Difference*, by Allan Johnson as a way for us to become conversant on the issues and begin to work together on them.

Peggy Ward and Lota Jones, Co-Chairs

#### COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS

The Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (CUIC) acts as a contact point between our WPAUMC and other Christian traditions and Churches, as

well as non-Christian faiths. One of the most obvious actions, in fulfillment of our purpose, is to support and promote ecumenical relationships.

However, it should also be noted that the concept of “Christian Unity” can be applied to issues beyond ecumenism. There is precedence for CUIC, as well, being an agency capable of coordinating exploration and discussion of issues that create disunity.

Following are three of the most significant accomplishments of CUIC last year (2013):

First, we fulfilled our mission as contact and support agency for other ecumenical organizations relating to the region of the WPAUMC. We sent representatives to sit on boards of both The Pennsylvania Council of Churches and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. Furthermore, we made and fulfilled financial commitments of support to The Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County and Christians United of Beaver County.

Second, we have had a hand in the transition of the General Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (OCUIR). Formerly the General CUIC, the new OCUIR has been moved in the denomination’s organizational structure to become part of the Council of Bishops. Tracy Merrick, a member of our conference CUIC, has also served as a member of the OCUIR transition oversight team. Part of the transition task is to reevaluate the work and direction of the OCUIR. Our WPA commission provided input to that process. Furthermore, First UMC of Pittsburgh hosted a series of meeting for the OCUIR oversight team in October 2013.

Third, we have been sending a representative to sit on the Commission on Public Witness of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. The WPAUMC is the only Church body in Western Pennsylvania currently participating on this committee. The mission of the Commission on Public Witness is social-political advocacy. Since the demise of United Methodist Advocacy in Pennsylvania in mid-2013, the bishops of the three Pennsylvania annual conferences are exploring the establishment of a relationship with the PCC Commission on Public Witness, to fill the void.

Finally, there are two other points that need to be mentioned: 1) CUIC is prepared to offer workshops on subjects related to Christian unity and ecumenism. 2) CUIC welcomes and invites anyone with an interest in the matter of unity and cooperation among religious groups to join our commission. For information, in either case, please contact CUIC Chair, Dai Morgan.

Dai Morgan, CUIC Chair

#### CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA

Transitions are never easy. It means letting go of personal connections, comfortable ways of doing business and nurturing relationships. It comes with grief at a loss, but hopefully with joy in reflecting upon what has been accomplished in the past. Transitions also are a time for hope and new energy as new relationships are established, a new vision articulated, fresh ideas emerge and creative actions take place. Both the Conference and Christian Associates have faced and are facing transitions as I write this report.

As I write to meet publication deadlines, I am anticipating retirement from Christian Associates as Executive Director (March 31). By the time of Annual Conference

in June a new Executive Minister should be greeting you on behalf of this ecumenical association of Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant denominational judicatories. I will miss being in your presence as you celebrate your Wesleyan heritage and challenge each other to higher levels of faithfulness. But I know that the one who follows me in this office will not only bring a fresh face, but also a continuation of our deep sense of community within this region as siblings in our Lord. I will pray for you both in that meeting and beginning of new relationships.

For both the Conference and Christian Associates this past year was a difficult transition with the death of Robert Higginbotham, Assistant to the Bishop. Bob, in the absence of Bishop Bickerton, represented the Conference with integrity and fidelity to Methodism. The Council and I deeply appreciated his consistent presence, engagement in our mission, and supportive voice to our staff and his fellow Christian leaders. We are grieved at his passing. Gregory Cox, has provided a bridge to our Council until a new Assistant to the Bishop comes on board. Greg has come to be a friend to many of us at the table and we appreciate his engagement.

Personally, and on behalf of the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, I want to express our sincere thanks and deep gratitude to your bishop, Bishop Thomas Bickerton for his unwavering support of Christian Associates even when his episcopal duties and international travel prevent him from being present personally.

I especially want to thank the Conference for their consistent and steadfast financial support of this ecumenical journey. Know that we are extremely grateful for the generosity of your people in providing consistent financial support to us in 2013! Thank you! The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, UMC has been and continues to be a model of trusting obedience to God's Word and promise. Thank you for being a model for our other judicatories to emulate. May the Spirit empower your call as a disciple to persevere in the quest for unity within the Body of Christ, His Church. May the Spirit also dwell within your 2014 Annual Conference!

*Veni, Creator Spiritus!*

*Pax, Salaam, Shalom,*

Donald B. Green, Executive Director

#### PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

##### *REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2013*

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches, rooted in an understanding of conciliar ecumenism in which its member church bodies "...seek to manifest their fellowship (koinonia) with one another, to engage in common ministries of witness and service, and to advance towards the goal of visible unity," sought through its programs and ministries to express those commitments.

##### *FELLOWSHIP*

In 2013 the Council worked to build and sustain fellowship among the leaders of its member church bodies by engaging in common worship and prayer at board meetings, encouraging the sharing of both the opportunities offered by and the concerns of member church bodies around Pennsylvania, and hosting a December overnight retreat for religious leaders at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

## COMMON MINISTRIES OF WITNESS AND SERVICE

*WITNESS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE*

Through its Commission on Public Witness and its public advocacy ministry, the Council witnessed on behalf of social justice and for the common good. Information about these activities, as well as significant information on current concerns, can be found at [www.pachurchesadvocacy.org](http://www.pachurchesadvocacy.org).

*MINISTRIES OF SERVICE*

The Council supported local churches engaging in trucker and traveler ministry along a portion of I-80, where a chaplain served along with volunteers and local church leaders. The Council also supported local churches (in the Fruitbelt and in Chester County) engaged in ministry with migrant and seasonal farm workers. Field chaplains and volunteers offer farm workers and their families worship services, spiritual counseling, clothing and other material aid, assistance with immigration issues, emergency transportation for medical care, translation services, emergency housing and food, and recreation.

*WITNESS AMONG PERSONS AT LEISURE*

The Council also worked with local park ministry committees to assist in chaplain recruitment and program administration. The annual training held just after the Memorial Day holiday ensured that chaplains were equipped for their ministry. Over 10,000 campers in 35 state, federal, and private campgrounds across the state participated in worship services and other activities.

*CHRISTIAN UNITY*

The Commission on Unity and Relationships is planning a forum, scheduled for November 10, 2014 to explore how judicatories and congregations are implementing agreements of full communion among denominations. The Very Rev. Thomas Ferguson, dean of Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary and former ecumenical and interreligious officer for The Episcopal Church, will be the keynote speaker.

*CONCLUDING NOTE*

In February, 2013 the Council's executive director announced his intention to retire effective March 1, 2014. The Board of Directors has named Jan Gulick, the Council's Director of Finance and Facilities, to serve as interim director until such time as the Board has completed its planning for the Council's future.

Gary L. Hawke, Executive Director

## CAMPING AND RETREAT MINISTRIES CORPORATION COMMITTEE

*This Past Year*

In our summer camping program at Camp Allegheny, Jumonville and Wesley Woods we were able to stop a downward trend of less and less campers each year since 2001. In 2012 we had a total of 2,365 campers and in 2013 we had a total of 2,365 campers. While this is not an increase, it is a stop of a long standing trend. We continue to offer Christ to our young people each summer. We had many new commitments to Christ and re-commitments to follow Christ during the summer. A number of young persons also experienced a call to ministry through our summer camps. Olmsted Manor continues to nurture and challenge adults within our Annual Conference in their walk with Jesus. All of our sites also host many religious and secular groups throughout the year. These four places serve and represent our Annual conference well in the name of Jesus Christ.

*The Future*

We have begun a four year plan of Leadership Development spending the remainder of our Fan the Flame funds. This plan includes Dean's Meetings, Leadership Training, Counselor In Training Scholarships, Games Training, Leadership Opportunities and Leadership Fundraisers.

*Reminder*

The 2012 Annual Conference passed RS 204 creating the Camping and Retreat Ministries Corporation Committee. This new committee replaced the former Camping and Retreat Ministries Committee.

*Our structure is:*

*The Annual Conference*

Camp Allegheny, Jumonville, Wesley Woods and Olmstead Manor remain affiliate corporations of our Annual Conference with the members of the Annual Conference functioning as members of the corporation, electing board members, approving funding and approving by-law changes.

*Camping and Retreat Corporation Committee*

The Camping and Retreat Ministries Corporation Committee will function as an administrative committee not as a program team. This committee will safeguard and protect the rights of the Annual Conference by reviewing mission, vision and values of our camping and retreat ministries, and our four sites, to make sure they reflect the priorities of our Annual Conference.

*Our Three Camps and One Retreat Center*

Camp Allegheny, Jumonville, Wesley Woods and Olmstead Manor will have full oversight of ministry, programs, finances and operations of their site. Full responsibility for our Summer Camping program will be at each site.

Allan K. Brooks, CRC Chair

### CAMP ALLEGHENY

Praise the Lord! Camp Allegheny once again had a year of tremendous ministry high on the mountain! The ministry of Camp Allegheny continues to bless and be blessed by so many.

2013 was the year of preparation and change for Camp Allegheny. A tremendous amount of work was completed on preparations for the future. The board continued its work on analysis of how it works and began some critical thinking about the future. The Strategic planning committee under Bill Gregory met numerous times and laid some tremendous groundwork. Dick Dickert has proved to be a tremendous blessing as he asked important questions while sharing his wisdom. Important preparations were made with Terrie Huston, our consultant on Marketing and Communications. This work will guide us for the next few years as we strive to get the word out about this ministry.

Important changes occurred in our summer program. Changes that had been discussed for some time. We added numerous new, high energy activities and made some changes to our worship time. New Activities included laser tag, black light dodge ball, Human Hamster ball, Velcro Wall and more. We still have refinement and improvements to make but the shift has begun. The children and youth had a week filled with Fun, Faith and Friends that they will never forget. As we heard from several camper, "This was the

best week of the summer"! The survey feedback from campers was very positive as well. We took great care to ensure an accurate survey and limit counselor influence on the results.

Did God do a new thing in your life? .....95.5% Yes.

Did you enjoy the after lunch challenges?.....90% Yes

Did you enjoy the all camp activities?.....94% Yes

Would you like to come back? .....94% Yes

Summer camp attendance was up in 2013 by 28. We are looking forward to summer 2014 as we add even more high energy fun filled activities.

Our retreat groups enjoyed the addition of Black lights activities and other activity improvements. Our average retreat score based on a 1-7 scale was 6.77, up slightly from the previous year. They evaluate us in the areas of; reservation process, reception, facilities and food service. We had 5 new retreat groups and 4 new day groups in 2013. We continue to have more and more groups from Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia.

The support from the Western Pennsylvania Annual conference, local churches and individuals has been tremendous. We were blessed with over \$ 74,000 in donations from 258 different churches and individuals. These funds were used to help campers attend summer camp, pay the debt on Heartwood and make improvements to our aging facilities. We cannot thank all of you enough.

Camp Allegheny continues to expand its role and involvement in the community. Our annual spring Open House is becoming a free Community Days for folks up on the mountain. We offer free black light dodge ball and volleyball on Sunday afternoons for youth groups of all denominations. We are the base of operations for the Forestry service should an emergency occur in this area. We have contacted local funeral homes to provide free meeting and meals for families that do not have a home church. We have also begun communications with the local fire and emergency services to provide assistance to those in need after an emergency. Our commitment is to use our resources to serve this community as much as we can.

