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CAMPING AND RETREAT MINISTRIES

Within our camping ministries last summer we had 450 young people make a first-time or recommitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Praise God! We also had 15 young people express a call to ministry. God continues to use our Camping and Retreat Ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Praise be to God!

The Camping and Retreat Ministries Team (CRM) has looked at these three Areas of focus:

Structure and Policy

- Review current structure; current policies; current theology of camping.
- Hold CRM and three sites accountable to vision, mission and theology.
- Hold CRM and three sites accountable to structure and policy.

Vision, Theology and Mission

- Revisit CRM and site's purpose, mission, vision, etc.
- Look at best practices around the country.
- Keep or change purpose, mission, vision and theology.

Marketing and Program

- Develop new programs
- Develop programs and schedule.
- Recruit volunteer deans and volunteers.
- Hire program staff.
- Train volunteers and staff.
- Develop curriculum, worship, Bible study, etc.
- Develop new programs.
- Work with AC staff and agencies to develop new ministries.
- Interface with local churches and clergy to generate involvement.
- Develop new marketing strategies.
- Develop campership model to give to local churches.

From our beginning work in these three areas of focus we developed a vision for new ministries and programs. We also submitted a proposal to hire a full-time Conference Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries. As the realignment of conference staff was done the position of Conference Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries was reduced to a part-time Coordinator of Camping and Retreat Ministries. We are currently working with the Conference Personnel Team and the Director of Connectional Ministries to hire a person in this position.

We are also reacting to a decision by the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration to move our three camps, Camp Allegheny, Jumonville and Wesley Woods to paying all of their bills at the site level not at the conference level by 2012. We will be bringing in a Camping Consultant to help us move into this new reality for 2012. We realize that these decisions will move our three camps and our conference into a more separate relationship and that there are advantaged and disadvantages to this move. It is our goal to move into this new reality in the healthiest way possible keeping all that is good in our camping. We will also try to maximize the advantages to the move into this more separate relationship between our three camps and our conference. So that we

continue in old ways and in new ways to bring young and old into a relationship with Jesus Christ on the Holy Ground which is Camp Allegheny, Jumonville and Wesley Woods.

Please keep our conference camping and retreat ministries and our three camps in your prayers. Also, please encourage our young people through prayer and financial support to come and stand on the holy ground of one of our camps and experience God's love, grace and forgiveness.

Allan K. Brooks, Chair

CAMP ALLEGHENY

Praise the Lord! 2010 was a year to celebrate the significant and impactful ministry of Camp Allegheny! We are only able to share a few highlights. I wish everyone could be present on any given weekend or any summer day to see all of the laughter, the growth and the celebrations of Christ as Lord and Savior.

2010 started off with some severe weather up here on the mountain. We had to cancel several large weekends due to the extreme snow. State routes were closed up here on numerous occasions last winter. We continue to be honored to serve so many United Methodist Churches. We enjoy being such a significant part of so many of our own children, youth and adults spiritual development. Additionally we have been honored to serve the men and women of the Naval Academy Christian Navigators program and the young men and women of Penn State Campus Crusade for Christ.

The Camp Allegheny Board of Directors has had a busy year. They continue to work diligently on paying off the debt on Heartwood Center. In April they hosted a booster dinner that doubled previous giving records. Belmont UMC continues to bless us by hosting a fundraising dinner to benefit camp. One big area the board worked on was the development of new Mission and Vision statements for Camp Allegheny.

MISSION: To provide a safe, sacred space with excellent facilities, Christian hospitality, and disciple making programs.

VISION: To ignite and sustain a passionate, spiritual connection with Jesus through Christian community in a beautiful mountain setting.

We started the summer with great attendance at our Open House. We had well over two hundred folks enjoying the numerous activities and finding out more about the camp. The summer program we provide continues to be a highlight of the ministry year. While our attendance was down slightly the impact and the celebrations continue. The Camp Allegheny Christian Wrangler (CACW) continues to grow and improve into a vibrant faith based horse program. Our volunteers and staff continue to provide a significant program focused on Christ, Creation and Community! Camp Allegheny provides over forty events to the children and youth of our conference and community.

We continue to make numerous improvements to the camp. Several lodges were stained thanks to the help from a United Methodist Youth group from Boston, Massachusetts. We continue remodeling the barn, corral area and fenced in more pasture. We completed the office remodeling project as well.

The Camp Allegheny Board of Directors and the Staff want to thank the conference for their faithful support of Camp Allegheny.

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

Merritt H. Edner, Board Chair

JUMONVILLE

For those of us who have been around the Jumonville mountaintop for decades and not just years, we remember those words that we sang every time we left Asbury Dining Hall. "Follow, I will follow Thee My Lord...Follow Every Passing Day; My tomorrows are unknown to me...Thou Wilt Guide me all the Way!" I made a poster with these words after being motivated during my morning journaling time with God. The poster sits on my bulletin board, and I sure have found peace in those words, as every day seems to hold lots of challenges and the tomorrows are unknown. I pray daily that God will continue to reveal God's wisdom for every step on the path ahead.

The national economic climate of the last several years has continued to affect the number of campers and guest groups that we have been able to serve. I thought that we had seen the bottom by the end of 2009 and felt that things were starting to swing back. However, 2010 was our toughest year yet.

It has been a blessing to have our Kidz2Kamp program. That program has allowed us to continue to reach out to families and individuals that have needed assistance to pay for their mountaintop experience. My heart breaks as I read so many letters of how families are struggling to make ends meet, but they want so much for their kids to have the experience of attending a Christian Camp. To our many donors who have made camp and retreat events possible, "Thank you so very much!"

While we have had our share of struggles, we have much to celebrate as a Jumonville Family. We were exceedingly blessed this past year to see a brand new entranceway. Thanks to our good friends Jim & Nancy Gnagey, this new entrance to Jumonville is a glorious sight. The trees were cut down by the maintenance staff to give a clear view of The Cross, and with the entrance lit up at night I am inspired every time I drive onto the Jumonville campus. Yes, we are blessed!

Wesley Hall has always been a critical building for program needs at Jumonville for large groups. However, its bathrooms have been well below standard for some time. Due to a \$25,000 estate gift from Sara Jane VanRyn, we have been able to make major strides on two very significant projects. The bathrooms in Wesley Hall have been completely renovated so that they are now more accessible, functional and beautiful. Because the bathrooms now have a separate heat source, the entire building won't have to be heated as often, and the savings in fuel costs will be significant. This project took a great deal of staff time but we now have a wonderful upgrade to our facilities. We can now bless all of our guests, especially those with accessibility needs!

We were also able to provide a new accessible ramp for Asbury Dining Hall as a part of the new entranceway and our "Welcome to Jumonville" capital campaign. Last summer we were privileged to serve as a host facility for one of Joni & Friends Family Camps that are held in various locations around the country. We are blessed!

The second project that was able to be officially launched with the extra funds from the Sara Jane VanRyn Estate gift was the playground project. We have been raising funds for the last several years with the help of our Family Week Camp that is held every summer at Jumonville. The old playground was removed and the brand new playground will be installed in the spring 2011. What a tremendous gift!

2010 also marked the launch of our Jumonville Facebook page. This has been fun to keep in touch with Jumonville friends that are scattered all around the country and

even around the world. We post photos and questions on a regular basis and have great interaction on our wall.

Winter 2010 provided some of the most gorgeous landscapes to ever hit this glorious mountain. However the beauty came at a price with record snowfalls in February with a number of groups canceling and our maintenance staff digging out on a daily basis. We did not measure the snowfall in inches; we measured it in feet! We did have several men's retreats that refused to cancel no matter how deep the snow. It was time for them to have an adventure and they loved it!

As we approached the fall it became clear that our declining usage was going to have devastating effects on our budget. Despite the best efforts of the staff to control costs and to use every marketing effort that we knew, our usage was projected to be about \$100,000 short of meeting our operational expenses. A cancellation of one major group in late fall and early winter for three weekends left a \$75,000 hole that we could not overcome. I prepared a "State of the Union" report for the Jumonville Board and the Jumonville Foundation, and we had significant discussions as to how to handle our situation. First, our board was asked to give sacrificially to help out. They personally committed over \$30,000 to do their part. Then our Jumonville donors stepped up and gave a great response of support. We ended the year with a shortfall of about \$19,000. On a budget of almost 1.5 million, that is about a 2% shortfall. In total, our Jumonville family gave almost \$250,000 in 2010 to support the Jumonville mountaintop ministry. Words cannot express our gratitude for this expression of such amazing love and support. We are indeed blessed!

I continue to be blessed as I speak in churches and travel to various events and am greeted by folks who love Jumonville and share how it is their "favorite place on earth." What a privilege to be a part of a ministry that continues to give youth and adults the opportunity to experience God's love and grace

We will continue to increase our efforts to serve more campers and retreat guests on the Jumonville mountaintop. It is hard to see empty beds when I know we are missing opportunities for our guests to be touched by the awesome power of God on this campus. 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 who continues to need Jesus.

I am honored and blessed to be a part of this mountaintop ministry. I work with a wonderful supportive board and a fantastic dedicated staff! Our Jumonville donors, deans and counselors, group leaders and guests, and friends make this a special place for so many. Know that you are loved and together we will continue this journey as we "Follow the Lord Every Passing Day."

Larry Beatty, President

OLMSTED MANOR

Retreat ministry at Olmsted Manor continues to thrive as we celebrate 41 years of existence. We are grateful to the United Methodist churches, clergy, and people for their faithful use of our facility. 2010 was a busy year at Olmsted with many groups and individuals utilizing our services.

Our board of directors has been intentional and diligent in their oversight of the management of the facilities. The board is led by an executive committee who is dedicated to our ministry. They include Tom Burkett, board president; Aaron Kerr, vice

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president; Donna Atwell, secretary; Brenda Thompson, assistant secretary; Sue Wilson, treasurer; and Jim Willats, assistant treasurer. These individuals add richness to the leadership of the board that has led to another successful year.

In 2010, two board members' terms expired. They included Burl Davis and Michael Baker. With gratitude, we thank these individuals for the gifts and talents that they shared while serving on our board. Subsequently, the board welcomed new members Thomas Ball and Russell Campbell to their first term of service.

Some of the highlights of the year included the 40th Anniversary of the Church Music and Worship Arts event. This nearly weeklong event has a history going back to the very beginnings of the retreat center. Through the years, many talented musicians have attended and also led workshops as a part of this event. In addition, the Senior Citizen retreat, which has over thirty years of history, is now led by retired pastor William Hiles and his wife Lois Ann. This event continues to be a weeklong celebration of fellowship and fun for older adults. Women's Spirituality, Church Secretaries, People with Disabilities, and Wesley Events all have a long standing following as well. Considerable effort has been put forth to provide continuing education opportunities for clergy as necessitated by the *Believe Again!* Plan. Olmsted has been designated the continuing education center for the WPA Conference of The UMC.

This summer, 42 relatives and ancestors of George and Iva Olmsted came to the retreat center for a long weekend. The Olmsted Reunion was a fun filled weekend of planned activities, which included a picnic at Wildcat Park, storytelling by the members of the family, and games for children. For many of the family members, it was their first visit to the retreat center. It was great to have a hand in helping to introduce them to some of their family history.

New ways of marketing Olmsted Manor's services continues to be on the minds of board members and others who help promote our ministry. This year, our board approved a new logo, which will replace the stag head. The stag head has been associated with Olmsted since 1991. The new logo is a composite of the familiar gables on the Olmsted estate with a suggestion of Hemlock trees, which are native to our region. This represents an easily identifiable image of our rural setting.

Our grounds and facilities are an intricate part of our identity as a retreat center. The uniqueness of our building, grounds, and location set us apart as a place of solitude. The maintenance and care of all that we have been blessed with is an immense undertaking. This year, new windows were installed in Groves Lodge along with new carpeting in the lobby. Attention to the large projects as well as the small ones all attribute to the continued quality and care of this wonderful place.