We were also blessed once again with over 1,000 volunteer hours. These folks helped make improvements to the camp facilities that we could not have completed without them. The Connellsville Somerset sub district not only raised the funds but built a ramp and deck on Hemlock lodge. Kantner UMM came out for several projects including a new roof on the Maintenance building

We have some tremendous challenges before us. First, is the challenge of moving from preparation to action. It is time to implement the planning, research and advice we have received. A significant piece will be to raise the funds necessary. Increased usage will be a portion of that. We must also increase our donor base and secure planned giving gifts significantly. Without the funds all the plans in the world are useless.

How we each face the challenges and opportunities before us will determine the vitality of this ministry. We have the significant opportunity right now to secure the ministry for another 65 glorious years. Join us as we continue the ministry of the Lord here in Western Pa.

The Camp Allegheny Board of Directors, staff and I personally want to thank all of you for making this such a special place for so many.

Camp Allegheny, "Where you can reach up and be touched by God!"

Dennis D. Tawney, President/CEO

## JUMONVILLE

I continue to be blessed to be a part of a ministry that continues to give youth and adults the opportunity to experience God's love and grace in such a special way. Seeing campers and guests meet Christ on God's mountain as they take part in summer camp and retreat events throughout the year still thrills my soul. I am now in my fourth decade as Jumonville's President/Executive Director. Challenges remain on a regular basis, however, the joy of seeing campers and retreat guest come to know Christ in a personal way, provides "joy in the journey."

Jumonville's Facebook page continues to grow in popularity, thanks in part to the insightful and inspiring posts that my wife, Jaye, makes on our page on a regular basis. We have reached over 6,000 people in a single day and we have almost 4,000 "likes" which is quite an accomplishment. The traffic on our Jumonville website still amazes me. This past year we also had about 7 million hits and over 2.3 million page views on our Jumonville website! My personal frustration is that while these virtual encounters with Jumonville continue to grow, we do not see the same level of growth of campers and retreat guest on site. We remain grateful for those campers and guests who continue to make the commitment to travel to Jumonville to have personal life transforming experiences with Jesus Christ. While it is great to hear from so many Jumonville alumni that post on our Jumonville Facebook page about their wonderful past experiences as campers and retreat guests, I pray that real life encounters on the Jumonville mountaintop continue to stay a priority. You have my personal commitment that we will continue to do all that we can to make sure that Jumonville remains a vital part of proclaiming the Gospel to a world that so desperately needs Jesus.

One of the greatest blessings that we have received is an abundance of support for our Kidz2Kamp program. Through the generous gift from the Jon Cline Estate and the continued support of so many friends of Jumonville, we have a great source of funds that allow us to continue reaching out to families and individuals that need assistance to pay for their mountaintop experience. Many families are struggling to make ends meet, many have mounting medical bills, and so many families are still facing either unemployment or underemployment.

Countless parents tell us how their time at Jumonville was one of the favorite experiences of their life, and in many cases it was the start of their Christian journey. They desperately want their kids to experience the joy of attending a summer camp at Jumonville like they did. What a blessing to be able to assure these families that any camper who wants to come to camp will be able to attend, regardless of limitations on their finances. Praise God for His abundant blessings!

This past year the Jumonville Board formed a Task Force and developed just a program called Every Kid to Camp! Here was the challenge: What if every child in every UM church could come to camp? What if every church committed to sending every one of their youth to be immersed in this transforming community at least once! How would it change our church, our members, our own hearts and our children's lives?

Ten churches signed up to be a part of our pilot program (although it was too late for most churches to have a significant impact during the summer of 2013). Special thanks to our first 10 pilot churches: Baldwin Community UMC, Central Highlands Community UMC, Charter Oak UMC, Monroeville UMC, First UMC: Greensburg, Grace UMC:

Indiana, Mt. Lebanon UMC, First UMC: Murrysville, Calvary UMC: Uniontown, & Dutilh UMC.

If your church is interested in investing in the future of our families, churches, and communities, please contact Larry Beatty, President, at [larry@jumonville.org](mailto:larry@jumonville.org) or call him at (724) 439-4912.

Our outstanding maintenance staff has continued making many campus improvements that help keep our facilities in great shape. Some of the more significant projects this past year included: replacing the shingles on our Food Service Supervisor's Residence, removing carpeting in several of the Washington Lodge bedrooms and replacing with ceramic tile, upgrading the upstairs meeting room in Fleming Lodge, discovering a major issue in one bedroom in Maple Cabin which led to some major reconstruction, installing new carpeting in both the Chapel and Oak Cabin, replacing all of the lower mattresses in all four Bishop's Cabins, and a major reconstruction on the back of the Inn after a report of a significant amount of rotted wood in the back stairwell. We purchased new sport court over the tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts from an estate gift from Anita Shipp. We also removed the old wooden decking at Martha Lodge and replaced it with composite decking and installed new fencing around the swimming pool. New purchases included a used John Deere backhoe, a new zero turn mower, a new Massey Ferguson tractor, and a used 2011 Chevy Pickup truck with a plow. We are indeed blessed to "catch up" on some much needed equipment for the Maintenance staff.

We continue conducting online surveys of our summer campers to get their feedback about their summer camp experience with very positive results. On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being the highest) last year's campers rated their week a 9.2 when asked "How was your week of Camp?" We also ask our campers to complete a paper survey form on their last day before leaving camp. This gives us a much broader sampling of our campers and helps us to show the value of attending a Jumonville summer camp experience. Here are the results for the 2013 summer camping program:

- 99% of our campers had an awesome time at camp.
- 98% of our campers felt like they learned more about God.
- 93% of our campers tried something new.
- 98% of them made a new friend.
- 97% of our campers feel good about themselves.
- 98% of our campers enjoyed the worship time.
- 92% of our campers learned to talk about Jesus in a new way

Our Jumonville family is wonderful. I serve a very supportive board and a fantastic dedicated staff! Our donors, deans and counselors, group leaders and guests, and friends make Jumonville a special place for so many. Thank you for helping Jumonville to be a vital part of continuing to make disciples for Jesus.

Larry Beatty, President

#### THE UNITED METHODIST HOUSE at CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION

In 2013, the United Methodist House, located on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution, celebrated its 125th anniversary. The first of the Denominational Houses at Chautauqua, a number of events acknowledged that event to included presentations by John and Charles Wesley, their mother Susannah, and an evening Sacred Song service dedicated to the hymnology of Charles Wesley.

The United Methodist House (initially the Methodist House) was established, as were all denominational houses for their respective denominations at Chautauqua, to provide a place for study, worship and socialization in a manner consistent with the Institution's mission and purpose. The United Methodist House offers space for visitors who attend Chautauqua events during the season and provides hospitality to all who linger on the spacious porch. True to an ecumenical spirit, the House welcomes diverse groups who find the Chapel or porch especially appropriate for their religious or programmatic purposes. The House is staffed by Karen and Bob Douds and provides a Chaplain of the week for the activities of the House. The House works in relationship with the Hurlbut Memorial United Methodist Church staff to offer year-round retreat and small group opportunities.

We welcome applications for our Chaplaincy program and potential guests who seek a place to stay during the season or at other times of the year. Information can be gained from visiting the House's website at: <http://wmhouse.com>

The Board of Trustees, composed of Community Representatives, Upper New York and Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference representatives, is elected at the Annual Meeting, held on the 2nd Wednesday of July.

J. Paul Womack, Chair

#### ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Each year we are asked to describe how we are relevant to the Mission Statement and the Core Values of the annual conference. Our responsibility comes in the preservation of the past to give responsible help to the future.

Our role, according to ¶641.2 of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* is "to collect, preserve, and make accessible the historical significant records" of the conference, its agencies, and the churches.

In fulfilling the above task, we maintain the Archives Center located at the Peletier Library on the campus of Allegheny College in Meadville, PA.

One of our sad but necessary tasks is the receiving and maintaining of records of local churches that have been closed. We take great care in recording and relocating them to our center.

We are available to assist local churches, district or conference boards and agencies in the preservation of historical records.

Edwin J. Herald, Chair

#### COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

On behalf of the Commission on Equitable Compensation we thank you. Thank you for the support our group receives especially through prayers, our connectional system as a conference, jurisdiction, and globally. The funds we receive have been a tremendous blessing.

This last year has been both heartwarming and concerning. It has been heartwarming because our conference connectional system has enabled support in such a way we were able to help grant funds to ten church/charges in January through June of 2013. We were able as a conference to support sixteen church/charges in July through December 2013. I am extremely excited that we did not go over budget nor did we set too high a budget that we had extra funds not being utilized. As stewards of Christ, that you

are conference, has entrusted us to help our church/charges I believe we were and are on target with our Annual Conference's mission. We are poised to help eighteen church/charges for January through June of 2014.

It is heartwarming when we are able to see and hear of the difference God is using our committee to make. Most of the time we only have stories relayed back to us after funds have been dispersed to help dire situations where clergy may not get paid their salary otherwise. One hand written note we received in the November 2013 deadline application process stated, "Dear Committee, This support enables [an] appointment of [our] pastor within cross-racial, multi-racial, multi-church appointment..." and I very thankful to our conference that we are able to be utilized by God to help support our local church/charges in this capacity. The letter goes on to express gratitude for the necessary funding enabling ministry where the churches "witness remains vital". The concerning aspect is we have reached an all-time high in grant requests and the grant request trend seems to indicate this will only increase. We as a committee are asking for your prayers for all the church/charges in Western Pennsylvania to continue to be strengthened in Christ as we all keep our focus on Jesus, to continue to receive guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit, and to continually seek to do God's will here and now as He restores the world to Himself.

The Commission on Equitable Compensation is not always understood by everyone in our conference, but I want to express we are seeking to be diligent in working on principled leadership development, new places for new people, and renewed spirituality through the clergy we support toward their salary. We receive requests from a wide variety of needs and not just dire situations like through Key Leadership appointments, New Church Starts, and/or revitalization.

Our Committee also recommends minimum salaries and all the aforementioned factors apply as well as cost of living when we make recommendations through legislation to be brought before our Annual Conference. The biggest hope our committee has is for changing lives in our Annual Conference through being the fulcrum at local church/charges by administering funds to pay toward the clergy's salary and thus being used by God to either help shift focus or keep focus from church/charges worrying about keeping the doors open to living out our Mission, Vision, and Core Values together with a specific focus "to provide leadership, connection and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (from our Conference Mission Statement).

Corben M. Russell, Chair

#### COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

2013 was one of those extremely emotional years for the Council on Finance and Administration. As a Committee, our primary task is to develop, maintain, and oversee the financial plan of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, but we are also tasked with overseeing the function of the connectional relationship. There were some very high moments this year in our connectional relationship, and there were also some low ones.

In the midst of difficult financial times, and an unsure economy, we celebrated with the churches of Western Pennsylvania that lived up to their understanding of the strength of the connection. This year, more churches paid their Connectional Apportionments for 2013, taking the overall payment to more than 92%. To all those churches who responded faithfully by paying their apportionments at or above the 100% mark, we say a heartfelt thank you!

We also celebrated strong investments in ministries by being able to financially support three new ministries and renewed ministry settings such as Bell Chapel and Stanton Heights. We were thrilled to invest in a variety of existing ministries that continue to provide opportunities for the churches of Western Pennsylvania to maintain strong local ministries and provide training for their members and their communities. And we also celebrated being able to pay our own General and Jurisdictional apportionments at the 100% mark for the third year in a row.

With all these successes in our Annual Conference we also must acknowledge the difficulties we experienced this year, starting with our realization that some of those ministries and obligations lowered our Conference Reserves below the required 5% level to roughly 3.4%. But through some strong work on the part of our Conference Finance staff, we were able to rebuild that reserve to a level just above 4%. With even more work into the beginning of 2014, it is our hope that by the time you are reading this report, we will have recovered that reserve to the level required by Conference Rule 3.4.6, which we needed to suspend at Annual Conference 2013. It is our hope and goal going forward this year, not to suspend that rule again.

This year was also made more difficult as we said farewell to our Conference Treasurer, Pat Morris, who retired after many years of faithful service to our Annual Conference, not only at the Conference Center, but in the local church. We thank Pat for her years of service and all her hard work.

As we closed out 2013, we realized that our Conference Finance Staff is second to none. Larry Bridge, Kathleen Lasky, Sally Bickerton and Jervais Carr all stepped up to answer the call, fill the void, and prove how knowledgeable, caring, and experienced they are. With their hard work, we were able to finish the year strong and did not miss a beat as we closed 2013 financially stronger than we were in 2012.

In looking for a new Conference Treasurer, the Council on Finance and Administration, after consulting with the General Council on Finance and Administration for The United Methodist Church, hired the Novak Group to perform a nationwide search. It is our plan to be able to announce the name of our new Conference Treasurer during our presentation at Annual Conference.

Even though 2013 was filled with emotional highs and lows, we saw the churches of Western Pennsylvania pull together and continue to show their love for the work of God in our neighborhoods, our Conference, and our world. We continue to encourage you and your churches to participate in the work of God in our world by honoring our commitment to the Connectional Apportionment, and support of the ministry that is at the heart of Methodism. As the 2012 *Book of Discipline* states, the full payment of our apportionment is each congregation's "first benevolent responsibility" (§813). When we work together, and support one another through our love and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, it shows our dedication to truly being his disciples.

Once again, things are going to look a little different in the budget legislation we will be presenting this year for two reasons. The first is because an amendment came to the Conference Floor in 2013 to make the budget simpler to read. We hope we would have done that by presenting total expenditures for 2013, budget approval for 2014, and budget submissions for 2015 side-by-side. The second reason this year's budget will look different, is because we wanted to make it easier to understand the structure of our mission and ministry as an Annual Conference. The categories will look familiar, but their location

is now based on how these committees line up in our structure within the Conference Connectional Leadership Team. This was done to make it easier to identify work centers based on legislative requirements that also came from Annual Conferences 2012 and 2013.

As a final statement, your Council on Finance and Administration would like to ask you to pray. Pray for the work of the Annual Conference to continue in strong and faithful giving. Pray for all the churches in our conference, and especially those that are struggling financially, that God may yet work a miracle in their lives and ministry that will allow them to continue to faithfully serve him. And please pray for our work, as we continue to work with integrity, transparency and under the full accountability of the Annual Conference.

Paul Ritchey, Chair

#### BOARD OF PENSIONS

##### *Finance Committee, Board of Pensions*

Romans 10:15 says, "*how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.*" While we do not typically think of the Board of Pensions as the primary vehicle for bringing the good news of Jesus, the Board does play a vital role in enabling our clergy, their families, and our lay staff to bring the good news by providing health and pension benefits that support them in ministry. This year, The Finance Committee of the Board of Pensions is blessed to bring some good news about the financial stewardship of our resources.

The role of the Finance committee is to oversee the management and investment strategy of funds placed in our care by local churches to provide health and pension benefits to active and retired clergy, lay staff, and their families. In the 2013/14 Conference year we closely monitored all our investments and reaped the rewards of a healthy stock market. We also closely reviewed our active health care reserves and the management of our pre-82 pension plan overfunding.

The result is nothing short of good news for which we give thanks to God. In February 2014 we generated a comprehensive funding plan for 2015, revealing that we have sufficient funding at this time to make good on our projected health and pension obligations.

Shrewd management enabled us to maintain current rates in health care billing to our local churches for the fourth consecutive year, leaving valuable resources at the local church level to be used for ministry. Capitalizing on the overfunding of our pre-82 plan, we redirected \$6 million of the overfunding to better secure our promise to provide a health care subsidy to our retirees.

Moving forward we continue to monitor our financial position closely as we navigate the challenges of rising healthcare costs and the ever shifting patterns of investment markets. In the midst of it all, we give thanks to God for the good news we report this year and we rededicate ourselves to maintaining faithful stewardship of all our resources in the year to come.

Steven White, Committee Chair

##### *Administrative Committee, Board of Pensions*

During 2013 our committee oversaw the restructure of the billing and collection activities for pension and health care. These processes were brought in house under the direct control of the Conference Benefits Officer and Treasurer positions. The expenses of the outside services have been redirected to the staffing of internal positions. In addition

cross training is being implemented to assure that daily demands of the streamlined process are met. The closer contact between conference in-house staff and the churches has greatly reduced the number of open issues between the conference accounting and the local churches. For the first time the 2013 retirees had the opportunity to discuss retirement options at a local seminar led by the General Board of Pensions. This event proved very valuable to the participants.

Gary Grau, Committee Chair

*Health Care Committee, Board of Pensions*

Health care continued its evolution towards participants increased participation and responsibility. The UPMC Healthy-U style plan was implemented effective January 1, 2014. Under this style of plan Participants can earn credits toward out of pocket cost by completing activities designed to improve health outcomes. Our plan shares the actual cost of health care equally among the churches that have full time clergy. The only way to control our costs is to have participants actively working to be healthy in mind, body, and spirit. We are striving to get the incentives correct and the participants motivated.

Don Inman, Committee Chair

My thanks to our Pension Board members: Ed Bailey, Tom Barnicott, Rich Pearson, Clay Campbell, Lamar Oliver, Gary Grau, Barbara Holcombe, Larry Homitsky, Don Inman, John McKee, Tom Parkinson, Jim Reese, Michael Studenty, Steve White, Bob Zilhaver, our Cabinet Representative Don Scandrol, and to our conference staff: Pat Morris (retired 2013), Larry Bridge, Kathleen Lasky and Sally Bickerton for their help, support, patience and hard work. Much good work is being accomplished by the Pension Board.

Terry Lyon, Board Chair

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The year 2013 was a transition year for the Foundation with some significant staff changes as well as activities. The Board of Directors began implementing a succession plan for replacing retiring staff. Executing the well-developed plan resulted in the hiring of two individuals that will shepherd the mission, programs and day to day activities of the Foundation into the next decades.

The ease with which this transition is unfolding is a testament to the commitment of the Board to continually look to the future and assess how to respond to ever changing needs of those we serve. The following outlines the highlights of our 2013 accomplishments.

Following a national search for a new Executive Director, D. Edward Bailey of our Annual Conference was hired in July to succeed Frederick H. Leasure in August 2014. After exploring the staffing at other Foundations, it was decided that there would be a realignment of responsibilities and that Bailey would focus on providing direct contact and support to congregations, agencies and individuals, similar to the focus that had been implemented previously by Joe Reasinger who retired as Director of Programs at the end of December. So that a smooth transition would occur, Reasinger and Bailey met with many of the congregations that have endowment accounts with the Foundation.

In order to cover the more detailed administrative responsibilities of the Foundation programs and services, it was decided that a Chief Operating Officer should be hired. After interviewing several qualified candidates, Kathryn A. Gorman, CPA, was hired in mid-September to fulfill these duties. Holding a MBA from Carnegie Mellon, Gorman

has quickly taken the reins of many of the accounting and administrative functions of the Foundation.

In November the annual Founders Day luncheon honored Reasinger with the coveted Founders Day Award for his long time commitment to Christian Stewardship and his fourteen years of faithful service to the Foundation.

With the continual decline and volatility in the fixed income market, and on the recommendation of Millcreek Capital Advisors, and the Investment Committee, the Board voted to close the Fixed Fund as an investment option. By September all accounts had been transferred to the Unified Account. Following this change, it was decided to rename the Unified Account to one that was more descriptive of the investment policy. Therefore, without any change to Investment Policy or direction, the *Unified Fund* was renamed the *Core Balanced Account*.

The long term investment philosophy of the Foundation continues to provide strong returns and a conservative approach to insure a consistent income stream to fund various ministries. The total return for 2013 exceeded 15% and the total funds under management achieved an all-time high of over 64 million dollars.

The outstanding commitment of a highly engaged Board of Directors and the enthusiasm of the recent additions to the staff leadership will ensure the broad mission of the Foundation to serve, educate and support the ministry of Christian Stewardship throughout the Conference will be of the highest quality.

N. James Sekel, Chair, Board of Directors  
Frederick H. Leasure, Executive Director

#### GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

Greetings from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry! In 2014, GBHEM staff have been busy with two initiatives assigned to the Board by the General Conference 2012 — the *Young Clergy Initiative* and the *Central Conference Theological Education Fund*.

- Ninety-one applications were submitted in the first round of grants from the Young Clergy Initiative. The second round deadline is July 2, 2014. First-round awards will be made in May.
- Proposals for solar electrification of a rural theological school and training teams of pastors to mobilize people to change their communities were among 57 grants for more than \$1 million awarded from the \$5 million Central Conference Theological Education Fund for Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.
- We hope you will visit our redesigned website ([www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org)). The new site features an enhanced search engine, new content, and a user-friendly reorganization.
- GBHEM has expanded our use of social media. In addition to our new website, we have more than 4,800 followers on Twitter, and more than 1,500 like our Facebook page. We've added Google+, Linked In, and Pinterest, and have beefed up our YouTube channel.
- Technology has enabled us to make our training and resources more readily available to the church. The UMC Cyber Campus and Online Consortium ([www.umccybercampus](http://www.umccybercampus)) provide free video training sessions and lectures, as well as an online listing of continuing education courses.

- Our Division of Ordained Ministry's 2013 training events, retreats, and webinars reached more than 700 district superintendents, elders, chaplains, clergywomen, deacons, candidates, and annual conference staff.
- The GBHEM and Africa University Boards met jointly on the AU campus in March and witnessed the dedication of the Ubuntu Retreat Center, funded by the West Michigan Conference. The AU Board elected Dr. Munashe Furusa as the new vice chancellor.
- Close to 5,000 AU graduates are changing the African continent. Enrollment in 2013 was 1,480 full-time students from 25 African countries. Women now account for 53% of the student body.
- The Collegiate Ministry office is planning their student gathering, Imagine What's NEXT 2014. NEXT will be held November 7-9 in Denver, Colorado.
- Collegiate Ministry supported the training of 500 campus ministers through LEAD, Prepare / Shared Space, UM Campus Ministry Association, Exploration, and Refresh.
- In 2013-2014, GBHEM's Loans and Scholarships office awarded \$5.5 million in loans and scholarships to 2,442 students. L&S also partnered in the creation of a UM scholarships portal offering one-stop-shopping for students and their parents. View the portal at [scholarship.umc.org](http://scholarship.umc.org).
- At Exploration 2013, 152 young adults signed commitment cards saying they felt the call to ordained ministry. Plans are already underway for Exploration 2015.
- A pilot project sponsored by GBHEM and GBOD to provide e-readers for the Gbarnga School of Theology in Liberia has proved so successful that additional funding is being sought to expand the project to other seminaries in Africa. To give online, go to [drint.org/donate](http://drint.org/donate).
- For the first time, an entire issue of *Interpreter* magazine (March / April 2014) was devoted to a single issue — United Methodist higher education.
- *The Christian as Minister: An Exploration into the Meaning of God's Call* was published last summer and will soon be published as an e-book through a partnership with Abingdon Press. Our first foray into digital publishing was in 2013 with *Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Pastoring Large Churches*. We are now publishing a printed version of this title.
- The Methodist Global Education Fund for Leadership Development established five regional offices: Methodist University, São Paulo, Brazil; Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea; Reutlingen School, Germany; Methodist University of Cote d'Ivoire; and GBHEM, Nashville, Tenn.