Olmsted Manor values its connection with the Western PA Conference and The United Methodist Church. As we seek to provide educational opportunities for clergy and laity, we are reminded of the important role that continuing education plays in the vitality of our churches. We believe that this is yet another reason why so many clergy and laity come to Olmsted, whether for the first time or as a returning guest. They come to Olmsted for retreat, renewal, spiritual development and education.

Finally, this report would not be complete without mention of the staff members who faithfully labor in this ministry of hospitality. Olmsted's standard of quality service and care is set apart principally because of the dedicated people who work together in ministry at our facility. Consider the food service, the maintenance, housekeeping,

bookkeeping, the publicity, and the welcome you receive upon arrival. All these servants combine to create an atmosphere of Christian hospitality that is enjoyed by many. We thank God for the gifts that they all bring to this place.

Jody Z. Larson Executive Director

WESLEY WOODS

Wesley Woods continues to serve the church by providing a place where children, youth and adults can come and enjoy the wonderful natural surroundings of camp throughout the year. Yes, Wesley Woods is open year round. Skiing in the winter, hayrides in the fall, horseback riding in all the seasons and of course there is summer where over forty-five United Methodist Conference summer camps come for a week.

The year 2010 highlighted a new direction, "Going Greener for the Lord", a new campaign that has been the main focus at Wesley Woods. The camp must continue to upgrade cabins and grounds to meet the comfort needs and expectations of our guests, and to become more environmentally responsible with the facilities and resources we have. During the April workweek Wesley Woods' volunteers put in motion the campaign by volunteering over 2,500 hours of service putting in insulation, windows, furnaces, instant gas hot water tanks, air conditioning, siding and lots of landscaping. The campaign will mature in June 2012.

In June a special celebration took place at Wesley Woods McKnight Dining Hall. Wesley Woods board chairman, Ken Custer and Herb West; executive director burned the Pool Mortgage which symbolized a tremendous endeavor of the camp. Over \$900,000 was raised for the Pool Project! The new pool is paid off!

Marketing took on a new look in 2010. After a camp survey we found that Billboards, TV, Radio and our Website were not viewed or noticed as much as the banners we placed in the churches. The plan for 2011 is to increase the numbers of banners, instead of putting money into advertisements that are ineffective for Wesley Woods.

The 2010 Booster Dinner was held in October and over 100 were in attendance. Wilma Jean Burns received the Hall of Fame Award Posthumously for her late husband, Dick Burns. Dick was a camping advocate for many years and was a pioneer in the horse and rustic camping arena. Dennis Lawton, pastor at the Tionesta and Tidioute United Methodist Churches, and the Christ Community United Methodist Church of Butler received volunteer awards for their many hours working at camp.

Total usage (off season and summer combined) increased in 2010 by 5%. We hope this trend will continue for 2011. Where do you send your children, youth and Adults for retreats and summer camp? Why not try Wesley Woods? You will discover a tremendous ministry of hospitality and great food!

Herb West, the Executive Director for Wesley Woods has decided to retire. A transitional plan was put in place, and Herb and his wife Connie moved out of their camp home in November, 2010 and reside in Pittsfield, PA. A new director will be in place by April 2011. Herb will remain on staff until April and will help in the transition. Herb and Connie served the camp for over 24 years.

Herb West, the Executive Director

UNITED METHODIST HOUSE AT CHAUTAUQUA

The United Methodist House is one of the denominational houses at the Chautauqua Institute in southwestern New York State. The most visible part of the house is its broad porch furnished during the summer with wicker chairs suggestive of its 19th Century origins. On the main floor of the United Methodist House are a parlor with historic but comfortable furnishings; a fireplace newly installed in 2010; a chapel open for prayer and meditation when it is not used for worship services or lectures; and a kitchen. Upstairs, the house has six twin-bedded rooms and a four person suite and an upper porch. The house is surrounded by gardens, and new in 2010, the house has wireless Internet service. Rooms are for rent during the nine week summer season when the house serves as a center for worship, fellowship and learning as well as United Methodist hospitality. It is at the heart of Chautauqua, a moment's walk to the library, Bestor Plaza and other places where Chautauqua's world famous programming takes place. For anyone not familiar with the Chautauqua Institution, the place to start is www.ciweb.org. For more about the house, try www.umhouse.com. After the summer, the retreat season begins for the next 43 weeks. The UM House is available as a retreat and renewal center for individuals, families and church groups. In addition to the family fellowship or church programming that they arrange for themselves, visitors in fall, winter and spring can enjoy the brilliant foliage, snow sport or lake scenes that make Chautauqua memorable. Plan yourself or with your church group to spend some time at the United Methodist House. (Reservations can be made by calling the Hurlbut Memorial UMC @ 716-357-4045.)

Bruce Burr, president of the United Methodist House at Chautauqua

BOARD OF PENSIONS

The Conference Board of Pensions experienced a year of expanded discovery, improving organization, and focus. We continued to grow into our three committees within the Board to focus on the work we have to do and how we can do it more effectively and have a broader participation earlier in the decision making process. The administrative committee is focused on the task of ensuring that we have a good system for billing and collecting the monthly costs of pension, death and disability and health benefits. This focus led to the transition at the end of 2010 to a new service provider, CDS. They are better equipped to handle our needs now and into the future. Much appreciation is due to Pat Morris, Tracy Merrick, Kathleen Lasky and members of the treasurer's staff for a job well done. The health insurance committee is focused on the many aspects of the active and retiree health insurance and retiree health insurance subsidy. They are also attentive to the projected retiree health care liability and the funds needed to support the liability. The finance committee is focused on improving the reporting of all things financial to the Board and increasing the depth of knowledge about the financial decisions that the Board is responsible for each year. Each committee's chair is a member of the Board's executive committee. The executive committee has kept the responsibility for the review of the pension plans and the management of providing an appropriate benefit reserve fund to provide a buffer to absorb some of the impact from marker value fluctuation and other events.

Pension Plan

There are currently three parts to the Pension Plan. Years of service prior to 1982 are part of the Pre-82 plan. Years of service from January 1, 1982 through 2006 are under the MPP, Ministerial Protection Plan, and a defined contribution plan during the years of accumulation. Service beginning January 1, 2007 to the present is covered under the CRSP, Clergy Retirement Security Plan, with both defined benefit and defined contribution elements. Each segment of this three-part plan has its own set of rules for benefit calculations. Upon retirement a portion may be withdrawn in cash and the balance is set up as an annuity. At that time a defined benefit obligation is established for the lifetime of the clergy and, if applicable, the spouse. Each church with a full time pastor participating in the current CRSP plan has been relieved of about \$6,000 a year for each of the years 2007-11 as the result of designating a portion of the overfunding of the Pre-82 plan to cover the required contributions to the Defined Benefit portion of the CRSP plan. The Board is proposing 2011 legislation to continue this in 2012.

The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits has reviewed the pension, death, and disability plans following the 2008 market meltdown to determine their stability and sustainability. As a direct result of this review it was determined that substantial contributions would be required in 2011 by all Annual Conferences to replenish the asset base of the MPP plan. Our portion of that payment is \$961,340. As part of the review it was also determined that the death and disability plan called the Comprehensive Protection Plan, CPP, had an excess over the necessary reserves. The GBOPHB has established a three year “premium holiday” for this CPP Plan and strongly encourages the Annual Conferences to continue collecting the premiums and redirect them to the payment of the extra pension contribution due. At the Annual Conference in June 2010 a funding plan was approved to fund \$671,000 from the 2011 CPP premium that would be directed towards the required MPP payment of \$961,000 and that the balance, estimated at \$290,000, would be paid from our conference’s benefit reserve account. The discussion continues as to the best choice of funding source for this conference obligation. We will be presenting legislation to allow this \$961,000 payment to be a redirection of the Pre-82 over funding already in the Defined Benefit Plan. This choice will allow the Annual Conference to retain control of the assets within the Benefit Reserve Account.

Medical Expense Plan

The medical plan for our active clergy is with Highmark. The plan is a medical retrospective insurance plan where the Conference pays the actual costs within a 20% corridor of the expected annual costs. The expected annual costs are apportioned through the monthly billings to the participants, churches, conference and agencies. Differences between actual costs and expected costs are absorbed by (or added to) Conference health insurance reserves; the Board maintains reserves sufficient to absorb about two years of adverse excess actual costs.

Medical Expense Plan for Special Clergy Situations – paid from Mission Share Clergy Widows and Families

Our conference through the mission share budget has for many years covered the full apportioned cost of the medical insurance for clergy widow(er)s and their

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families until the widow(er) became 65 and moved to Medicare. There are 13 widow(er)s in this group, and the approximate annual cost is \$106,000.

Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) benefit eligible Clergy and Families

Seventeen families in this group receive a total subsidy of \$228,000 from the mission share budget.

Student Pastors

Churches where a student pastor is appointed are the recipients of a subsidy from the mission share budget equal to half of the required medical insurance cost. This subsidy supports the goal of developing effective leadership. The Conference is currently investing approximately \$75,000 annually in the leadership development of eleven student pastors serving churches in the Conference.

Spouse & Families of Retired Pastors over age 62

Pastors with 40 years of service	Subsidy 100%
Pastors with 20 years of service	Subsidy 100% single rate
Pastors with 10 years of service	Subsidy 50% single rate
Pastors less than 10 years of service	No Subsidy

Consultants and Professional Resources

The Conference Board of Pensions established a relationship with CDS as our new third party data services supplier. CDS generates monthly reports for the Conference Board of Pensions and Conference Treasurer. They invoice and collect the monthly billings for health premiums and pension contributions from the churches, agencies, and conference. In addition, the Conference Board of Pensions continues to work with Frenkel Benefits. They provide consulting services for our active health program, all of our Medicare supplement alternatives, and assuring our programs comply with regulations. In 2010 the Conference Board of Pensions utilized the actuarial services of the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

AON, a benefit actuary service, is used by the Conference to value the post-retirement medical insurance obligation of the conference in support of the annual financial statement audit. The Conference Board of Pensions has used their services to assist in legislation proposals and board decisions to estimate the impact of benefit eligibility and subsidy changes on the liability for post-retirement benefits. It is the intention of the Conference Board of Pensions to continue to utilize these professional resources in our future benefits decision making. The now less-than-fully-funded status of these obligations has led the Board to keep unchanged at \$126 per month the subsidy it provides retirees for so-called “Medigap” or “Medicare Advantage” insurance, in spite of rising premiums.

Other activities

The Conference Board of Pensions continues to fulfill its responsibility for matters related to, and for providing for the support, relief, assistance, pension, and benefits, for United Methodist Clergy families, United Methodist Church workers, and lay employees. In the area of Incapacity, the Conference Board of Pensions participates

in a joint committee with the Board of Ordained Ministry. We continue our connection with the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (GBOPHB) in Evanston, Illinois, the United Methodist Foundation and the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union.

The Board of Pensions is planning a fall pre-retirement seminar October 3 and 4, 2011 for clergy over 55 and their spouses. The program will include presentations by the GBOPHB, the United Methodist Foundation of Western PA, Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union, and the Pittsburgh area Social Security and Medicare departments of the Federal Government.

The Board of Pensions experienced the loss to death of David Lindberg and Leland Chandler. David served over the years as an officer and member of the Board and in recent years as a consultant to the Board with a focus caring for active and retired Clergy and assisting with research into Clergy service verifications. Leland was active on our Board and had previously served in other financial leadership positions for the Conference. Both of these men gave generously of their time and talents to bring quality and accountability to Conference finances. They are missed and we have been blessed by their service.

The Board of Pensions would like to express its appreciation to the Conference Benefits Officer, Pat Morris, in meeting the many requests of the Board and the benefit plan participants. Many thanks go to key support persons in the past year including Sally Bickerton, Larry Bridge, Kathleen Lasky, and Cooky Seth.

All members of the Board of Pensions have stepped up their efforts to make the new committees and our work as a Board a success. Praise God each of these individuals and the gifts that they each bring to the work of the Board of Pensions. A special appreciation to Frank Kelly, Vice Chair, who is great at keeping us on task and William Hastings, Secretary, who is diligent at keeping the documentation and minutes we rely upon. Thanks are in order to our new committee chairs Gary Grau, Administration; Robert Garbart, Finance; and Edward Bailey, Health Insurance who have shared their leadership abilities and ideas for improvements.

Terry E. Lyon, Chair

COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

According to *The Book of Discipline*, every Annual Conference shall have a Council on Finance & Administration (CF&A). CF&A is tasked with developing, maintaining, and administering a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the Annual Conference. Thanks to the hard work of the Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team, we have been blessed with a strong, talented, and very experienced group of individuals serving on CF&A.

The mission of the Council on Finance & Administration is to faithfully assist, sustain, and support all of the ministries of our Annual Conference with dependable resource management. The standards to which the Council on Finance & Administration holds itself and the financial and administrative services of the Annual Conference are the highest Christian ethical principles of integrity, transparency and trustworthiness as well as expertise in faithful fiscal accountability.

Along with members of the Conference Connectional Network (CCN) and the Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM), we work diligently to provide the Western PA Conference with a thorough budget that honors God's call for our combined ministry, outreach and support to the local church, General Church apportionments, Jurisdictional apportionments, and ministry to the people of Western Pennsylvania.

Last year we received over \$11.8 million worth of requests for inclusion in our Annual Conference Budget. Through prayer, conversation, open dialogue, prayer, budget subcommittee meetings, and a lot of prayer, we were able to produce a working budget for the Western PA Conference of roughly \$9.5 million. This was a difficult process that took the cooperation and coordination of every group, agency and committee in the Annual Conference to make it a reality. As a result of this hard work, we were able to offer a reduced Mission Share rate for most churches in the Annual Conference. However, many difficult decisions had to be made on some ministries that would not be receiving full funding for their programs and projects.

We set a goal last year to pay 100% of our General church Apportionments, which we hope will show our commitment to a standard of accountability and leadership in the area of financial responsibility. As a result of the faithfulness of our churches, we received a higher percentage of giving from our churches in response to Mission Share than in previous years. Because of that faithfulness, we received and distributed more ministry funding than ever before. We were thrilled to see that there were only 8 churches did not pay anything towards Mission Share, and unfortunately, one of those closed.

These are indeed difficult times we live in. Not only do we have the uncertainties in the safety of our world and political uprisings around the globe, but we are also still in some very difficult financial times here at home. In spite of these difficulties and concerns, the Western PA Conference continues to stand strong financially, and is among the top five Annual Conferences in fiscal strength in the US.

I would just like to say what a joy and privilege it is to serve as the chair of your CF&A, and to once again thank all our churches for their support of the programs and ministries of our Annual Conference and its agencies. As we continue our ministry together, we ask for your prayers and support as we look for ways to reduce our operating costs while at the same time maintaining consistency and integrity in our service to you and your ministry for Jesus Christ. Please continue to keep us in prayer, and keep the ministry of the Conference Connectional Network and their committees in your prayers, as they look for ways to develop ministry opportunities that bring us together as the church of Jesus Christ, and give each of our churches the opportunity to do ministry together that we could not do alone.

Thank you for your support and prayers, as we serve Christ together.

Paul Ritchey, Chair

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Our efforts to meet with the local churches continued in 2010. In the spring and fall we brought training events to every district in Western Pennsylvania. New classes were offered and we received suggestions for our times together in 2011.

A new accounting system was put in to place in 2010. We are now using Shelby software – faith-based software as opposed to the industrial software used previously. Our staff has taken to it very well.

One change that continues to impact our budget is that over three hundred of our churches were willing to switch over to electronic statements as opposed to receiving statements by mail each month and quarter. This number continues to grow and saves dollars each month in postage.

The Finance Area of our Conference web site continues to upgrade as new information is posted on a regular basis. The Benefits Page is up and running as well in 2010.

2010 saw a new printing of the Local Church Treasurer's Manual. The manual has become a valuable tool for our treasurers.

Once again our prior year audit was completed before the 2010 annual conference. Our house is in good order. The finance staff takes very seriously our role as stewards of the conference funds. We value the trust placed in us by the local churches. Our focus in 2010 was and continues to be customer service.

There were two changes in our staff in 2010. Sally Bickerton became our full time administrative assistant in the area of account receivable and Sue White became my administrative assistant on a part time basis. Our staff is eager to serve our local churches. We encourage you to call us and we would love to have you come to the conference center to see us. We welcome your questions and suggestions.

On a personal note – let me thank my staff. They bring me much joy. The finance staff is made up of dedicated and faithful servants, they work hard and they understand clearly that they work for you – the local church. Special thanks also to Paul Ritchey and the members of the Conference Finance & Administration Team for their tireless efforts.

Finally, thank all of our local church treasurers in Western Pennsylvania – you inspire me and it is a blessing for me to be in ministry with each of you.

Patricia Morris, Conference Treasurer

ARCHIVES & HISTORY

Following our *Disciplinary* mandate (§ 641.2) to “collect, preserve, and make accessible the historically significant records” of the conference and its agencies, the Western PA Conference Commission on Archives and History (CAH) has been working to make its archival collection more accessible to the public. Housed primarily at the Smeltzer-Bell Research Center on the campus of Allegheny College, the archives are open to the public by appointment only. The thousands of bound volumes and boxed files can be accessed by contacting William Waybright, the Conference Archivist, but this usually involves a trip to Meadville or a lengthy correspondence with several people. CAH is working to make this process much easier.

In 2010, CAH took a number of steps to improve access to the archives:

- We engaged in conversation with the Pelletier Library at Allegheny College regarding the agreement that allows CAH to house the Research Center there without cost. This agreement was reaffirmed, while the college strongly recommended that CAH make the Research Center more available to students, faculty and the general public.
- We increased the number of people with authorization to open the archives to visitors from one to five (you may now contact either Bill Waybright or myself to arrange a visit to the Research Center).

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- Allegheny College provided us with a digital catalogue of Research Center books. This catalogue will be updated and posted on the conference website.
- We began a process of creating digital “finding aids” which will help researchers locate important documents and records. Under the guidance of David Grinnell, Chief Archivist at the Senator John Heinz History Center (and a member of CAH), volunteers have been creating detailed indices of Pastoral Records files, Local Church files, and Agency/ Organization files. These will be compiled and posted on the conference website when completed.
- A digital record (including photos) of the Research Center artifact holdings has been undertaken and is nearly complete. This will also be posted on the conference website.
- On behalf of CAH, John R. Wilson: Conference Secretary, working closely with Norman C. Young, published a 306-page update to the Pastoral Records of the annual conference (*2010 Pastoral Records*). This volume continues a practice begun by Herbert Boyd in 1957, where the conference published Pastoral Records volumes on a periodic basis (1957, 1961, 1969, 1988, and 1999). As yet, no single comprehensive volume combines the material from these (and previous) publications, although Norman Young has compiled such a volume and it is ready for publication. CAH continues to solicit and collect donations toward publishing *Pastoral Records 1794-Present*. At present we have about \$5,000 collected toward a projected \$20,000 cost for that book.

In 2010, we were privileged to receive a major donation of Methodist-related books from Samuel M. Gibson, a former clergy member of this annual conference. These 557 books were added to the Research Center collection and are now available for use at the Center (CAH books and files do not circulate). The digital catalogue, when posted, will include these volumes. We thank Sam Gibson for his generosity and remind other potential donors that the Smeltzer-Bell Research Center is an excellent way to share your cherished Methodist-related books and artifacts with posterity.

Nelson T. Thayer, Chair

CHRISTIAN UNITY & INTER-RELIGIOUS CONCERNS

The Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (CUIC) reorganized and began meeting in September 2010. The first order of business was to fulfill the commitment of our Annual Conference to financially support the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. We provided \$1,500 for PCC and \$1,250 for Christian Associates. Furthermore, we established direct communication with these two agencies and confirmed financial support amounts for 2011.

Though we had made no previous commitment, we also provided \$300 each for Christians United in Beaver County and Interchurch Ministries of Erie County. The CUIC desires to further support and encourage effective local ecumenical connections.

We have a direct relationship with the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. One of our members, Tracy Merrick, also sits on the GCCUIC. We have been following the concerns and proceedings of the GCCUIC.

In September, our member, Tracy Merrick, addressed an ecumenical gathering in Greensburg, on the topic of Justification.

We are in the process of establishing a relationship with our counterpart in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

We provided information for the e-news and InterLink, regarding the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Some goals of our commission are: To encourage ecumenical relationships among local churches; to participate in GCCUIC initiatives, to help understand the meaning of “Shared Communion” with the ELCA, to support opportunities and training in ecumenical issues, to share common programs with other WPAUMC commissions.

Dai Morgan, Chair

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Some have suggested that we are at the twilight of the ecumenical movement. With intra-denominational conflicts fracturing our communities; with the birth last year of the Anglican Church in North America and more recently the North American Lutheran Church as responses to those conflicts (interestingly both had major involvement of western PA leaders); with declining revenues going to judicatory and national church offices, with an ever more diverse American culture, religiously, and increasingly more secular, and as a response that trend to move from ecumenical engagement among our diverse Christian traditions to interreligious engagement, is the modern ecumenical movement in its twilight? Where is the future of ecumenism?

Today, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania (CASP) defines itself as “a unifying voice in the name of Jesus Christ for the mission of the Gospel and the wholeness of communities.” The Western PA Conference, UMC along with 25 other Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant judicatories across the region continue an ecumenical journey begun 41 years ago. Are we about Faith & Order or Life & Works? Having decided that the governing body of CASP, the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives would function under a consensus model of decision making, we have been most comfortable when we are discussing theological issues or issues of life and practice within our communions. We have been a fellowship of Christians. “Being together in Christ” is primary. Only because we are united in Christ can we “do in Jesus’ name.” Intimacy of relationships has been of supreme importance, and because of those relationships are we able to do some things together. As the Council is in a discernment process about our nature, mission and future, the members, including Bishop Tom Bickerton and Bob Higginbotham remain passionate about building those strong relationships which enable us to witness and serve with a united voice.

That “doing” has been significant. Since cable TV came to Pittsburgh, through four franchise holders, CASP has had a dedicated channel in the city of Pittsburgh. Currently, we have our own production studio at our office, televise two live daily masses and several judicatory produced programs and “Callings” a CASP production telling the stories of individuals, churches and ministries who have answered God’s call to serve Christ’s Church and God’s people. We can reach 650,000 households regionally with Comcast ON DEMAND, and will shortly complete a contract with Verizon for coverage in the city. TV is our “Witness to the Gospel.”

Two decades ago the Council approached the Allegheny County Commissioners offering to pay for a chaplain at the Allegheny County Jail for three years, provided that the Commissioners would assume the cost after that initial period. Today, that

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ecumenical and interfaith chaplaincy represents nearly a \$300,000 investment by the county. That ministry includes 350 volunteers who lead fourteen worship services each weekend, and contribute in excess of 12,000 hours per year in the jail. Our pre- and post-release program, H.O.P.E. has reduced recidivism among our graduates from 65% to 18%. HOPE is now implementing a two year post-release mentoring program funded by the Department of Justice, Second Chance act. Volunteer male mentors are desperately needed! Additionally, CASP has become involved in disaster preparedness and response, hosting the regional VOAD (Volunteers Active in Disasters) and serving as administrator and fiscal agent for several long term recovery efforts. Because Christian leaders and their judicatories are together in Christ they have the trust and credibility to function for the common good of our neighbors. In these ways CASP seeks “the wholeness of communities.”

In conclusion, I don’t believe that ecumenism is optional for any Christian – laity or clergy. While proud of Christian Associates’ heritage and witness, I recognize that the future of our witness and service is dependent upon a new generation of Christians who take seriously our Lord’s High Priestly Prayer, “that all may be one.” Unity after all is not about a “*Kum Ba Yah*” moment among fellow believers, but about the authenticity and integrity of our witness to Christ and his saving work for the wholeness of humanity and all creation.