Vicki L. Brown, Associate Editor

#### ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

On the brink of its 200th anniversary in 2015, Allegheny College is beginning new initiatives to continue our tradition of excellence, access, and engagement and preparing young adults to thrive in a diverse, interconnected world. Our current strategic plan and fundraising efforts seek to ensure that exceptional young women and men will be able to attend Allegheny, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

The new Allegheny Gateway brings together civic engagement, internationalization, and diversity through both curricular and co-curricular offices. The Chaplain relates to the Gateway to increase awareness of religious diversity and to facilitate conversations about vocation. In this, the Gateway's first year, two workshops and a

sermon series encouraged students to consider what calls to them, in light of vocational decisions and other life choices.

Allegheny hosts seminary representatives on campus, and we have a small group of students considering full-time ministry. One of our May 2014 graduates, who is from the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, plans to enter seminary in preparation for ordination in the UMC. Even more of our students are attracted to service professions, and Allegheny College now ranks eighth in small colleges sending students into the Peace Corps, with 14 alumni currently serving around the world. Other students enter service through Teach for America, AmeriCorps VISTA, and religious service corps.

The college was awarded a Teagle Foundation grant for a facilitated conversation about the place of religion in secular liberal arts colleges. In November 2013, faculty, students, and administrators took part in a day-long discussion about where and how religion is expressed on our campus. We have shared those insights with others on campus, to make sure that both students and employees can freely express their beliefs and practice their faith.

Our religious program includes a weekly Protestant chapel service and Catholic Mass, held on campus every Sunday when classes are in session. Both have active student congregations that help to plan and lead services. Holiday observances include an annual Hanging of the Greens service, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services, and an Easter service and brunch for students who are not able to travel home.

Three Christian fellowship groups meet each week, including Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Allegheny Christian Outreach, and Sojourners Christian Fellowship. In addition, student-led Bible studies and prayer groups meet weekly. In February 2014, forty students and two staff members attended the Jubilee conference in Pittsburgh, sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO). With one part-time staff member through the CCO, we are in conversation with them and with area congregations about funding an additional staff position on campus to work with athletic ministry and outdoor leadership.

Our Christian students interact with those of other faith traditions through Interfaith Fellowship, which sponsors an annual Faith Week. This year's Faith Week theme was "Human Rights Gets Spiritual," in line with the College's year-long observance of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. With at least one program or every day, Faith Week seeks to increase awareness of religious life on campus.

Spiritual and Religious Life also brought three speakers to campus. In October, Bob Goff, attorney, human rights activist, and best-selling author of *Love Does*, spoke to a full house in our Ford Chapel. Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson, Allegheny alum and Moderator of the Metropolitan Community Churches, spent for days on campus speaking to classes, student groups, and delivering a lecture on "Religion and the Global Struggle for LGBT Human Rights." In April, Rev. Dr. Traci West, UM clergywoman and professor of Christian Ethics and African American Studies at Drew University, spoke on "Racism, Christianity, and Our Moral Values That Support Sex-Trafficking."

A number of UM students are involved in our various religious groups, and our first-year class included children of two clergy from the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. The College also houses the Conference Archives, and the Chaplain works with that committee to support that collection and consider ways to make it available to members of both the Conference and the college community.

The College is living out its Methodist heritage by seeking to inspire in its students of faith a vital piety that is engaged with the world, and in all of its students a sense of ethics and commitment to creating a better world.

Jane Ellen Nickell, Chaplain

#### AFRICA UNIVERSITY

2013 can best be described as a watershed year for Africa University. At 21, the impact of this trailblazing, Holy Spirit-inspired ministry of The United Methodist Church transcends the brief span of its existence.

Africa University owes its vitality to local congregations such as yours, in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. Once again, local congregations invested 100% of their asking to the Africa University Fund (AUF). Western Pennsylvania was one of 25 annual conferences whose leadership in giving resulted in an overall performance of 91.77% for the AUF in 2013. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

*Disciple-Making, Leadership and Service:* Last August, three 2013 graduates were commissioned as young adult missionaries by the General Board of Global Ministries, pushing the total number of Africa University alumni serving internationally as mission interns to seven in just two years.

“The church has a tremendous role to play in the transformation of the world,” said Jacques Kazemb, an AU graduate and mission intern who worked in outreach to at-risk children and youth in Brazil. “Through a project like the Shade and Fresh Water in Brazil, the Methodist Church is contributing to a positive change in many children’s lives.”

Kazemb has returned to his home country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, with a plan to start a similar initiative for marginalized children and youth.

In Mozambique, where recent political violence has laid waste to homes, displaced thousands and claimed many lives, two Africa University graduates are in the forefront of caring for the victims and healing the rifts behind the conflict. Rev. Joao Sambo coordinates humanitarian relief in the Mozambique Conference and Rev. Anastacio Chembeze is mediating talks between the parties to the conflict to help them to resolve their differences.

We thank you, the members of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, for helping Africa University to be a place of opportunity, spiritual and professional growth, and transformation. Your gifts are equipping global leaders and shaping a future with hope.

*Graduates:* More than 450 students were awarded degree certificates in June 2013. Today, there are close to 5,000 Africa University graduates at work in communities across sub-Saharan Africa. They are dedicated health workers, teachers, pastors, agriculturalists, peace-makers, business professionals and more. Every day, these graduates manifest the promise and power of the Gospel to bring light and hope to a troubled world.

*Student Enrollment:* Sustained by the generosity of local congregations throughout the connection, Africa University’s enrollment grew to 1,480 full-time students from 25 African countries in 2013. Females now account for 53% of the student body.

*Scholarships and Financial Aid:* Sacrificial giving by individuals and churches enabled Africa University to distribute more than \$1.8 million in scholarships and financial aid to its students. The university also launched the Girl Child Scholarship Fund to help more African women gain access to higher education opportunities. Through a new

initiative to increase financial contributions from its alumni and others in Africa, the institution is working towards greater sustainability.

*The Africa University community*—students, faculty, staff and trustees, thank you and celebrate your ongoing investment in changing lives for the better. We pray that you will maintain your commitment to this ministry. Please:

- Continue to invest in the AUF at 100% of the asking or higher. This allows for the university to meet its day-to-day and operational expenses without uncertainty.
- Encourage your local church to become an annual scholarship donor.
- Consider leading an effort to have your district invest in an endowed scholarship which can support one student a year in perpetuity.
- Take advantage of our new Dream Insurance program, which allows individuals to donate all or a portion of the proceeds of an affordable Term Life Insurance plan to Africa University.
- As you make your estate plans, remember to include Africa University in your will.
- Pray without ceasing for the ongoing success of this important effort to equip disciples to contribute to a rich, impactful and vibrant future for their nations and for our global church.

James H. Salley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement

#### BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Greetings in the Spirit of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your prayers and support for United Methodist theological education. This has been a bountiful year for Boston University School of Theology, beginning with the arrival of a passionate community of students from 35 states and 16 countries. The year has had many highlights.

#### BREAKING NEWS:

- *Doctor of Ministry*: The School has unfolded a new Doctor of Ministry program designed to enrich church leaders in traditional and non-traditional settings and to deepen their theological understanding and commitment to the practice of ministry. The DMin focuses on transformational leadership. It includes four intensive seminars on campus in August and January, a series of online courses, and opportunities for students to work closely with faculty as they research their own unique questions and visions.
- *Community Center*: The School's renovated Community Center has become a favorite gathering space – sustainable, hospitable, and accessible. It is the welcoming home for weekly community lunches, study, conversation, play, seminars, retreats, and parties.
- *Religion and Conflict Transformation (RCT) Clinic*: The RCT Clinic sponsors projects to address conflict in congregations, interfaith peacebuilding, restorative justice, and mediation.
- *Expanded Scholarship Options*: The School has expanded its scholarship options to include full tuition scholarships for UMC certified candidates for ordained ministry, African American Thurman scholars, Latino/a Raices scholars, and School of the Prophets scholars.

**DEEPENING SPIRITUAL LIFE:** The community enhances spiritual growth in many ways.

- *Building intentional living communities:* The School sponsors and helps support Theology House, Green House, and Beane House of Study, where students live with intentional and communal practices.
- *Enhancing spiritual life* through weekly worship, reading retreats, winter retreat, daily morning prayer, and small groups.
- *Offering spiritual journeys,* including the Vocations Vacation to ministry and service sites and the Seminary Singers tour to local churches.

ENGAGING THE WORLD: BU School of Theology students and faculty have traveled and served extensively in the world during the past year:

- *Giving* hundreds of volunteer hours across the Boston region, U.S. and world in church camps, homeless shelters, peace organizations, global United Methodist programs, and other settings.
- *Traveling* in study groups to Turkey (Ephesus), Israel & Palestine, Cuba, rural and urban ministry sites, and churches and service organizations across the US.
- *Sponsoring* conferences on global Christianity and the Dictionary of African Christian Biography.
- *Serving* in local churches and community agencies in contextual education placements, courses, and special internships.

PONDERING CRITICAL ISSUES: The School's annual theme was "Free at Last," to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech. The community engaged in urgent questions regarding race, sexual orientation and gender identity, and poverty, creating open and respectful spaces to discuss themes that are important to, and controversial in, the church and larger society.

The ministry of the Boston University School of Theology is to partner with you in serving the church and in caring for the larger human family and God's precious creation.

Mary Elizabeth Moore, Dean

#### CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOG

Candler School of Theology prepares real people to make a real difference in the real world. Our commitment to authentic discipleship and relevant ministry enables us to develop uniquely well-rounded leaders who are challenged academically, encouraged spiritually, and immersed in Christian service from the first day they arrive on campus.

As one of the 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church, Candler is grounded in the Christian faith and shaped by the Wesleyan tradition. As one of seven graduate professional schools of Emory University, Candler provides a rich context for learning and formation supported by the extensive resources of a top-tier research university. As a school located in the metropolitan area of Atlanta, Candler offers a learning environment that reflects the highly diverse communities of our 21st century world. There is no better place for ministry preparation that addresses our major denominational priorities: developing leaders, starting and growing churches, ministry with the poor, and improving global health.

Candler celebrates its Centennial in 2014, marking our 100th anniversary with commemorative events that reflect on our past and a conference on theology and the church that envisions the future. The yearlong celebration begins in August with the opening of the second phase of Candler's new 128,600-square-foot, LEED-certified building, seven years in the making.

Not only is Candler expanding its physical space this year—it is expanding degree offerings as well. In response to the changing needs of the church, Candler is introducing five new degrees to equip Christian leaders: the Doctor of Ministry, the Master of Religious Leadership, the Master of Religion and Public Life, and two dual degrees pairing divinity and social work and divinity and development practice. With these newest additions to our degree programs, Candler graduates truly will be ready to lead wherever God calls.

Candler's student body reflects the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful. Our enrollment stands at 441, with 340 seeking the Master of Divinity, 47 the Master of Theological Studies, 21 the Master of Theology, 15 the Doctor of Theology, and 18 enrolled as Non-Degree students. The student population is 32 percent U.S. ethnic minority, 49 percent women, and the median age of the entering class is 27. Students represent 39 denominations, with half identifying as United Methodist.

We continue to emphasize preparing our students for leadership in an increasingly global context, and now offer 14 academic exchanges with theology schools in 12 countries across five continents. In addition, Candler has an ongoing summer internship program with the Methodist Church in the Bahamas, and participates each year in travel seminars to the Middle East and in World Methodist Evangelism Institute evangelism seminars, traveling in 2014 to Nigeria, Costa Rica, and Brazil.

Candler draws considerable strength and inspiration from its relationship with The United Methodist Church. Our ability to fulfill our mission of *educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries in the world* depends upon your support, gifts, and prayers. Thank you for the countless ways you advance this vital ministry in the life of our denomination. Visit us in person in Atlanta or online at [candler.emory.edu](http://candler.emory.edu) to see firsthand how Candler prepares real people to make a real difference in the real world.

Jan Love, Dean and Professor of Christianity and World Politics

#### GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary continues its commitment to develop and nurture skilled, bold and articulate leaders for the church, the academy and the world. Since our founding 161 years ago, we have articulated and lived our core purpose: to know God in Christ and, through preparing spiritual leaders, help others know God in Christ.

Last fall, we welcomed 171 new students, bringing the fall Master of Divinity enrollment to 399. The gender/ethnic profile is: 51% female; 55% white; 20% Black; 5% Asian; 3% Hispanic/Latino/a. Fourteen percent of the student body is international. Thirty-five denominations, four continents, thirteen countries and thirty-three states are represented in the student body.

Seventy-percent of the students in all degree programs are United Methodist. Garrett-Evangelical is committed to making seminary education affordable, and easing the financial stress on students. This academic year, the seminary awarded over 2.5 million dollars in financial aid, offered numerous federal work-study positions, and assisted with paid internship opportunities in diverse settings through field education.

In fall 2014, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary begins a guaranteed tuition rate initiative for master's level students. Students are guaranteed the same tuition rate for two or three years, depending on the program in which they enroll. Tuition rates for new Master of Divinity students will be guaranteed through the Summer 2017 Term. Tuition rates for new Master of Arts or Master of Theological Studies students will be

guaranteed through Summer 2016 Term. This initiative is yet another step in insuring students enter the world of ministry with as little student debt as possible.

Last September, the seminary celebrated the establishment of the fully-endowed Rueben P. Job Chair of Spiritual Formation. At the same time, we installed Dr. Frederick W. Schmidt as the Rueben P. Job Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation. Garrett-Evangelical is the first among Protestant seminaries in the United States to have a fully funded chair in spiritual formation.

Two revered faculty retired this past year. Larry Murphy, professor of the history of Christianity, retired after 39 years of service. He was a key individual in developing the seminary's Center for the Church and the Black Experience.

Ruth Duck, professor of Christian worship, retired in December. A world-renowned hymnist, her most recent book, *Worship for the Whole People of God: Vital Worship for the 21st Century*, was published in October 2013.

Several initiatives to support clergy and lay education are under way. During the spring semester, fifteen academic classes were offered in an online format, some with a continuing education option. Among the options are:

- Plus, a first-of-its-kind cooperative executive education program of Garrett-Evangelical and Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, involving two-years of seminars led by experts in non-profit and church leadership for professionals in ministry;
- Intersection, an online continuing education opportunity, incorporating readings, online presentations by seminary faculty, and reflection on contemporary issues of life and ministry. Topics range from theology, biblical interpretation, and church history to ethics and the church in society. Continuing education credit is available. Additional information is available at <http://www.garrett.edu/intersection>.
- A Doctor of Ministry program offering five tracks of study: Congregational Leadership; African American Congregational Leadership; Spiritual Direction; and Mission in the Contemporary United States; and the Association of Chicago Theological School's (ACTS) D.Min. program in preaching.

In the coming months, Garrett-Evangelical will roll out new programs online, in Evanston, in congregational settings, and on the campuses of select United Methodist-related colleges.

Garrett-Evangelical serves over 550 students in degree-related courses, certificate programs and the summer Course of Study School.

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.garrett.edu](http://www.garrett.edu), and to visit us on campus. We are grateful to serve The United Methodist Church and the church at large.

On January 1, 2014, I became president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the seminary and the church in this capacity. Garrett-Evangelical is blessed with a great heritage and a strong future. Please let us know if there are ways we can work with you as we continue to seek to be a seminary for the church and the world. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Lallene J. Rector, President

#### WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The past year has brought many blessings, change and growth to Wesley Theological Seminary. We continue to focus our work on preparing our students for

leading churches that go out into the world and moving people to live the Great Commandment and Great Commission. Here are a few of the newest developments at Wesley:

- The Rev. Dr. Robert K. Martin joined the seminary as Dean and Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership.
- The Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe joined Wesley as the James C. Logan Professor of Evangelism and Urban Ministry. He directs the Urban Ministry program and Course of Study. Paul Kang-Kul Cho is serving as assistant professor of Hebrew Bible. The Rev. Dr. Doug Tzan is now teaching Church History part-time and is mentor to United Methodist students.
- Mike McCurry (former press secretary in the Clinton presidency) has been named Distinguished Professor of Public Theology and co-director of the National Capital Semester for Seminarians. The Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, senior minister of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Largo, Maryland, will serve as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Homiletics. With support from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Rev. Dr. James P. Wind (former president of the Alban Institute) has joined the faculty as Visiting Distinguished Professor. He joins our faculty for three years to lead a research project studying large congregations and the leadership they and their pastors wield in church and society.
- Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded Wesley a grant to research and develop a program to strengthen United Methodist elders' and future elders' financial literacy and financial-management skills.
- The Lewis Center for Church Leadership celebrated ten years of offering resources to help congregations reach more people and fund their ministry. See [www.ChurchLeadership.com](http://www.ChurchLeadership.com).
- Our Heal the Sick Initiative has graduated its inaugural classes for the Health Minister certificate and the Faith Community Nurse Certificate. The initiative is a unique program at Wesley to help congregations become involved in public health initiatives in their parish, part of our Center for the Missional Church.
- Lewis Center director the Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems and Wesley Board of Governors Chairman the Rev. Tom Berlin released the book *Overflow: Increase Worship Attendance & Bear More Fruit*.
- Completed construction of a new, LEED-certified residence hall.
- Now offers course auditing for \$100 per credit hour and CEUs for \$100 per unit.
- Five pastors from Beijing, China, joined us for the spring semester in a special program of study through the work of the Rev. Dr. Kyunglim Shin Lee, Vice President of International Relations.
- Wesley was named to Faith3.org's list, Seminaries that Change the World. This list was announced in the Huffington Post on November 12, 2013. One of the several reasons for the attribute was Wesley's Center for the Missional Church, which is headquartered at Wesley Downtown, in the heart of Washington, D.C.

Please be in prayer for Wesley Theological Seminary. We cannot do our ministry alone, and your participation with us in the greater mission of God enhances us mightily. We are striving to provide you with the kinds of educational opportunities that will take your ministry to the next level. In turn, we depend upon your participation in and contribution to our ministry as well. So, pray for us often, avail yourself of the school's

offerings, give to Wesley, and identify and send us persons who are called and who have a high capacity for fruitful ministry.

David McAllister-Wilson, President

#### UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Is God calling you or someone you know to the ministry of Jesus Christ? If so, we invite you to explore how United can assist you in fulfilling God's purposes for your life and how you can help others in this journey. Come and check us out in person or online at [www.united.edu](http://www.united.edu)!

United is one of the fastest growing, accredited seminaries in North America. Why are Christian disciples and leaders signing up for our traditional and online programs? They are doing so because United is committed to teaching the Bible and the historic Christian faith, cultivating spiritual formation for personal and social holiness, and renewing the Church for the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. What could be more important or exciting?

In addition to expanding our service in the Midwestern US, United will continue to enhance its use of technology to deliver theological education in underserved regions in North America and beyond. United's hybrid/online UMC FLEX Master of Divinity degree was designed specifically to meet the requirements of the UMC for ordination and it is accessible anywhere with good Internet service. Our hybrid/online UM Course of Study is expanding each semester, along with UM Certification offerings.

What's new at United? Three new professors joined our excellent team of faculty in 2012 and a search is underway for yet another. United and Aldersgate Renewal Ministries have developed a new partnership, and we have piloted a new certification program focused upon ministries with persons with disabilities. Each year, United's doctoral program adds new mentors and focus groups for advanced ministry study.

Please let us know if you have questions about how we can best assist you or, if you would like to help make it possible for an American or international student to study at United.

Enrollment at United continues to grow, and we invite you to call or visit soon! For more information, please contact [admissions@united.edu](mailto:admissions@united.edu).

Thank you for your prayers, partnership, service and support in the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Wendy J. Deichmann, President

#### REPORT OF THE SITE SELECTION TASK TEAM

##### Mission

The mission of the Site Selection Task Team was outlined by P701 as adopted at the 2013 Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the site selection team be amenable to the Conference Connectional Leadership Team and shall bring a recommendation to the 2014 annual conference for a meeting site that will meet the overall needs of the Western Pennsylvania Conference."

##### Organization

The Conference Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team, along with the Conference Sessions Ministry Team and the Council on Finance and Administration

formed the following members to serve on the Site Selection Team: LARRY BEATTY, NAOMI BOWER, Timothy Bowser, Gregory Cox, Mark Goswick, GUINEVERE GREGORY, RENAYE HOFFMAN, Renee Mikell, Barbara Moore, Beth Nelson, Joan Reisinger, Ruth Simmons, Gregory Spencer, Lance Tucker, and KEN WEST. The organizational meeting was held on October 7, 2013.

#### Parameters

In communication with Bishop Bickerton, the task team was instructed to look for sites that would fit the needs of the Annual Conference as we are currently conducting our yearly session. We were not given the latitude to redesign our annual meeting.

The task team realized early in its work that there are passionate positions on both sides of remaining at Grove City College or moving to another site. The team worked diligently at remaining as objective as possible.

The committee was also mindful of ¶ 603.3 of the 2012 *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* which outlines the setting of the location of the Annual Conference.

In discussion with GCC about the possibility of a move, GCC asked for a two year notification.

#### Process

One of the first items the team recognized is the reality of the difficulty of change. Change of any kind is often accompanied by anxiety, questions, quick decisions, and apprehension.

After outlining the parameters and agreeing on the focus of our work together, the task team identified 29 sites that could possibly host our conference. Using a “Needed Facilities Guideline” that was proposed by the Conference Sessions Ministry Team and accepted by the task team as a guideline. Eighteen of those sites were then dropped for a variety of reasons (including, but not limited to geography, financial implications, space requirements, accessibility, etc.). Initial contacts were made with the remaining 11 sites (a listing of the sites is available upon request). Following the initial contacts, 8 more sites were dropped (either we discovered the site was inadequate – or the sites discovered that they did not have the necessary facilities). This left us with 3 possible sites to host the Annual Conference: Grove City College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ).

On March 10, 2014, representatives of the task team met with representatives of IUP in the morning, and UPJ in the afternoon for tours of their respective facilities. On the day of the tour, the site team representatives quickly discovered that UPJ simply could not meet our needs (inadequate plenary space and inadequate dining facilities were two of the major obstacles). The task team is now left with two possible sites for meeting our needs as an annual conference, namely Grove City College (GCC) and Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

The task team made a side-by-side comparison of both facilities – examining items such as location from various points within our Annual Conference, general setting, housing facilities, parking, terrain, plenary rooms, display area, visitor seating, dining, site storage of our furniture and equipment, breakout rooms, presence of a chapel, and costs.

Both settings are basically equally accessible to all points of the Annual Conference and are equally accessible from Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT to GCC is 70.8 miles – PIT to IUP is 76.5 miles). Both settings provide ample housing. By Fall of

2016, both settings will have adequate dining facilities (IUP is in process of building several new dining facilities). Both settings have the floor space needed for the Plenary sessions (differences will be discussed later in this report). Both settings have space for displays.