While I treasure the heritage of CASP, I do believe that the future of the ecumenical journey lies in the grass roots. Ordinary folk, clergy, religious, and laity striving to find the *Shalom* for which our Savior prayed. May the Spirit empower your call as a disciple to persevere in the quest for unity within the Body of Christ, the Church.

Donald B. Green, Executive Director

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

OUR MISSION

Article 12 of the Council’s Constitution and By-Laws sets its mission: “The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is a voluntary association of separate and autonomous Christian churches, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through which its members 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.” This brief annual report illustrates how the Council tried to fulfill its mission in 2010. For additional information, visit www.pachurches.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The former presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Pr. H. George Anderson, once noted that “it is clear that personal relationships between our bishops and leaders of other traditions enabled them to take the lead in ecumenical arrangements of all sorts.” The Council has focused on building and sustaining personal relationships and fellowship among the leaders of its member church bodies by:

- engaging in common prayer and worship at its board meetings,
- encouraging leaders to share stories of their coming to faith and their call to ministry,
- encouraging the sharing of both the opportunities offered by and the concerns of member church bodies around Pennsylvania, and
- hosting an overnight gathering for religious leaders at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

COMMON MINISTRIES OF WITNESS AND SERVICE

WITNESS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: Through its public advocacy ministry, the Council witnessed on behalf of social justice and for the common good. Highlights in 2010 include writing and promoting “God’s Kingdom is for Everyone: Discussing Poverty in a Christian Framework,” a four session study guide exploring poverty and ways Christians can work toward addressing it; advocating for comprehensive health care reform; while the legislation enacted did not address all the concerns deemed significant by the Commission, it continues to educate constituents about the effects of the law; drafting a resolution on Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction for consideration and endorsement by the Council’s Board of Directors at its October 2010 meeting; and raising awareness about regional opportunities and equity issues in Pennsylvania through Building One Pennsylvania and screenings of “The New Metropolis.” Information about these highlights and other activities, including the study guide on poverty, can be found at 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 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. Twenty chaplains served campers in thirty-three state, federal, and private campgrounds.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CHURCH WORKERS: The Council sponsored a three-day continuing education event for clergy and other church workers, the Pennsylvania State Pastors’ Conference. Planned by a committee of representatives from member bodies, the conference featured Shane Clairborne, Eric Law, and a host of workshops on evangelism and stewardship.

Gary L. Harke, Executive Director

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

The Commission on Equitable Compensation meets three to five times each year to set the minimum Base Compensation and to issue grants for Equitable Compensation. In the past few years, the commission has worked hard to refine the application process and form. Several members of the Commission have gone to national training events to best determine how our Commission can meet the needs of the membership of Western PA Conference.

One of the major roles of the Commission is to review carefully each year the application form for Equitable Compensation Grants. Each local church which feels a need for some additional pastoral support may make an application to receive grant money from the Annual Conference to support their local church’s pastor’s salary. Once the application is signed by the District Superintendent and all the necessary supportive documents are received, the application is reviewed by the commission. If the application

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is in order and is approved, a grant is issued not to exceed 30% of the conference minimum Base Cash Compensation. During the past year, ten grants were made for salary support.

Each year the Commission reviews the minimum Base Cash Compensation to see if it adequately meets the needs of those pastors serving in Western Pennsylvania. It then recommends to the Annual Conference an amount to meet this need through a resolution submitted for review by a legislative committee and then brought to the Annual Conference floor.

The Commission also works with the Cabinet and other agencies of the Annual Conference to ensure that each local church is receiving adequate pastoral support and to determine if there is any duplication in the process of ensuring such support.

Edward C. Patterson, Chair

DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

On October 1, 2010 I walked into the office of Director of Connectional Ministries with a new sense of hope and expectation. While I have an understanding of the position and the role of the office, the total scope of the ministry is yet new and unknown.

I was not long in the office when I began to read from the Old Testament history of 1 Kings. It was in that book that I renewed my desire to make room for God in this work and in the work of the Annual Conference.

In that story, the words of David's charge to his son Solomon became a voice to me. "Be Strong, be courageous, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies . . . so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn." In all that we do in ministry and in life, we need to keep God at the advance of our work, so that our ministry will prosper.

The ministry of the Director of Connectional Ministries varies as you move across the connection and denomination. The one common thread is the question that is asked among those who fill the position, "What is your roll in the annual conference?" Leadership, Connection, Training, Preaching, Management, Renewal, Growth, Discipleship, and even Servant are words that describe what a DCM finds in the portfolio.

While that might be vague, the *Discipline* offers some direction and understanding of the scope of ministry and if you count the number of primary responsibilities, you might find the roll very easy to fulfill.

The first function of the ministry is "to serve as the steward of the vision of the Annual Conference, including the development, clarification, and interpretation and embodiment of this vision." Our vision in the annual conference has yet to be reached. Living out of where we are and moving toward where God would have us go is not an easy task. Our vision to ignite and sustain a passionate spiritual Connection with Christ among all people in Western Pennsylvania has yet to be achieved. Helping to make that vision a reality and serve Christ together is a mighty challenge.

Directors of Connectional Ministries also serve as leaders for a continuous process of transformation and renewal as we seek to be faithful to our Christian call in a changing world. We have all read books and articles that declare the change of our world

is making it harder to fulfill our mission. Yet, the needs of those who are broken in a hurting world are greater now than they have ever been and it is the church that can share the message of Christ and spread the message of salvation. Renewal, redevelopment, vitality and growth must be a foundational piece of our work together.

It is difficult to align the resources of the annual conference to its vision. The annual conference is often accused of being interested in only one thing, and that is the local church finances. However, as the Annual Conference seeks to share the resources of the whole body, human resources of our clergy and laity and even our churches continue to be the strongest resources that we have. We continuously seek to develop opportunities for sharing those resources and strengthening them through training and developing leadership throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Finally, the Connectional Ministries work to connect everyone within the boundaries of the Annual Conference. Scripture reminds us of our connection as a body, “indeed the body does not consist of one member but of many.” Our ministries are not individual, but connectional. When the ministries of the Johnstown Area thrive, it can give hope to those in Erie. Likewise, when those in Kane suffer, the body of Christ in the farthest reaches of Southwest PA suffer as well. Our connection makes us whole, our connection draws us closer to Christ. “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” (1 Corinthians 12 selected verses)

Our work as a connection is difficult, but there is hope! As I have been saying throughout Western Pennsylvania since I began this ministry, “God is not done with The United Methodist Church!” Our Wesleyan Heritage and our theology offers grace and a pathway to salvation. Our faith is strong, yet we need to seek new ways of sharing the very simple and life giving message.

I thank God for our ministry and look forward to the opportunities to make connection with you in the local church as your Director of Connectional Ministries. On behalf of your Conference Staff, we thank you for the ways in which you are sharing the message of Christ in a broken and hurting world.

“Be Strong, be courageous, and keep the charge of the Lord your God . . . so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.” 1 Kings 2:2a-3.

Gregory D. Cox, Director of Connectional Ministries

DIRECTIONAL OVERSIGHT TEAM

The Directional Oversight Team is given several responsibilities, which we have faithfully sought to fulfill. One of the responsibilities is to track and follow-up the legislation and actions that were passed at the annual conference session. After reviewing the work of the 2010 Annual Conference from the information provided from the implementing agencies, we are pleased to report that our legislation of the 2010 Annual Conference either has been implemented or is in process of implementation according to the directions of the legislation. The Directional Oversight Team has faithfully sought to fulfill the ways in which we might fulfill a second responsibility to oversee the implementation of the Five Areas of Focus and the embodiment of the Vision, Mission and Core Value into the life of our Annual Conference. We have had vital and vibrant conversation as we seek to have a “balcony view” of the work of our Annual Conference and its agencies. Finally, we have made prayerful recommendations to our Conference

Connectional Network in regard to requests of funds according to Conference Rules 3.3.14.3.a.b.

Michelle L. Wobrak, Chair

RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY CAPITAL SENTENCING

In August 2003 Governor Rendell appointed the Secretary of the Conference Witness Team as co-chair of the Pennsylvania Committee for the Analysis and Reform of Our Criminal System. The Conference adopted the Committee's Final Report pennsylvaniainnocencecommission.com at the 2008 Annual Conference as "RS 102 Prison Reform". Provision L of the Resolution called for adoption of the Racial Justice Act. Rep. Rob Matzie (D Ambridge) introduced this act in January 2009 as HB 1996.

On March 15, 2010 the author approached the members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus to co-sponsor the Bill, and got positive guidance toward the Bill's endorsement from the President of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association. On May 15, 2010 the Three Rivers Community Foundation endorsed the Racial Justice Act as one of their priorities for social reform. On May 23, 2010 the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus endorsed the Racial Justice Act as a legislative priority. On June 18, 2010 Sen. Stuart Greenleaf and Marc Mauer, Executive Director of Sentencing Project each spoke to the Pennsylvania Prison Society Conference regarding the importance of the Racial Justice Act and the experience of the states which had already adopted it.

Also on June 18, 2010 this Annual Conference adopted "RS 101 Racially Discriminatory Capital Sentencing". The author marched on Harrisburg, armed with this command for witnessing, and 250 individual letters from laity and clergy from across this Conference.

That Resolution, its endorsing letters, and written testimony he gathered from: Dr. Davis Baldus of the University of Iowa College of Law; Raina Kelley; Dr. Gennaro F. Vito of Northern Kentucky University; President Carolyn B. Lamm of the American Bar Association; Ronald J. Tabak of the American Bar Association; Dr. Micheal J. Zydney Mannheimer of the Solomon P. Chase College of Law; Marc Mauer, Executive Director of The Sentencing Project; and Dahlia Lithwick and other faith organizations. These were bound and provided to Rep. Ronald Waters, Chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, on June 28, 2010. Packets were also provided to each member of the Black Caucus, the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and the President of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

Inspired by this packet, the House Judiciary Committee held an informational hearing on it on July 19, 2010. The author testified from the packet he had assembled. His testimony was followed with a power point presentation by Rob Dunham, Defender Association of Philadelphia; William DiMascio, Chair of the Pennsylvania Prison Society; and Jeremy J. Collins, Director of the North Carolina Coalition for a Moratorium. Written testimony was also provided by the Jewish Social Policy Action Network and the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee; Christina Swarms, Director, Criminal Justice Project, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.; Dave Kenyon, Director, Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; and Andy Hoover, Legislative Director, ACLU of Pennsylvania.

On November 4, 2010 Rep. Waters, and David Dieter, Chairman of the Death Penalty Information Center, addressed the Legislative Initiative Against the Death Penalty supporting the Racial Justice Act.

The House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to hear HB 1996 in 2011.

Roger Thomas

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

“So then, everyone ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2.

The WPA Board of Discipleship is privileged to represent the faithful servants of Christ throughout our conference churches and communities. The board accepts our responsibilities humbly but with a sense of purpose and passion. It is with an understanding of the trust that Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 that we, on the board, respect the call to and the process of discipleship.

In 2010, the board attained our short-term goals and used our funding through the yearly budget in worthwhile ways that reached beyond one specific endeavor. Because of the Board of Discipleship, people represented Western Pennsylvania at the following national training events: “Children’s Ministry” and “Making Disciples: Disciple Bible Study and Other Curriculum Orientation”. A group of dedicated individuals participated in an excellent training event in western Ohio entitled, “The Church and Autism”. Two Christian Education events were held at the conference center for leaders and teachers in Western Pennsylvania. Both “After School Ministry” and “Management Insights for Changing Times” were well received.

The Board of Discipleship enthusiastically supported the invitation to Bishop Robert Schnase to speak to the leaders of our conference churches on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.” Planning was initiated in 2010 for this event. The board provided funding for eighty \$100 scholarships as financial encouragement to those wanting to avail themselves of this opportunity. These scholarships were also well received.

A newly formed Children’s Ministry Team met to formulate a vision and mission statement. This team reviewed, and ultimately, appreciated the past work of many faithful leaders in the comprehensive areas of children’s ministry. The Board of Discipleship is committed to encouraging the Children’s Ministry Team as they advocate for children and families in Western Pennsylvania.

Prayer, faith-sharing and discernment are important elements in each of our board meetings. We seek to be faithful to Christ. We pray that our churches will have confidence in our leadership. We value each community of faith throughout our conference and realize that authentic ministry is achieved at the local level. Trust, for you know the secrets of God, and be faithful.

Mary Lou Lazear, Chair

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Western PA Conference is involved in mission throughout our conference and in various locations around the world. Communicating their mission stories so that they are heard in local churches is one our greatest challenges.

Conference relationship ministries with Russia, Eastern Germany, Nicaragua, and Latin America Encounter remain strong. Through VIM trips which demonstrate our love for God and each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, they continue to strengthen our connection with the church in each of the respective countries.

Volunteer in Mission (VIM) trips, both national and international, continue to be a way that many in our local churches put their faith into action. Coordinated by conference leaders or local churches, Diane Miller, Director of Volunteers in Mission, is able to provide information on how you can become a member of one of these teams. Contact her through the Conference Center.

UMCOR Kits are gathered year round at the Mission Barn in Eastbrook, PA, certified there by volunteers so they are ready to be transported to a disaster site if needed or a distribution center as directed.

Legislation was submitted to Annual Conference and approved, to replace the special offering “Keeping the Doors Open” with “Doorways to Hope at Home” to provide additional support for the six regional ministries established in 2009. (Center for Hope in Ambridge, Connellsville Area Community Ministries, Erie UM Alliance, UM Human Services in Johnstown, Northside Ministries in Pittsburgh, and Prison Outreach Ministry).

Limited funding, because of budget cuts, made deciding Mission Support grants that support mission ministries within Western PA Conference especially difficult. But more difficult was the effect of reduced support for mission agencies at a time when their ministries are greatly needed.

In Isaiah 49:6, God says: “I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. “ Let us be faithful to God’s mission through our prayers, our participation, and giving of our financial resources.

Carole Smith, Global Ministries Chair

EAST 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 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 then 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.

Many local church-to-church partnerships continue their work as well, and we count their numerous 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. Within the last year, an exchange visit strengthened ties between Homestead Park UMC and the church of German partnership chair Werner Philipp of Dresden; and a began between the churches at Rodewisch , Germany, and Homer City UMC.

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 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.

2010 saw brief exchange visits with Werner Philipp during his visits to the US in connectional and educational events. A joint VIM from Western PA and eastern Germany traveled to Barahona, Dominican Republic, to work with Haitian refugees there. During the 2-week mission in October the team conducted food distribution, shelter-building, and Christian teaching/nurture ministries to the Haitians, aided by local Dominican Methodist Christians. The committee also laid groundwork for participation by youth and adults in a German church camp event where English lessons and Christian witness are offered to Eastern German youth, and a return visit from the German children's choir to Western PA churches.

For information on these projects, or other ways you may be more involved in our partnership's work, inquire of chair 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, Erin Eidenshink, Mary Garber, Grace Killian, and Duane and Muriel Slade.

Joseph R. Stains, Chair

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

2010 was a year of great challenge and mixed blessings, as we are sure it was for many who want to serve the Lord. When our portion of what was budgeted to support our goal to this United Methodist initiative was totaled, it was significantly less than the amount set. But it would be better to focus on what was accomplished. The Latin American and Caribbean churches that march under the Methodist banner and represent many of the greatest increases in membership, received another \$2,000 from us. The permanent fund for Encounter #025100 continues to foster ministries of health care, evangelism, pastoral training, and ministries to women, children, and youth in Latin America.

Mission projects continued from our Conference to Latin America and the Caribbean. Our ministries with Paraguay, our Paraguayan relationship for Encounter, included the offering of classes and seminars at the Methodist Seminary at Ñimbue. The principle Old Testament seminar, "Finding Christ in the Old Testament" was dedicated in honor of Mary Rishel of St. Paul's UM Church and was presented in English also at Olmsted Manor in December. We also offered a foundation in Old Testament Hebrew and reorganized the seminary library. That, plus continued involvement in reopening the Korean Hospital, amounted to a substantial year of involvement.

Our contacts with Nicaragua have been substantially renewed due to the efforts of Richard Schall, who consented to this responsibility earlier this year. His mission team has contacted virtually all of the sites of past involvement and, together with Richard Mrocza, has firmed up our contacts with the Methodist Conference of Nicaragua.

Members of the Encounter Committee have been involved in UVMIM disaster relief projects in Chile and especially Haiti. Notably, Jim Bickford has received the training required to lead teams to Haiti, and gave notable leadership to teams this year.

Finally, the year closed with many efforts to organize and fund the mission to build a Methodist Church in Malambo, Colombia, scheduled to take place in March 2011.

David Stains, Liaison

RUSSIA INITIATIVE

Russian orphan adoption project

This has been a highly successful project, so much so that it concluded this year. In a country where international adoption, even to the U.S., has been culturally and politically controversial, we had to find a better way. Having visited dozens of orphanages and foster centers in previous visits, Richard and Mary Schall learned that the major obstacle to having Russians adopting their own children was obtaining government certification of their homes. This usually required some form of renovation to meet requirements. The Schalls created a Conference Advance Special and used these funds to provide renovation grants. Part of the ribbon cutting ceremonies included presenting a Bible in Russian language to the family. Hundreds of children were adopted in Komi the last three years using the Schall model. This was a program partnership between the Russian Peace Foundation, the Komi government, and the Western PA Conference Russia Initiative. The Komi government has adopted and taken over leadership of this model. The program has been one of the success stories of U.M. mission: meeting the need in a way that creates self-sufficiency and prevents long term dependency on American leadership and funds. For information contact Richard and Mary Schall.

Teaching Exchange

Our teaching exchange has been between our Conference and the Pedagogical Institute, located in Komi's capital city, Syktyvkar. Each year we send two teachers on a three week exchange. It is preferred that our Conference personnel have at minimum a master's, and very preferably, a doctorate. Ease of knowledge regarding English language structure including diagramming is expected. On hold the last two years while we evaluated changing cultural and economic conditions, it is currently nearing start-up mode. If you are interested contact Dennis Henly.

Embassy of Love UMC, Syktyvkar, Komi

Our only UMC in this Republic, our Conference is their official partner in a Conference to Conference relationship. The Nixon UMC of the Butler District and Waynesburg First of Washington District sponsor much of the partnership costs of being fiscal partners. There is room for a third church to help sponsor this international partnership. This provides the life blood for this fledgling church of forty members, many of whom are students and young adults. Olga and Pavel Shishkin are the pastors. Olga first visited in our Conference in March 2006, returning again in March 2011. They were among the first four year students to graduate from our seminary in Moscow. The church conducts summer VBS's in their region with funds supplied from VBS offerings taken by the Nixon UMC.

Embassy of Love has become a model of Disciple making in the Russian church. Several of its youth members have become certified lay speakers and pastors. Pavel is now chair of the District Committee on Ministries.

In 2009 this church burned, a total loss. Like nearly all Russian structures, there was no insurance. November 2009 a Conference team of John Flower and Susan Sandford of Ligonier's Heritage UMC and Elsie Gingerichof Warren's stayed with the Embassy congregation, delivering \$60,000 of funds donated by Conference churches. This, along with funds from Russian donations, permitted a 2010 reconstruction of the church. Embassy has written to say that they are still in need of an estimated \$24,000 to finish the reconstruction. In most years we send two teams in partnership with Embassy. If you or your church would like information on becoming a sponsoring partner, and perhaps traveling with us, please contact the chair or any member of the Board.

John Flower, Chair

HEALTH AS WHOLENESS

The mission of the Health As Wholeness Team is to provide leadership, connections, and resources that will assist the people of Western Pennsylvania in living lives that are wholistically healthy---in body, mind, and spirit. This will enable them to more effectively fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

During 2010 – 2011, the Health As Wholeness (HAW) Team used the Mission Share monies as follows:

- Joy Conti and Barbara Lewis provided a health ministry training session for Grace UMC in Indiana as well as health ministry presentations/display/resources at the EM

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District Charge Conferences. Reimbursement was made for the travel expenses as well as for HAW district planning, consultation and evaluation meetings.

- Purchased and distributed ten Seasons of Wholeness booklets and CD's, a publication that provides monthly themes and programming for Faith Community Ministry, to each of the District offices. This tool provides a newsletter article, a bulletin notice for each week of the month as well as programming, educational, and service suggestions for 24 months. It is our hope that each district will include this monthly information in their newsletters, and that congregations will also use them in their bulletins and newsletters. With these publications available to them, it is also the hope of the team that pastors and church councils will decide that use of the monthly information would be a relatively simple and easily-accessible way for them to encourage the wholistic health of those attending their congregations.
- Additional materials and resources were purchased for the Kane District which has its own District Health Ministry Coordinator. This parish nurse has provided bimonthly, wholistic health information to the District newsletter, offered health ministry/parish nursing consultancy services, and initiated a congregational assessment survey on health ministry activities within the District. We would like to be able to find a person for this volunteer position within each district.

Barbara Lewis, Health As Wholeness Team

AFRICA UNIVERSITY

Africa University: Serving God. All the Time. Everywhere.

Support from United Methodists around the world has enabled Africa University to strongly emerge from Zimbabwe's recent economic and political crises.

"As we have endured Zimbabwe's national crisis, we have, indeed discovered not only what we are, but reinforced whose we are," says Dr. Fanuel Tagwira, vice chancellor. "We are preparing Africa's newest generation of leaders while proclaiming our faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ."

The University is preparing to celebrate its 20th anniversary of ministry and service to Africa in 2012.

The University offers its thanks to the 21 annual conferences that met 100 percent of their apportionments for the Africa University Fund. In 2010, United Methodists contributed nearly \$2.2 million to the Africa University Fund. That represents more than 86 percent of the \$2.5 million goal. The Fund supports general operating costs, such as faculty and staff salaries and upkeep of facilities.

While meeting apportionments is important, second mile giving to the University's endowment for student scholarships is vital. Our students have a great need for scholarship support.

Africa University graduated 349 students in June 2010, and opened the 2010-2011 school year with 1,200 students representing 25 African countries. Since opening in 1992, more than 3,500 students have earned bachelor and master's degrees. Africa University prepares leaders in theology, agriculture, business and social sciences, health sciences, and peace and justice.

Africa University's curriculum and support of the surrounding community reflects our biblical commitment to service and our Wesleyan heritage. Our graduates are prepared to serve Africa in ways that reflect the church's four areas of focus, ministering

to the poor, combating diseases of poverty, creating and revitalizing congregations, and developing principled Christian leaders.

The 2010 graduating class included 39 recipients of the University's inaugural Master's Degree in intellectual property. They represented 15 African countries. Africa University is the first university in sub-Saharan Africa to offer this degree. It stresses the value of protecting intellectual property for the people of Africa. It is one more example of the ethos of the University – preparing leaders who remain in Africa to serve Africa.

Another important aspect of the University is our commitment to gender diversity. Our student body is nearly evenly divided between females and males. That is a significant development in Africa – a positive sign for the expanding role of women across the continent.

Another positive sign is the commitment of African United Methodists to take an even more active role in supporting the University. African bishops broke ground in the 2010-2011 academic year on a new housing facility for staff – funded by annual conferences in Africa. This housing unit is expected to be ready for the opening of the 2011-2012 academic year in September.

Africa University is preparing to add additional cyber campuses. Student applications far outstrip our ability to educate students on our Old Mutare campus. That is why we are adding more locations to our on-line cyber courses. Our first virtual campus is located in Maputo, Mozambique. As we broaden our service to all of Africa, we are planning virtual campuses in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone. A key to the success of these cyber campuses will be our new, expanded ability to reach the world through the Internet. We recently finished connecting with a new high speed, fiber optic cable system that links Zimbabwe with the world.

All of this is happening through the prayers and financial support of United Methodists around the world. Encourage your church to meet its Africa University Fund shared ministry obligation this year. Your support is part of The United Methodist Church's response to God's call to serve Africa. Your support helps to prepare Africa's next generation of leaders. They will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, improve health care and living conditions, expand business and commerce, and educate another generation of leaders in this rapidly changing region of the world.