While GCC and IUP have the facilities needed to conduct our Annual Conference, there are some differences which merit discussion. The differences include (but are not limited to):

- 1) Plenary room – at GCC, we are divided into two “rooms” for plenary. At IUP, we would be in one room, however, the floor space is not adequate for the entire delegation. At least two of the surrounding “bleacher” areas would have to be used for additional bar seating.
- 2) Plenary room – at GCC, we need to sub-contract for air conditioning. At IUP, the entire Kovalchick center is air conditioned.
- 3) Plenary room – at GCC, we need to sub-contract all lighting, sound, and video. At IUP, there is pre-existing lighting, sound, and video – however, it is not adequate to meet our needs. We still would need to sub-contract some of this equipment.
- 4) Housing – GCC is predominately dorm housing with community bathrooms. Other than Colonial, the dorms at GCC are not air conditioned. Other than Memorial and Colonial, there are no elevators. At IUP, all the dorms are more “apartment” style – with no more than 4 people sharing a common bathroom. All dorms at IUP are air conditioned. All dorms at IUP have elevators.
- 5) Security of housing – GCC locks the main doors of the dorms at our direction. Other than Colonial, individual halls are not locked. At IUP, all dorms are locked at our direction. Also, all halls are locked. All conference attendees will receive a key-card for the dorm and for the hallway (individual rooms are not locked).
- 6) Setting – GCC is a small college town, and the college itself is somewhat secluded from the town. IUP is also considered a small college town, however, the college is in the midst of the community.
- 7) Cost – GCC does not charge a building use fee. However, there is approximately \$130,000 in additional costs for the air conditioning and media. IUP has a building use fee for the Kovalchick center, the classrooms, and the pool. We would still have to supplement the audio/visual/lighting at IUP. IUP also adds a 10% administrative fee. A side-by-side comparison, taking all of these items into consideration, reveals that IUP would cost approximately \$6,000 more than GCC.

#### Recommendation

After detailed attention, diligent work, spirited debate, and prayerful reflection, the Site Selection Task Team presents for the Annual Conference’s consideration RS 203.

Gregory Cox, DCM, Annual Conference Site Selection Task Team

#### EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE WORK OF 2013 RS 403

##### *Overview*

##### **Background and Composition:**

The Episcopal Residence Committee (hereafter referred to as the ERC) is tasked by the 2012 *Book of Discipline* in ¶638 to provide for the living needs of the resident Bishop in an Episcopal Area. It is the expectation that each Annual Conference will provide housing for its Episcopal leader, much in the same way that a local church provides for

housing in some form to its pastor. The formation of the ERC in 2013 was an effort to bring our Conference into compliance with the *Book of Discipline*. The committee is to be made-up of the chairpersons (or designates) of the following committees: Episcopacy; Council on Finance and Administration; and Trustees. It was the decision upon forming the committee that an additional representative from each committee be included. The ERC is comprised of the following members: from Episcopacy, Matthew Judd and Brenda Thompson; from CFA, Paul Ritchey and Vanessa Gleason; and from Trustees, Keith Simmons and Ed Pope.

**History:**

The current Episcopal residence was built in 2000 by the Annual Conference and has proven consistently to be insufficient for the ministry needs of our Annual Conference. It boasts no large ministry space to host larger gatherings of people and is not handicapped accessible at any of its entrances. It has also proven to be a maintenance burden resulting in higher than normal maintenance costs. The cost of upkeep on the home has risen so significantly in recent years that the Conference Trustees and CFA agreed that a 15% increase should be budgeted for yearly upkeep as long as we own the home. Maintenance and repair costs to the current residence consistently run between \$15,000-25,000 per year. After much hard work and investment by our Conference Trustees, it was felt that the house was in an appropriate condition to be sold and that due consideration should be given to acquiring a new residence.

At the 2013 meeting of the Annual Conference, RS403 – Episcopal Residence Funding was passed giving the ERC permission (in accordance with ¶638 of the 2012 *Book of Discipline*) to move forward with the acquisition of a new residence, in consultation with the Trustees and CFA. Funds were included in the 2014 budget to cover both acquisition costs and maintenance costs. The motion for approval of RS 403 was approved in the section meeting by a vote of 67-3-1 and was approved as part of the consent calendar without further discussion.

**Needs defined for a new residence:**

The Conference “Living and Working Conditions of the Pastor” document formed the spirit of our deliberations on our needs in a new home. However, we also recognized that the needs and stresses of a Bishop and his/her family are unique and must be considered, thereby providing a home that provides such things as appropriate ministry space for meetings as well as the capability of hosting visiting persons who are providing leadership in/through our Annual Conference. In addition, the presence of the Conference Center, located in fast-growing Cranberry Township, presented us with the reality that real estate prices would be significantly higher than in most other places within the Annual Conference.

The ERC developed a list of specifications/guidelines for a new residence that included the following:

- Accessibility, including a first floor master suite with full bathroom
- Adequate living space for the Episcopal family as well as sufficient gathering space allowing use of the home for ministry functions
- A creating space/office; small lot and 3 stall garage
- Ease of access to major transportation arteries as well as the Conference Center
- Ease of access to a major airport

**Timeline of the Search Process:**

The ERC determined that it was not acceptable to ask the current Episcopal family to move within a year of their new appointment in September 2016 so we began the search process in earnest late last summer. We engaged a realtor to review possible properties within a 25 mile radius of the Conference Center. That search resulted in visits to several homes but none met the search criteria that we had established. We then researched a new housing development close to Cranberry Township in Allegheny County which provided the opportunity to design and build a home to our specifications.

At that point, the ERC felt prepared to report our findings to a joint meeting of Episcopacy, CFA, and Trustees (the three entities who brought forth RS 403). After much discussion at that joint meeting, the work and direction of the ERC was embraced although particular concerns were expressed about locating the new residence in Allegheny County due to property tax concerns (estimated to be about \$21,000 per year) and matters of accessibility. With modifications further requested at this meeting, the home we were prepared to build cost approximately \$785,000. The committee affirmed the recommendation of the ERC with only one vote in opposition but did ask that the ERC again review the housing market for possible properties in Butler County due to the significant differences in property tax expenses as a matter of due diligence.

At that point, the ERC re-engaged our realtor and conducted a two-pronged search for both available homes and property in Butler County. A piece of property was found to build on but we determined that the price of the lot, in addition to the additional costs of replicating our designed home on that lot would be cost prohibitive. However, this time around, three homes were discovered in the search that we believed were close to meeting our specifications. Through a couple visits and on-site inspections, the committee determined that one of these houses was the best option. Although the asking price was higher than we liked, it met almost all of the guidelines that we were looking for. Pursuant to the request of the joint committee, this home is easily adapted for accessibility and the property taxes are only around \$8,000 per year.

At that time, we made a decision to terminate the building option and pursue the acquisition of this home in Butler County instead. The decision to terminate our contract was reviewed and approved by the Conference Chancellor.

The new Episcopal residence was purchased by the ERC for \$810,000 on February 27, 2014. The former residence is under contract to sell for \$410,000 with an expected closing date of June 10, 2014 or sooner. The entire amount of the sale price will be paid against the purchase price of the new home to reduce the mortgage requirement, as stipulated by the enacted legislation. Once this has been done, our yearly mortgage payments will be approximately \$35,000, within the cost parameters outlined by RS 403. The mortgage term will be 20 years at an anticipated interest rate of 4.5%.

**Financial Impact**

To purchase the new residence, CFA made funds available in the amount of \$850,000 into an account at the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union. This action allowed us to make the purchase as “cash sale” and so we were able to avoid many of the closing costs normally associated with purchasing a home. Moving forward, as mortgage payments are made, those funds will be used to repay the CFA Long-term Cash Investment Account.

Although there have been some incidental expenses associated with the purchase and sale of these properties, those costs are within the budget limits set for the annual budget. These items include painting, minor repairs, carpet cleaning, etc. In addition, moving expenses had to be paid by the Annual Conference as the General Church only pays for a Bishop to move at the end of the Quadrennium. The committee is thankful that our Episcopal family assisted in keeping these costs down by moving many items themselves.

The funds available for maintenance and upkeep of the home include the following:

\$40,000 – for mortgage payments from the Conference budget (per RS 403)

\$30,000 – for maintenance and upkeep costs from the Conference budget

\$10,000 – the annual grant from the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) for upkeep of the Episcopal residence. It is the intention of the ERC to set-aside these funds into a separate account to help fund capital needs in the future for the residence, thereby avoiding extra future impact upon the Conference budget.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Purchase of residence at 303 Scenic Ridge Court:

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Purchase Price                  | \$810,000               |
| Closing and Settlement Costs    | <u>\$ 17,374</u>        |
| <b>Total Cash at Settlement</b> | <b><u>\$827,374</u></b> |

Purchase financed through secured credit issued against the CF&A Long-term Cash Investment Account

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Estimated value for sale of residence at 433 Settlers Village Circle:

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Contracted Sales Price     | \$410,000               |
| Estimated Settlement Costs | <u>(\$ 35,000)</u>      |
| <b>Net Proceeds</b>        | <b><u>\$375,000</u></b> |

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Estimated Mortgage Balance

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Net Purchase Price of New Residence                               | \$827,374               |
| Less Net Proceeds from Sale of Former Residence                   | <u>(\$375,000)</u>      |
| <b>Estimated Required Mortgage</b>                                | <b><u>\$452,374</u></b> |
| Estimated Mortgage allowing for potential higher settlement costs | \$460,000               |
| <b>Annual Principal and Interest Payments @ 4.5% for 20 years</b> | <b><u>\$ 35,000</u></b> |

Exit costs for the initial construction option were \$20,000. These costs will be recovered in approximately one and one-half years from lower property taxes.

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At the conclusion of all transactions Conference Reserve Funds will be negatively impacted by the \$20,000 exit costs from the construction option. On an interim basis Conference Reserve funds, held in the CFA Long-term Cash Investment Account, were used to provide the collateral for the secured credit instrument to purchase the new residence. Upon the sale of the former residence and the establishment of a mortgage for the residual cost of the new residence the Conference Reserve funds will be fully restored. Future apportionments will provide for annual mortgage payments as approved by the 2013 Annual Conference (RS 403).

The members of the Episcopal Residence Committee are thankful for the trust placed in us to accomplish this work on behalf of the Annual Conference and we are grateful for the wisdom of so many who have helped us accomplish this task in a timely fashion. It has not been an easy task but it has been carried out with joy, integrity, and a desire to serve the needs of the Annual Conference and our present and future Episcopal families by providing a place of sanctuary, hospitality, and ministry usage. We believe that this new residence will serve our Annual Conference well for many years into the future and we look forward to seeing all the ministry possibilities that will arise through its purchase. As always, if there are any questions about this matter, please ask a member our team.

Episcopal Residence Committee: Matthew Judd (chair), Paul Ritchey, Ed Pope, Brenda Thompson, Vanessa Gleason, Keith Simmons

#### CONFERENCE CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT (2012 & 2013)

##### *OVERVIEW*

On October 15, 2011, the Conference Board of Trustees reviewed preliminary plans for renovating the Conference Center, located at 1204 Freedom Road in Cranberry Township, and authorized efforts to prepare detailed plans and solicit competitive bids to construct a new storage building and renovate the interior of the existing 39-year-old facility. Detailed plans were prepared by Ed Pope, Licensed Architect, in consultation with the Resident Bishop and key conference staff. After plans were completed construction bids were solicited and received. On April 3, 2012 the Council on Finance and Administration and the Conference Board of Trustees met jointly to approve the building plans and finalize funding sources. Go Green Construction of Pittsburgh was selected as the general contractor, and the project budget, including contingencies, was set at \$522,000.

Committed funding sources were as follows. The Council on Finance and Administration committed \$125,000 from Conference Reserves with a provision to add an additional \$25,000 as necessary to provide for contingencies; the Conference Connectional Leadership Team committed \$100,000 of "Believe Again" funds; and the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union committed \$100,000 to support renovation to their portion of the building. Finally, the Conference Board of Trustees committed \$180,000 from the Trustees Capital Improvement Fund. In all, committed and available funds totaled \$530,000.