James H. Salley, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Allegheny College is surviving the economic downturn with healthy enrollment, and religious life is flourishing as well, with active fellowship groups for Christian, Jewish, and Muslim students. Allegheny admitted 600 new students in the fall semester and moved to having 92% of students living on campus, with the completion of its North Village II dormitory that added 230 beds.

The College is in the process of implementing its most recent strategic plan, Combinations 2020, which takes as its goal to continue our tradition of excellence, access, and engagement by preparing young adults to thrive as citizens of a diverse, interconnected world. As we approach our bicentennial in 2015, we also seek to ensure that exceptional young women and men will be able to attend Allegheny, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

In the fall 2010 the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life completed a self-study to examine how we are performing our ministry function and consider how our work might change in light of the College's strategic plan. The self-study concluded with two days of campus conversations facilitated by Peter Laurence of the Education as Transformation project at Wellesley College; Dave Roncolato, Director of Community Service at Allegheny; and Alice Deckert, Associate Professor of Chemistry. The review affirmed the ministry that is done by the following staff members: Jane Ellen Nickell, College Chaplain, Marc Solomon, Catholic Campus Minister, Rachel Dingman, Hillel Advisor, Mollie Little, Allegheny Christian Outreach Advisor, Brenda Armstrong, Religious Life Assistant. The review also suggested ways that the Office can support the College's Strategic Plan and expand its multi-faith ministries, while maintaining strong programs for Christian students.

Those programs include weekly Protestant chapel services and Catholic Mass, which are held every Sunday when classes are in session, and 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 Easter 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, and students organize service projects, a mission trip to Jamaica, and retreats. Almost 40 students attended the Jubilee conference in Pittsburgh, sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach in February. Students sponsored two Christian rock concerts on campus, as an outreach to the campus and local communities.

One of these concerts was part of Faith Week, an annual week of programs by the Interfaith Fellowship to increase awareness of religious life and groups on campus. This year's theme was Building Bridges and featured a lunch discussion, a dinner discussion on the three Abrahamic religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam), a Jewish Sabbath service and dinner sponsored by the Jewish group Hillel, and a mini music festival followed by a Christian concert by the Clayton Jones Band and Shine Bright Baby.

During the 2010-11 academic year, the College observed the year of Global Citizenship, bringing speakers and artists to campus to enlarge our understanding and awareness of what it means to be citizens in an increasingly globalized world. As part of this observance, the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life presented poet and writer Rodger Kamenetz, who spoke about his encounter with the Dalai Lama. His February 23 lecture, "What I Learned About Judaism from the Dalai Lama: Spiritual Ecology and the Endangered Species of Religion," was attended by Allegheny students, area residents, and students from surrounding colleges.

Allegheny has also served as national headquarters for the Imagine No Malaria Collegiate Challenge. The student group Advocating Global Health and Development (AGHD) has taken the lead in promoting the initiative on campus, and plans to bring filmmaker Bobby Bailey to campus in conjunction with a viewing of his film *When Night Comes*.

While there is not a United Methodist student group, UM students are active in the Imagine No Malaria efforts through AGHD, and in the various Christian groups on

campus. The College Chaplain maintains contact with the Western PA Conference through her involvement with Conference committees on Extension Ministry, Clergy Continuing Education and Formation, Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and Archives and History. 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

BOSTON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Greetings from Boston University School of Theology, one of your United Methodist partners in mission! We thank you for your prayerful support of us through the past year, and will share some new developments in our School.

News flashes from the School!

- *New Faculty:* We welcomed three new faculty this year and they are already contributing mightily to the life of STH. Walter Fluker is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership. He teaches exciting courses, consults with international organizations on ethical leadership, and leads the Howard Thurman Papers Project, now based at STH. Christopher Evans is Professor of the History of Christianity and Methodist Studies. He brings expertise in American Christianity and the history and theology of Wesleyan traditions. Besides, he is a great teacher. Courtney Goto is Assistant Professor of Religious Education, reviving the STH program in educational ministry with her distinctive interest in teaching and the arts. She has recently studied the artful ministry of her Japanese-American UMC congregation, especially its sanctuary art, worship, and Japanese garden.
- *New Curriculum:* The new curriculum – “Faith Engaging the World” – has arrived, and we are discovering the potential of this curriculum to prepare spiritually-centered, prophetic, intelligent, practical religious leaders who can contribute to renewing and transforming the church and the world. Not only are M.Div. and M.T.S. students benefitting from the new curriculum, but we have also launched our new one-year Master of Sacred Theology program for military chaplains, responding to their increasing needs to address issues of ethics, trauma, and conflict transformation.
- *Church Connections:* United Methodist Women will read two books authored or co-authored by our faculty in the UMW Mission Studies this summer: Dana Robert’s *Joy to the World!: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity* and Stephanie Hixon and Tom Porter’s *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*. In addition, Bryan Stone and his students continue to initiate and support new church starts; several of our faculty and students have spoken or consulted with church boards and agencies; and our graduates are giving strong leadership in their home churches and conferences.
- *Global Connections:* Travel seminars have studied this year in Ephesus (modern Turkey) and Russia, and the School has collaborated with people in Korea, China, South Africa, Norway, and Australia. Thomas Thangaraj has been Visiting Professor in Global Christianity and Mission, teaching courses in *Images of Christ* and *Christian Encounters with Hinduism*. Professor Dana Robert, Truman Collins Professor of World Christianity and Mission, delivered the opening keynote address

in the 100th anniversary of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference and in the opening convocation of the 2010 Boston Conference: The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity. Ted Karpf, recently of the World Health Organization, has joined our team as Director of Development. He is already building new global connections that will challenge and stretch us!

- *Contextual Engagement:* The School received a grant of \$200,000 to support its LINC program – Learning in a Nexus of Communities. We continue to build partnerships with local churches and service agencies, as we contextualize theological education at STH. We are grateful to the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations for supporting these efforts.
- *Community Building:* Community life is buzzing with dynamic weekly worship, followed by a community meal, and with daily morning prayer. We have expanded our efforts to strengthen community and spiritual life with the addition of a Spiritual Life Coordinator, Robin Olson, and the addition of a Coordinator of Communications and International Student Life, Philippa Mpunzwana.
- *Sustainability Charge:* We have charged ourselves to build toward greater sustainability, having implemented energy conserving practices, designed a green community center for our basement, and launched an intentional living community for some of our students in the “Green House.”

We are abundantly grateful for our BU graduates and friends in your conference, and also for our church partners throughout the United Methodist connection. We continue to pray for you and we welcome your prayers for us. We are in this ministry together!

Mary Elizabeth Moore, Dean, Boston University School of Theology

CHANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Candler School of Theology prepares real people to make a real difference in the real world. Our distinctive 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 of evangelical piety, ecumenical openness, and social concern. As a school located in the major metropolitan area of Atlanta, Candler offers students a learning laboratory 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’s student body continues to reflect the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful. Our enrollment stands at 469, with 358 seeking the Master of Divinity, 67 the Master of Theological Studies, 16 the Master of Theology, 14 the Doctor of Theology, and 14 enrolled as Special, Non-Degree students. The total student population is 25% US ethnic minority, 9% international, and 52% women. Forty-six denominations are represented, with 52% of M.Div. students being United Methodist. The median age of our entering class of M.Div. students is 26, with 57% of total enrollment under thirty.

To ensure that our students are prepared for leadership in an increasingly global context, Candler continues to emphasize internationalizing the curriculum. This year, Candler has academic exchange partnerships with theology schools across five continents and nine countries, including many related to The United Methodist Church. Travel seminars in 2010-2011 include the Middle East Travel Seminar in May-June and World Methodist Evangelism Institute evangelism seminars to the Philippines, India, and Colombia.

A hallmark of the Candler M.Div. experience, the two-year Contextual Education program shapes our students' pastoral identities by interweaving service at ministry sites and churches with academic analysis in the classroom and spiritual reflection in pastor-led small groups. In any given week, Candler deploys more than 250 Continuing Education students throughout the region to minister to people in congregations, hospitals, and social service agencies.

Candler's Lifelong Learning events strengthen the church by providing opportunities for clergy and lay leaders to learn more about the practice of ministry. In addition to our Lifelong Learning events, Candler oversees the educational process of more than 900 people each year through the Course of Study regional school and our five extension schools in the Southeast.

Despite today's challenging economic climate, Candler remains committed to making theological education financially possible for our students. Although our operating budget essentially remained flat this year, we increased our total financial aid investment to over \$5 million. Eighty-three percent of eligible students received Candler-based financial aid, with the average award covering 76 percent of tuition.

Candler draws considerable vitality 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 strengthen this essential ministry in the life of our denomination. We invite you to visit us in person in Atlanta or online at www.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

DREW UNIVERSITY THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

My predecessor, Dean Maxine Beach, has said me that Drew University Theological School is "a special place" on more than one occasion. Since coming to Drew, I have begun to see how right she is. It is a welcoming, hospitable, and caring community. We do not pretend to be a perfect community but we strive hard to welcome all who come through our doors and care for the *shalom*, the well-being, of each individual and as well as the Common Good.

Drew is "a special place" because of the many ways we seek to equip and empower leaders for Christian ministry through the numerous programs we offer:

- M.Div., S.T.M., M.A., M.A.Min., D.Min., and Ph D.;
- Continuing Education opportunities for pastors and lay people;
- Internships through Communities of *Shalom* in *Shalom* zones world wide
- Partnership for Religious Education in Prisons program in a local men's prison and women's prison, where Drew students and inmates study and learn together;

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- Certification in Spiritual Formation and Camp and Retreat;
- Cross-Cultural Courses in India, Turkey, El Salvador, Mexico, Taize, and Ghana;
- United Methodist Liaison and Deacon Liaison to assist students in their discernment.

In my first weeks, I have begun to visit churches and alumni in the vicinity. I believe very strongly that we can only do theological education with communities, both communities of faith and other kinds of communities that our alumni serve. In many ways, we owe a debt to our churches and other agencies that work with us to train and form our students for leadership.

We take pride in having a faculty that is perhaps one of the most diverse in theological education with an almost equal number of women and men. Our student body is equally diverse. We take seriously our United Methodist identity. Drew is well positioned to be a leading progressive United Methodist seminary. I welcome ongoing dialogue as we work together to shape a vision in equipping the saints for ministry. Together we can make Christian disciples that transform the world.

Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Dean and Professor of Hebrew Bible

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“Spirit led: Renewing the Church!”

United has one goal: to train dynamic leaders for the ministry of Jesus Christ. As you consider whether God is calling you or someone you know into ministry, we invite you to explore the opportunities at United!

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At United, we are committed to following the Spirit’s lead in renewing the Church for the mission of Jesus Christ in the world!

Enrollment at United is growing steadily and we invite you to call, visit or sign up for a class or program that meets your needs!

For more information, contact admissions@united.edu.

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

Wendy J. Deichmann, President

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Last conference year saw extraordinary growth and changes at Wesley Seminary. We had the largest and youngest entering class in our history. The dynamic weekly worship on campus has been enhanced by our newly refurbished and fully accessible Oxnam Memorial Chapel. We have a new dean in Amy Oden, a United Methodist. Oden came from her position as Professor of Church History to lead the Seminary in our transition from Bruce Birch's retirement. Her gifts for shaping our vision and modeling leadership mark her as an obvious choice to continue in that position. Watch for announcements of a campus celebration of her appointment.

We welcomed Drew Dyson to the James C. Logan Chair in Evangelism. Professor Dyson is shaping new efforts to prepare students for ministry with youth and young adults. Drew is an ordained United Methodist pastor who served churches and worked for the General Board of Discipleship before pursuing his Ph.D. Also new to the faculty is Sam Marullo, Director of Research on Missional Communities and Professor of Sociology. Marullo is a Deacon in The UMC. He comes to Wesley having chaired the Department of Sociology at Georgetown University while completing a Master of Divinity at Wesley. Marullo will be directing the Center for Missional Church from the Mount Vernon Square – our new downtown location.

We have dramatically revised the Course of Study School at Wesley, renewing the curriculum and making it easier for pastors to complete the course with alternative scheduling options. A Resource for Church Leaders – The Lewis Center for Church Leadership continues to provide groundbreaking research and resources for church leaders. Their free online newsletter, Leading Ideas, is our gift to you and your congregation's leaders with ideas you can use immediately. Find out more at www.churchleadership.com.

Two books on ministry were produced. Lovett Weems co-authored with Tom Berlin, pastor of Floris UMC, *Bearing Fruit: Ministry With Results*, which gives ministry leaders tools to assess fruitfulness in their ministry. Michael Koppel and Denise Dombkowski Hopkins co-authored *Grounded in the Living Word: The Old Testament and Pastoral Care Practices*, which explores the connection between pastoral care and biblical interpretation.

We unveiled a mammoth and unique resource for global theological education in The UMC. Prepared by the Wesley Ministry Network, in cooperation with theological educators in the Central Conferences, the Wesleyan Studies Project is three DVD courses, structured as 12-lesson courses on Methodist History, Methodist Doctrine and Methodist Evangelism with video sessions by more than 50 scholars from 11 countries. They can be ordered at www.wesleyministrynetwork.com.

God's call is bold. Your seminary should be too.

Meet us at www.wesleyseminary.edu.

David McAllister-Wilson, President

CONFERENCE CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE

Last Annual Conference the Conference Corporations Committee provided some background to you for a resolution that was about our forging a new relationship together. We used the Old Testament image of Abraham's and Lot's going their separate

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way because their possessions were so great that they could not live together. [Genesis 13:5].

We shared the background history of the three homes: Arbutus Park, located in Johnstown, PA, was incorporated in 1966; Wesbury, located in Meadville, was first incorporated in 1926; and United Methodist Services for the Aging [UMSA] in 1908. Each was established as Corporations whose membership was the same membership as that of the Annual Conference(s). An Annual Corporate meeting was held for the election of the Board(s) of Directors and for the adoption of new By-Laws and amendments to the existing By-Laws.

We concluded that the facts show the three Homes, which the Annual Conference began, have grown to be respected institutions who are financially independent of the Annual Conference; that each of the Homes now rival or exceed the Annual Conference in financial strength and that the Annual Conference is no longer a fundamental source of financial support for any of the Homes.

The Annual Conference, meeting in June 2010, adopted the following work for the Corporations Committee to accomplish before Annual Conference 2011. [2010 *Journal*, page 247]

1. That the Corporations Committee be empowered to investigate possible new relationships for the benefit of the Annual Conference and the Homes.
2. That the Corporations Committee be empowered to seek agreement among the Homes as to the essentials of this new relationship, individually and collectively.
3. That the modifications to the Conference By-Laws be investigated by the Conference Chancellor.
4. That the modifications to the Homes' By-Laws and corporate structure be investigated, with each Home engaging its own counsel.
5. That the Corporations Committee oversees this work to the best possible conclusion.
6. That the Corporation Committee and the collective bodies report back to the Annual Conference in 2011.

Our Committee has worked hard during this past year. We met on August 17, 2010 at Asbury Heights, where we were extended marvelous hospitality. We shared centering prayer and spent a time getting to know one another as we had not met as a whole body for some time. The next three hours were devoted to providing background, sharing concerns, and visioning for the future the possible shape of an ongoing relationship between the Homes and the Annual Conference, and its individual churches, so that the Conference could still be involved in ministry and service to the aging.

We then began setting goals, dividing up tasks and setting the next meeting for October 19 at the Conference Center. The Corporations all agreed to provide their annual audits and a copy of their By-Laws at the October meeting, and to have some dialogue with their individual Boards regarding our discussions.

Also prior to the October meeting, information was gathered from the North Carolina Conference and the Great Rivers Conference in Illinois regarding relationships and structures similar to what we had discussed at the August meeting.

At the October meeting we began to form a Statement of Relationship document between the Annual Conference and each of the three Homes. It was important to the Committee that this relationship continue a religious heritage with the Corporations while limiting the formal oversight of the Corporations. We also discussed what By-Law

changes might be required. We want to thank Bishop Thomas Bickerton for giving us his encouragement and his bringing meaningful dialogue to the discussion. We also want to thank Pat Morris for her gracious hospitality at the Center for this meeting.

Goals were set and tasks to be accomplished before Annual Conference were assigned in the afternoon. Glenn Kohlhepp was asked to draft the Statement of Relationship from our conversations and ideas shared at the meeting. We suggested the three Corporations have each respective Board work on the necessary By-Law changes that would accompany the Statement of Relationship. We sought God's guidance and direction at all times in our conversation and in the forging of our new relationship.

The Statement of Relationship was drafted and amended and edited through emails and telephone conversations between the members of the Committee. Each Home also worked on their necessary By-Law changes. Each of the Homes sent these documents to Chancellor Amy Bentz for her review and suggestions. They have also been reviewed by all the members of the committee. Chancellor Amy Bentz, each member of the committee and Bishop Bickerton have reviewed each document and made their suggestions to the drafts and final forms. Many helpful suggestions by all have gone into the forging of these documents that are now being presented to you. The final documents are in the Pre-Conference Reports from each of the Homes for your consideration.

Audits have been completed by all the Corporations and reviewed by the Committee. As Chair of this Committee, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Committee for their careful work, for their spirit-led discussions, and their sincere and friendly dialogue.

Glenn Kohlhepp, Chair

ARBUTUS PARK

The blessings of our Lord continued for Arbutus Park Retirement Community during 2010 as we furthered our mission of providing comfort and care to the 350 or so of independent living, personal care, and nursing residents on our campus. Through the dedication and hard work of our 280 employees we maintained an average occupancy level of 97% and provided over \$400,000 in Benevolent Care to those who have exhausted their finances while in our care.

During the summer we started and completed an excavation/expansion project that added twelve much needed parking spaces to our community parking area. Fortunately, this capital improvement venture was funded through our operating accounts.

In December 2010, Arbutus Park satisfied a 40 year mortgage obligation on the Arbutus Park Apartments. This was an \$800,000 mortgage taken out back in 1970 for the construction of two 30 unit apartment buildings that have housed low-income elderly residents over the years. Paying off this mortgage was a blessing to us all and will certainly help us in our other financial commitments throughout the campus.

The Gertrude B. Doerr Foundation has been a faithful supporter of Arbutus Park Manor for many years. During the last year the Foundation once again showed its Christ-like love for our community by funding a capital fire suppression project in our apartment buildings. It was necessary to bring both apartment buildings up to fire code and the

Doerr Foundation's generosity prevented us from taking out a large mortgage in order to make the required improvements.

Our Board of Directors expresses its gratitude to our Ladies Auxiliary, and to the many faithful volunteers, who help us continue our Christian commitment and devotion to those who come to make Arbutus Park Retirement Community their Home.

Richard W. Wilson, Administrator

UNITED METHODIST SERVICES FOR THE AGING

Since 1908, Asbury has been offering care and accommodations to the region's older adults. Now a campus of continuing care with independent living, personal care, nursing care and special memory support, almost 500 residents make Asbury their home. There are over 480 employees who care for these individuals, along with a group of over 250 people who volunteer their time and talents. Scientific evaluation and medical education take place alongside the delivery of high-quality and compassionate care.

Work continued in 2010 with a Board Vision and Strategic Marketing Committee. A Positioning Statement has been drafted and the Committee will work on refining a plan for the organization's future.

Personal Care census challenges experienced in 2009 were rectified in 2010 with process improvements to develop additional inquiries which led to move ins. Census challenges in 2010 were in independent living venues, due to more competition in our primary market area and continued perceived instability in the housing market. An extensive direct mailing campaign was begun to target seniors for Asbury's apartments and carriage homes.

Licensing from the Department of Public Welfare was received for Laurel Lane, a personal care, memory support unit.

To aid residents to remain independent in their living unit for as long as safely possible, the STAY program was expanded in 2010 to add additional staff. Support and Timely Attention for You (STAY) is available twelve hours a day, seven days a week, to offer extra assistance to enable independent residents to continue to live on their own. Not only have residents embraced this program as a valuable service to enhance their quality of life, but prospective residents are moving to Asbury because of this unique program.

Proceeding with its goal to become a strong fundraising organization, more focus was directed toward fundraising. To simplify the giving process, The Foundation transitioned all annual giving under the Frances Campbell Hamilton Society umbrella. This change resulted in increased giving and enabled Asbury Foundation to have a successful year, even in a difficult economy. Continued implementation of the Fundraising Plan will help the organization achieve its ultimate goal of raising \$800,000, sustainable annually. Contributions will be critical to funding the \$2,000,000 benevolent care program, as well as under-funded capital improvements. Almost one-fourth of the 500 residents are not able to pay full charges for their care.

Asbury has continued its path of focusing on Customer Satisfaction, Quality and Economic Performance, and implementing evidence-based research and practices. Asbury adopted the systems and methods of Perfecting Patient Care University, based on Toyota Motor Corporation's highly specified production system. Using the Perfecting Patient Care training, Managers and staff worked on projects to improve processes that

resulted in eliminating waste of time and resources, while increasing customer quality and customer satisfaction. Some projects included “Mission Possible” which turned around an operating loss in The Asbury Way Café to a \$20,000 profit, or the “Willow Community Comes Clean” which resulted in increased quality through a change in infection control processes.

Economic Performance for F10 (audited results):

Revenues from operations.....	\$26,838,240
Expenses incurred from operations.....	<27,585,257>
Net operating loss	< 747,017>
Budgeted Net operating loss	< 626,696>
Difference from prediction	<\$ 120,321>

J. David Hoglund, Chairperson, UMSA Corporation and
Vice Chairperson, UMSA Board of Directors
and John J. Zanardelli, President and CEO, UMSA

WESBURY

With hints that the economy is slowly beginning to rebound and the last minute extension of the Bush tax cuts along with some pretty strong Wesbury census numbers, Wesbury finished the year with a very nice bottom line.

Regarding renovations to Grace Health Center, the eight newly refurbished rooms most recently completed in Grace Health Center have been inspected by PDLs and PDN and have been approved for occupancy. They are now occupied and the next eight have been emptied but they are temporarily occupied by the nursing staff while the nursing station on that wing is being renovated.

Work is also underway on a Thoburn Village Clubhouse. With the resignation of one of the activity leaders in Cribbs Residential Center it gave us the opportunity to reorganize and change the activity program to include a separate activity space for the more active residents in the villas. The Thoburn Village Clubhouse is scheduled for a grand opening Super Bowl Party on February 6, 2011.

It is official, Wesbury now has all of the investment funds used to start up Visiting Nurses Alliance back in the bank and all distributions going forward will be used to support Wesbury’s ongoing mission. VNA has now been fully operational a little over two years.

Much time has been spent during the last three months of 2010 with engineers, architects, consultants and bankers preparing for the next two phases of Wesbury’s future: (1) continuing the ongoing renovation of Grace Health Center mainly in the Therapy Department, the Dietary Department, additional office space, patient treatment space and resident rooms; (2) future expansion into additional communities and Wesbury’s Community Based Services and Programs. It is amazing how much time this takes up.

It is also official that neither Cribbs Residential Center nor Hillside Home can meet the new Pennsylvania Assisted Living Regulations. One major reason for both is that there is no way to widen the corridors in either building to meet the new space requirement. Thus, you may have noticed in the most recent advertising material both residential facilities are now referred to as Personal Care and Enhanced Living Centers.

Wesbury's annual Christmas reception turned out to be one of the best we ever had. The theme "O Come Let Us Adore Him" with the live manger scene was very entertaining. The very young baby did not like staying in the manger for more than a few minutes at a time so he had to be held by his mother; meanwhile his not too much older younger brother who was dressed like Santa Claus and was also very restless, took his place in the manger. No one could have ever pictured Santa Claus lying in a manger but considering the unusual circumstances it turned out to be an a very interesting event. Many thanks to the staff and other volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a successful event.