The renovation work began in early 2012. On September 13, 2012, the Conference Board of Trustees reviewed the status of the renovation project and the projected costs to complete. The project had experienced modest cost growth, and the Trustees anticipated there could be up to 10% cost growth bringing the projected total project cost to \$574,000.

On September 20, 2012, the Council on Finance and Administration committed an additional \$44,000 from Conference Reserves, bringing the total committed from Conference Reserves to \$194,000. Further, the Council on Finance and Administration agreed it would provide up to an additional \$26,000 in funds from Conference Reserves if needed, bringing the total committed, and available funds for the project to \$600,000.

In early 2013 the project concluded with the completion of “punch list” items and the final capitalized cost was \$589,426 which was 13% above the original estimate. A detailed tabulation of expenditures and a breakout of the final sources of funds follows below. We expect the renovated Conference Center to serve the Annual Conference for many years to come.

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*EXPENDITURES*

In 2011 costs incurred were for architectural services:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lami Grubb – Architectural Services | \$ 14,095               |
| <b>Total – 2011</b>                 | <b><u>\$ 14,905</u></b> |

During 2012 costs were incurred from the following vendors:

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Go Green Construction – General Contracting                  | \$437,267               |
| Tri-State Office Furniture – Office Systems & Furniture      | \$ 35,688               |
| Bevco Consultants – Phone system and communications upgrades | \$ 29,197               |
| Marketek Video Supplies – A/V System Upgrades                | \$ 28,304               |
| Five Mile Consulting – Outdoor and Indoor Signage            | \$ 12,325               |
| Ed Pope – Architectural Services                             | \$ 11,283               |
| Grainger – Electrical and Mechanical Supplies                | \$ 4,585                |
| Tudi Mechanical – HVAC Upgrades                              | \$ 4,150                |
| Additional – A/V Supplies                                    | \$ 752                  |
| Rentacrate – Temporary office equipment storage              | \$ 580                  |
| <b>Total - 2012</b>  | <b><u>\$564,131</u></b> |

Remaining costs expended in 2013 were as follows:

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Go Green Construction – General Contracting  | \$ 10,000               |
| Marketek Video Supplies – A/V System Upgrade | \$ 1,200                |
| <b>Total - 2013</b>                          | <b><u>\$ 11,200</u></b> |

**Total final capitalized value in 2013** **\$589,426**

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*FUNDING*

Funding for the \$589,426 investment came from the following sources:

- The Connectional Leadership Team transferred \$100,000 in 2011 from their residual “Believe Again” balance.
- The Council on Finance and Administration transferred \$170,000 from Conference Reserves in 2012 and \$39,426 from Conference Reserves in 2013.
- The Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union made a \$100,000 cash payment in 2012.
- The Conference Board of Trustees transferred \$180,000 from the Trustees’ Capital Improvement Fund.

The total impact on Conference Reserves for the Conference Center Renovation Project was \$209,426, which represents the funding provided by the Council on Finance and Administration.

Paul Ritchey, Chair of the Council on Finance and Administration;  
 Jim Parkinson, Chair of the Conference Board of Trustees;  
 Larry Bridge, Interim Conference Treasurer.

#### BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

God's work in the world through the church continues and the Conference Board of Global Ministries is always privileged when we can support, sustain, and spark those divine inclinations. Thirty-three grants were given to empowering and engaging outreach ministries from all ten districts in 2014 through our Mission Support in addition to funding to support Conference-level ministries of equipping and sending.

We engage in collaborative ministry with other groups and agencies in Western PA and the North East Jurisdiction. This includes WPA United Methodist Women, Mission u, Appalachian Ministry Network, Mission Ambassadors, and the NEJ UVMIM program.

Connectional giving and special offerings continue to provide the backbone of support for ongoing ministries and development such as VIMships, Doorways to Hope at Home, and One Great Hour of Sharing.

Churches and individuals across our regions and beyond should be commended for the response to several disasters and needs in our area, especially in Dubois and Union City. Great thanks goes to the on-site coordinators, Lance Tucker and Thomas Carr, and our Conference Disaster Response Coordinators, Ricky Nelson and Calvin Cook, for their efforts in coordinating the relief efforts.

At the 2013 session, the Annual Conference charged us with the task of responding to the Judicial Council Decision 1238 regarding East Africa in several ways. In the important and serious task of developing a system of financial accountability and protocols for the mission relationships of the Annual Conference. The Board has contacted the appropriate agencies to request their guidelines to be incorporated in our process of developing protocol and accountability for direct partnerships at the annual conference level. Discussion was initiated among the leadership of our current direct partnerships, East Germany, Latin America Encounter with Christ, Nicaragua, Russia, and Zimbabwe, around common elements and issues and contextual differences. The process for developing a standard protocol will continue through the next year in order that our work be of a thorough quality and can bring that to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and Connectional Leadership Table that this be a comprehensive and consistent policy with formalized accountability measures.

In the meantime, the current partnerships of Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference continue to work within the channels of The United Methodist Church administered through the General Board of Global Ministries and General Council on Finance and Administration, include the Advance and local annual conference treasurers.

It has also been a transitional year for us. We celebrate the commitment and passion of Diane Miller, who retired from the position of Conference Coordinator of Missions and Volunteers in Mission in October. As a Conference, we owe a debt of gratitude to her for seeing the importance of these ministries to the local church and the world and committing herself to seeing it succeed and thrive. Diane has actively touched

many congregations and VIM teams and has been an important tool in the work of this Board.

Stephanie Gottschalk, our former chair, will continue to work with us as a Board as the new Coordinator of Missions/Volunteers in Mission. She, in addition to Director of Connectional Ministries, Greg Cox, have been working with our four Regional UM Mission Agencies to facilitate greater connection, collaboration, and stewardship.

We expect great things coming out of all of the transitions and important discussions as we humbly and corporately reach out in service to the world in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May all we do bring praise to God and be made complete by the Holy Spirit.

Mark E. Hecht, Chair

**ADVANCE SPECIAL LIST  
(updated April 2014)**

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ERIE CENTER CITY OUTREACH  
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 FAMILY GUIDANCE, Inc.: Butler County  
**#CC003000-B** 412-741-8550, 307 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA 15143  
 FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Ambridge  
**#NC004000S** 724-266-8636, P.O. Box 489, 239 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA 15003  
 FIRST CHARITIES, INC 5401 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232-1621  
**#MS01000P** 412-580-1522  
 FOUNDATION FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY OF UPJ: Johnstown  
**#E8001600J** 814/269-2008, Campus Chap. St. Union, UPJ, Johnstown, PA 15904  
 FRANKLIN DISTRICT FUND  
**#DS000028F** 229 Evergreen Dr., Franklin, PA 16323-1811  
 FRENCH CREEK CHRISTIAN CENTER: Brian Borger, Exec. Dir.  
**#YA008300F** 100 East Atlantic Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, 814-437-5989  
 GOD'S KITCHEN, Johnstown District United Methodist Men  
**#MS007800J** 101 Homestead Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902  
 Contact person: Ted Fuge 814-535-1451  
 GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF PITTSBURGH  
**#HC001700-G** 412/481-9005, ext. 275, 2600 E. Carson St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
 GRACE LEARNING CENTER, INC: Franklin, PA Glenda Merritt Exe. director  
**#YA007000G** 814/437-7035 735 Elk Street, Franklin, PA 16323  
 GREATER PITTSBURGH KOREAN UM CHURCH – Rev. Pyeong Gil Kim  
**#NC008000P** 412-715-5166 (2:00 PM Worship at Mt. Lebanon UMC)  
 GREENSBURG DISTRICT FUND  
**#DS000035G** 309 Dragon Rouge Dr. Greensburg PA 15601-5922  
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Cambria County  
**#MS008000C** P.O. Box 453, Ebensburg, PA 15931-0453 814-539-2884  
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Erie County  
**#MS005800-E** 814/454-7025, 413 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16503-1205  
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Greene County Chapter #724-852-2598  
**#MS005600-I** 32 South Church St. Ste 104, Waynesburg, PA 15370-1832  
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 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Somerset County  
**#MS007300-1** 814-443-9137  
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Pittsburgh Chapter  
**#MS005600-2** 412/466-6719 Liberty Place Ste 107Dequesne, , PA 15110-1155  
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Washington County  
**#MS005900-W** 724/222-4340, 54 West Wheeling St. Washington, PA 15301  
 HENDERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Outreach Ministries – Pastor Mary Stewart  
**#EM001600-H** 814/453-6041, 2004 – 2016 Camphausen Avenue, Erie, PA 16510  
 HILL TOP HEALTH MINISTRIES CONSORTIUM - St. Paul A.M.E. Church  
**#YA008400P** 400 Orchard Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15210  
 Contact person: Sue Hutchins 412-431-3846  
 HOSPICE CARE, INC.: Washington and Greene Counties  
**#CC002700-W** 724/627-8118, P.O. Box 168, Waynesburg, PA 15370

INDIAN CREEK VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTER  
**#YAO05800C**  
 INDIANA COUNTY CARENET: Indiana, PA Marilyn Dilg, Director  
**#YA006800I** 724/465-2865 29 North Eighth Street, Indiana, PA 15701  
 INDIANA DISTRICT MINISTRY FUND  
**#DS000042I** 203 Woodland Ave., Punxsutawney, PA 15767 # 814-938-1742  
 INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS of Fayette, Inc. 724-438-0709 ivcf@hhs.net  
**#CC004000F** IVCF, Inc. 137 North Beeson Avenue, Suite 106, Uniontown, PA 15401  
 INTERNATIONAL (CHINA) STUDENT MINISTRY: Pittsburgh  
**#YA004200-B** 412/362-1004, 1027 N. St. Clair Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
 INTERNATIONAL HOPS NETWORK of So. HILLS: Washington, PA S.Donnan, Dir.  
**#CC003200I** 724/229-3209 (o), 229-1129 (fax)  
 INNER CITY MINISTRY: CALVARY UMC: Pittsburgh Rev. Thomas Funk, Director  
**#SS001900N** 971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15233-1705 412-231-2007  
 INTER CHURCH MINISTRIES: ERIE COUNTY Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County  
**#ES001400 E** 2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16502 814-454-2411 FAX: 814-454-2412  
 JOHN WESLEY UMC: Washington  
**#CM002200W** 724/223-8457307 Locust Ave. Washington, PA 15301  
 JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT FUND  
**#DS000049-J** 200 Bloomfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15904-3276  
 JOHNSTOWN U. M. PARISH (JUMP) Contact person: Carol Burket 814-535-8288  
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 JOURNEY CAMP: Christian Education Lab School  
**#YA003000L** Debbie Derrenbacher, Dir lyleanddeb@verizon.net  
 JUMONVILLE: Hopwood Larry Beatty, Exec. Dir.  
**#CP000200-J** 724/439-4912, 887 Jumonville Rd. Hopwood, PA 15445 larry@jumonville.org  
 JUST HARVEST: A Center for Action Against Hunger www.justharvest.org  
**#MS005400-1** 412-431-8960, 16 Terminal Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
 KANE DISTRICT FUND  
**#DS000056K** 5 South Park Ave., Kane PA 16735-1230  
 KEEP THE DOORS OPEN Outreach Committee c/o Sara McLain  
**#BS002000-1** P.O. Box 5002, Cranberry TWP, PA 16066  
 KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Indiana District  
**#NC009000J** c/o Trinity UMC, 398 Church St., Indiana, PA 15701 724-465-2015  
 LAKETON HEIGHTS INCLUSION FUND: Pittsburgh  
**#SS000700-R** 412/241-9170, 9601 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
 LAKEVIEW AREA HELPING HANDS CENTER, Inc: Franklin Dist Peggy DeAngello, Admn.  
**#CM002100-L** 724/376-3231, P.O. Box 145, Stoneboro, PA 16150  
 LIGHT OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION mail@lightoflife.org  
**#CM002400-S** 412-258-6100 P.O. Box 6823, Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
 METHODIST UNION OF SOCIAL AGENCIES: Feeding & Clothing Prog, Pittsburgh  
**#YA003300-3** 412/461-1800, 131 E. 9th Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120  
 MERRITT EDDER MEMORIAL MISSION EDUCATION FUND: Western PA  
**#MSA01800H** (800) 886-3382, P.O. Box 5002, Cranberry TWP., PA 16066  
 MID-MON VALLEY MINISTRY: Pgh East District, Rev. Karen Prescott, Convener  
**#YA007500M** 412-461-5884 1702 Lodge Ave., McKeesport, PA 15135-1333  
 MISSION AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: Rev. Cathy L. Newport  
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**#MS002009B** Eastbrook, PA  
 Contact Person: Rev. Nelson Thayer 724-462-4090 thayntt@concast.net  
 MISSION UTILITY VEHICLE (MUV): Johnstown District Lee Miller, Shop Mgr.  
**#SS000500 M** 814/322-1331 phone 150 Page Road, Mineral Point, PA 15942  
 NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: New Castle, PA  
**#ES000500 C** 724-658-5858, 1701 Albert St, New Castle, PA 16105  
 NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pittsburgh  
**#MS005000-1** 412/321-3343, 114 West North Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

NEW LEAF MINISTRIES: Rev. J. Mark Hurst, Exec. Dir. and Counselor  
**#CC003900N** P.O. Box 28 Russell, PA 16345 814-757-8493 [www.newleafministries.org](http://www.newleafministries.org)

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- 1.) NICARAGUA – Special Projects:  
**#SS001100-N**
- 2.) CHACOCENTE PROJECT: Masaya, Nicaragua  
**#SS002006** Relocate and house the poorest of the poor. [www.outofthedump.org](http://www.outofthedump.org).
- 3.) NICARAGUA TASK FORCE GENERAL FUND  
**#SS002002** Funding for various projects as needed

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**#YA004500-D** 412/487-6316, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

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**#MSA01500-E** 412/366-1300, 802 McKnight Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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 Rev. Larry Homitsky, Exec. Dir., P.O. Box 99861, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

- 1.) **#MS006800-N** General Fund.
- 2.) BETHANY HOUSE MINISTRY: Northview Heights, Pittsburgh  
**#EM001200-B** 412/89-9329, P.O. Box 99782, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 [KMurphy80@aol.com](mailto:KMurphy80@aol.com)
- 3.) NORTHSIDE CONGREGATE FEEDING PROGRAM: Pittsburgh  
**#YA006000 N** 412/231-4900, P.O. Box 100086, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
- 4.) UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UNION: Pittsburgh  
**#SS000300-R** 412/231-4900 P O Box 100086, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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**#MS004850P** Orphanage support and **#MS004875P** Pastoral support

OLMSTED MANOR: Ludlow [www.olmstedmanor.org](http://www.olmstedmanor.org)  
**#CP000400-M** 814/945-6512, Box 8, Ludlow, PA 16333

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**#MS009000G** 724-593-7417, PO Box 896 Ligonier, PA 15658 724-238-5780

PARAGUAY CONFERENCE PO Box 427 Lewis run, PA 16738-0427 814/362-2649  
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**#SS003300S** Special Projects - Contact person: Dr. David Stains

PARTNERS IN ALLIANCE: A Western Pennsylvania AIDS Ministry-Indiana District  
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**#ES001000P** Suite 100 900 South Arlington Ave., Harr 17109

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT FUND  
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PITTSBURGH HOSPITALITY HOUSE  
**#YA004700-P** 412/731-6611, 7211 Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15208

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**#MH000800-4** 412-243-8755, 807 Wallace Avenue, Suite 204, Pittsburg, PA 15221

PRIME TIME ADULT CARE: Pittsburgh  
**#YA005900-A** 412/835-6661, 44 Highland Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRY: WPA Conference Randy Datsko, Dir  
**#CC003300-J** 814-225-3381 [www.gbgm-umc.org/wpapom](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/wpapom)  
 Contact: Randy Datsko 415 N. Marion Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931 Home 814-659-7562

RANKIN CHRISTIAN CENTER: West End Community (Washington)  
**#MS007400 R** (724)-225-6122, 682 Broad St., Washington, PA 15301

REBUILDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES  
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RUSSIAN INITIATIVE – Komi General Funds, c/o New Brighton First UMC, 1033 Sixth Avenue,  
 New Brighton, PA 15066, Rev. John Flower, Dir., 724-843-3774 [jflower@verizon.net](mailto:jflower@verizon.net)  
 Komi General Funds # **SS001800R**, New Church Starts # **SS001810R**  
 Embassy of Love (Church in Komi District) Adv. Sp. # **SS001820R**

- Medical Needs # **SS001830R** Russian Travel Scholarships # **SS001840R**  
 Special Projects # **SS001850R** Russian In-country Adoptions # **SS001860R**  
 Moscow Seminary #**SS001870R**
- RUTH M. SMITH CENTER: Wendy Stanko, Dir.  
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- SAMARITAN HOUSE: Franklin District  
 #**MS004900-S** RD #1, Hartstown, PA 16131
- SAN JUAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Erie-Meadville District  
 #**EM001500-J** 814/455-6326, 1430 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16503
- SCARLET CORD TEEN CENTER: Indiana District Steve McPherson, Pres.  
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- SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK: NW PA Erie-Meadville District  
 #**MS005700-F** 1507 Grimm Drive, Erie, PA 16501 814/459-3663 Liz Becker, Devel. Dir.
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- SMELTZER-BELL RESEARCH CENTER: WPA Conf Historical Soc c/o Rev. Jack Piper  
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- SOLAR SAMARITANS MINISTRY Contact : Rev. Dale Shunk 814-445-5736 (o) 445-4912 (fax only)  
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- SOUTH CENTRAL GREENE YOUTH MINISTRY: Washington Dist, Rev. Joe Weaver, Dir  
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 #**MS007700P** 363 Washington Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139 412-826-9063
- SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES: Pittsburgh  
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- TRUCK STOP MINISTRY 1-80: Indiana District  
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- UGANDA CHRISTIAN SOLUTIONS, Nancy Denardo, Founder ndenrn1@comcast.net  
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 #**SS003902U** Agriculture.....Provides training, tools and seeds for rural farmers.  
 #**SS003904U** Income Generating Micro Business..... Provides start-up funds for a piggery, poultry, soap making, sewing, basket weaving, jewelry making or baking project.  
 #**SS003906U** Karen's Wells (in memory of Karen Hazlett, laywoman from Trinity UMC, Brackenridge).....Provides safe, clean water for villages  
 #**SS003908U** Local Language Bibles.....Purchases and distributes Bibles printed in local dialects  
 #**SS003910U** Medical Clinic at Mt Olives UMC..... Provides equipment, supplies, medications, and staff salary support.  
 #**SS003912U** Pastoral support.....Meet pastors transportation needs with bicycles, motorcycles, and provides training workshops.  
 #**SS003914U** Prison ministry.....Ministries for women who are incarcerated, many with their children.  
 #**SS003916U** Student scholarships.....Assists primary, secondary, and university students to meet tuition needs.  
 #**SS003918U** Wesley Primary School in Banga.....Provides for textbooks, school supplies, and teachers salary support.  
 #**SS003920U** Women's Empowerment Center in Jinja.....Conducts counseling, education and training programs to empower women to earn a living, and a better quality of life.
- UNITED METHODIST SERVICES FOR THE AGING: Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh  
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- UNITED METHODIST HOUSE: Chautauqua, NY Robert Richards revrfr@yahoo.com  
 #**YA005300M** 716/776-7976, UM House 946 Northridge Dr. Seven Fields, PA 16046
- UNITED METHODIST HUMAN SERVICES: Johnstown Dist Cheryl Falsone, Exec. Dir.  
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- UNITED MINISTRIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION: Pennsylvania Commission  
 #**MS005200H** 717/233-7017 116 Locust St. #1, Harrisburg, PA 17101
- UNITED METHODIST MEN: CHURCH REHABILITATION PROJECT THRUST (CREPT)  
 #**ES000600M** Contact person: Ted Fuge, UM Men President 814-535-1451

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**#YA006700C** 814-590-1937 PO Box 121, Sykesville, PA 15865  
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 WARD HOME: Pittsburgh [info@wardhome.org](mailto:info@wardhome.org)  
**#MH0009005** 412-722-1404 2275 Swallow Hill Road, Building 800, Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
 WASHINGTON CITY MISSION  
**#CC002700 C** 412/222-8530 84 West Wheeling St., Washington, PA 15301  
 WASHINGTON DISTRICT FUND  
**#DS00077W** 15 Munce Ridge Road, Washington, PA 15301-9612  
 WESBURY COMMUNITY: Meadville  
**#MH0007003** 814/724-8000 31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335  
 WESLEY CHURCH HEALTH CENTER: Connellsville District [www.wesleyhealthcenter.us](http://www.wesleyhealthcenter.us)  
**#MS007100W** 724- 626-2610(o,fax) 410 S. Pittsburgh St.Connellsville, PA 15425  
 WESLEY WOODS CAMP: Grand Valley Exec. Director: Rick Frederick  
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 WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY  
**#YA003700-6** 412/241-8072 710 Mulberry St., Wilkinsburgh, PA 15221  
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**#YA004800 W** 412/678-4620 P O Box 216, McKeesport, PA 15134  
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## GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

World and National Division

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- (1) EMERGING PERSONNEL NEEDS OF THE GEN. BD. OF GLOBAL MINIS.  
#008986-5HF
- (2) ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN  
#025100
- (3) METHODIST VOLUNTEER BUILDING PROJECTS: Haiti  
#418885-0
- (4) UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)  
#982450 Disaster Response, International
- (5) WORLD HUNGER/POVERTY MISSION EMPHASIS  
#982920 World Huger and Poverty

**Our Mission Ambassadors Selected these Advance Specials**

- (1) CARIBBEAN  
GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND PEDIATRIC CLINIC: Haiti (UMCOR #418250)
- (2) EVANGELICAL METHODIST SEMINARY, SCHOLARSHIPS: Matanzas Cuba  
#3020760
- (3) ISRAEL / PALILSTINE PEACE MISSIOIN: Kathy Newport and Mary Rishel  
Hope Secondary School - Advance # 12018A.
- (4) KENYA  
MAUA HOSPITAL SERVICE FUND: MAUA #009613A
- (4) PAKISTAN – INDIA ('06-'07) Ambassadors are Diane Miller (724-652-9182)  
and Ruth Higginbotham (814-837-6115)  
#3020496 Lucknow Publishing House, India: Printing Press Goal: \$90,000  
#232000 UMCOR Rural Teacher Training Program, Pakistan Goal: \$10,000
- (5) MOZAMBIQUE  
CHICUQUE RURAL HOSPITAL #09734A
- (6) NIGERIA  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM #011684-5RA
- (7) SOUTH AFRICA  
JOHN WESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Pinetown #11033A  
JOHN WESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EQUIPMENT: Pinetown #011032-5BN
- (8) ZIMBABWE  
NYADIRI AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FARM #199135-2
- (9) New Horizon School in Paraguay Contact person: Gordon Evans 814-833-7375  
General Advance # 3021089