And, a special thanks to the grounds crew and the others who worked so hard to be creative with the outside luminaries; considering all the snow and cold weather challenges, they did a really outstanding job.

Happy to report that Wesbury Board Chair, Don Burchfield, is recovering nicely and hopefully will be at the February meeting; he looks great! Wesbury is indeed fortunate to have the support of so many volunteers such as Don and all of the Board. Their continuing faith and commitment to the Wesbury mission means so much to the residents, other volunteers and staff and it provides inspiration to keep Wesbury the number one choice for those who need the kind of programs, services and facilities provided both on and off the campus.

Donald E. Clawson, President/CEO

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

The Board of Directors and Staff of the United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania made a major commitment this year to enhance its ability to provide information and programs via electronic media, in the form of webcasts, social networking, topical blogs and other venues. The heart of this endeavor has been the complete redesign and upgrading of our web site. Special emphasis has been placed on providing clear and specific information for those seeking to make planned gifts to United Methodist Churches and agencies. It is anticipated that this major project will be live by the close of the first quarter of 2011.

A core service of the Foundation is the funds management program that seeks to provide a long term conservative approach to socially responsible investing for United Methodist related entities. The Unified Balanced Account participated very nicely in the recovery of the equity market with a total return of over 10%. In light of this recovery, the Board was able to adopt an income distribution for 2011 of 4.45% of the trailing three year average market value.

The third Pastors Academy for Stewardship Formation has concluded its second year as ten pastors continue their journey in intensive study and sharing. The focus for this year has been on their personal expression of financial stewardship. In light of the success of the Pastor's Academy, the Foundation is working with the Conference Treasurer to launch a lay academy with a similar focus.

At the Annual Meeting of the Foundation in June it welcomed two new members to the Board of Directors and renewed the term of eleven other members of the Board. Reports were also presented on the Grants Program, the Audit and the investment performance of the funds under management.

In November the Foundation celebrated its 40th Anniversary and its Annual Founders Day. The recipients of the 2010 were Bishop George Bashore and a posthumous presentation to Robert E. Harper who was the Chair of the Board of Directors till his untimely death in February of last year. The event was also a fund raiser and contributed over six thousand dollars for the Board of Ministry's Timothy Fund for seminary scholarships.

Against the backdrop of an uncertain economic climate, the Foundation continues to inspire individuals to provide a legacy of both their resources and their faith to provide ongoing support of various ministries and programs. The seeds that are sown today may take many years to mature, but will ultimately bear witness to the passionate endeavors provided by the staff and Directors of the Foundation.

Susan W. Wesmiller, Chair, Board of Directors
Frederick H. Leasure, Executive Director

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women is to be in mission to women, children and youth. To fulfill that purpose, the UMW raises funds to support international, national and local missions and missionaries. All the mission sites and missionaries in the General Board of Global Ministries Prayer Calendar are supported by the UMW Conference Pledge to Women's Division. The WPA Conference UMW exceeded its 2010 pledge of \$250,000 by sending \$260,911 to Women's Division to support the GBGM mission sites and missionaries. Many of the local units support local and Western PA Conference missions and missionaries. The United Methodist Women are the main supporters of the United Methodist missions and missionaries.

In addition to supporting missions, the Conference UMW provides mission education through the Cooperative School of Christian Mission (CSCM). In July 2010, the CSCM provided three mission courses. All the attendees studied the Spiritual Growth Study of "For the Love of God: The Epistles of John" led by Steven Tuell of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The attendees then chose either the geographic study of the Sudan taught by Cathy Newport Poff or the social issue study "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity" taught by Kenneth Haines (Conference Secretary of Global Missions), Lydia Pierce (a former missionary) and Roseangela Oliveira (an international missionary of the GBGM). The people attending the CSCM are to take the information that they learn home to their local churches and districts and have mission studies for a day or a series of mission lessons. In addition, the attendees participated in a hands-on mission project of sewing school bags for the Mission Barn. Not only do adults participate in the CSCM, but children, tweens and youth all have educational and hands-on mission programs. All of these programs are largely funded by the Conference UMW. The CSCM, though a "cooperative school" of mission with the Western PA Conference, would not exist without the dedicated work and large financial support of the Conference UMW. Sixty youth attended the Youth School (Mission Discovery) and Tween School (Mission Adventure) while seven children attended the Children's School (Mission Expedition). One hundred seventy-three adults attended the Weekday School and Weekend Event. Forty-six adults attended the two Sampler Days. Two 'Imagine No Malaria evening fairs were provided to kick-off the fund raising for 'Imagine No Malaria' in the local churches.

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The Conference UMW encourages the Conference Team and all UMW to participate in the UMW Reading Program which encourages women to read books in four categories:

Mission Education, Social Action, Membership Nurture and Spiritual Growth. A new category has been added: Leadership Development. All the women are urged to read the UMW magazine, Response, to learn more about missions and learn more about spiritual growth through the Bible study which is in each issue. The women also read the GBGM mission magazine, New World Outlook. The women are always learning about missions, spiritual growth, social justice issues and how to be a supportive community.

All women are to participate in daily devotions and to pray for the missionaries and mission sites in the GBGM Prayer Calendar.

Through the Scholarship for Christian Vocations and the Mary E. Jewell Scholarship Fund, scholarships for individuals studying in the field of Christian vocations were provided scholarships to continue their studies. Andrew Fowler \$2,500 (Bethel U.—Music Ministry), Scott Allan Shaffer \$2,000 (Duke Divinity Seminary), John P. Murray \$2,000 (Asbury Theological Seminary) and Annette Bowls \$2,000 Mary E. Jewell Awardee (Wesley Theological Seminary—Doctorial Candidate).

Many of the local units support the following: WPA Conference Prison Ministry, Tina Whitehead (Conference Missionary to Israel/Palestine), the UM Erie Alliance, the Connellsville Area Ministries, the Johnstown UM Missions and many missions on the Northside of Pittsburgh. Besides all the various local missions for women, children and youth, the UMW provide large financial support and in-kind supplies for the Ruth M. Smith Center (a mission site providing a personal care facility for older adults and persons needing supervision plus a daycare program for children) located in Sheffield, PA.

The UMW Conference supports many local missions that have programs for Women, Children and youth through the Elizabeth A. Bradley Fund. The following grants were awarded:

Preschool	Calvary UMC, Uniontown.....	\$2,000
Community Family Night	Fellowship UMC, Ambridge	\$2,000
Outdoor Classroom	First Bethel UMC, Bethel Park.....	\$1,500
Children's Community Outreach Inter-City Summer and Youth Program	Brookville UMC	\$1,500
Children/Youth Programming	Henderson UMC, Erie	\$2,000
Children's Ministry	Hot Metal Bridge Faith, Pittsburgh....	\$4,775
After School Program	Mars UMC	\$1,000
After School Program	Moorhead UMC, Brockway	\$ 300
Layette Program	Erie Center City Outreach Tenth St. UMC.....	\$3,000
Crisis Program	Connellsville Area Community Ministries	\$1,000
Domestic Violence Services	Safe Horizons, Union City	\$1,000
Grace Learning Center Inc.	Salvation Army, Franklin	\$1,000
Albright Kids Childcare Center	Six United for God Co-op Johnstown UM Human Services.....	\$5,425
Dorcas Project	Services.....	\$1,000
Bible Study for Women & Youth	WPA Conference Prison Ministry	\$2,500

Ruth M. Smith Center	Sheffield, PA	\$2,000
Cooperative School of Christian Mission		
Children's School		\$2,000
Tween's School.....		\$2,000
Youth School		\$2,000
Grand Total.....		\$38,000

The UMW has always been in the forefront of working on social issues such as the following.

The UMW has always worked on the issue of racism. Through presentations, the reading program and discussions, the women have learned how to dismantle racism. The UMW encourages all churches to use the Charter for Racial Justice which was developed by the Women's Division to combat racism. Racism is an issue that keeps surfacing in all forms: visible and invisible, but it exists. Only through education, discussions and experience can we dismantle racism. The women are encouraged to learn about "white privilege" which many did not realize exists, but for African-Americans it is an issue that has always affected their lives.

The Conference UMW has continued its emphases on the environment by encouraging all churches to go "Green." This is an issue that will need to be continued to try to encourage churches to recycle and to not use Styrofoam or toxic cleaning products. The UMW encourages all churches to use non-chlorine bleached paper for all paper needs.

The Conference UMW is educating people to buy locally grown produce to reduce the carbon footprint and to encourage support for local farmers. We encouraged churches and local units to have vegetable gardens and to share the produce with food banks so that low income families would have fresh, home-grown produce.

The Conference UMW is still working on having all children in PA have a quality education by working with Good Schools PA by urging the state legislators to provide equal funding for all school districts. In addition, The UMW Conference encouraged all churches to have a Children's Sabbath to make the local congregations aware of all the social issues that adversely affect children such as a need for adequate food, education and medical care. The UMW Conference urged all local churches to have an Offering of Letters for Bread for the World to combat hunger locally, nationally and worldwide. The UMW has always been in the forefront of social issues affecting women, children and youth.

Barbara Lewis from the Conference Wellness Program spoke to the Conference Team about encouraging local churches and districts to have a coordinator for the wellness program in each of the local churches and most importantly in each district.

The UMW Conference Annual Meeting was held at Christ UMC, Youngwood, PA with 160 people in attendance. Julie Tulloch, Executive Secretary for Women's Division, a former WPA Conference President, past Indiana District President and past Dean & Assist. Dean of the Cooperative School of Christian Mission was the speaker. The theme of her presentation was "Past, Present, and Future" of Mission. 2010 is the 100th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Mission Conference held in Edinburg, Scotland. Elizabeth and Mary from Luke can be role models for the UMW. The diversity brought about by Mission involvement leads us to realize that our perceptions may be wrong. She

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challenged us “to see the image of God in people who don’t look like us.” Julie stated that the four emphases are: human trafficking, immigration, abuse and environmental issues. Barbara Hess, Connellsville District President, and Shirley Bloomster, past WPA Conference President provided a rousing game of Jeopardy to learn more about UMW. Training was provided for each of the district officers who attended the meeting. Two collections raised \$1,400 for the Ruth M. Smith Center and \$1,400 for Mission Giving to support the missions and missionaries. Joan Bradley, the Conference Vice-President, did an out-standing job planning the Annual Meeting.

Donna Burkhart, 2010 UMW Conference President

PENNSYLVANIANS CONCERNED ABOUT ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

Allow me to begin this report by thanking everyone who has helped us to continue our ministry in 2010. We depend heavily upon the prayers, financial support and encouragement of many people. Truly our work requires the help of a team of people.

We are hoping to find additional areas where we can minister to young people by warning them of the harmful effects of using alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol has now been officially recognized as a world danger. Lives are being lost due to accidents caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol. Many high school and college age students are dying from binge drinking. Our efforts to educate these young people are truly a matter of life and death!

During 2010 we were able to update our curriculum. We have age appropriate DVD’s that help us to show young people what actually happens to their brains and bodies when they use alcohol. Survey after survey clearly indicates that alcohol is a gateway drug that lead to the use of other illegal drugs such as marijuana, heroin and crack cocaine. This is why we have invested in obtaining well prepared and factually correct DVD’s.

Thank you again for your support and may God bless your ministry.

Don H. Wert, President

CHURCH UNION

The United Methodist Church Union has been serving the Pittsburgh region since 1880 with outreach missions and ministries. Our present mission is to serve as a catalyst to build strong, vibrant congregations and agencies in the Pittsburgh region, seeking transformation of lives and communities. Over this past year, with a collaborated spirit and your financial support, the following ministries have assisted hundreds of individuals and truly have made a difference in our lives.

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – Aiding with financial recording and reporting so these ministries can remain focused and valid in some of the most challenging neighborhoods in Pittsburgh. Also helping with the coordination of Vacation Bible School for our Northview Heights Community and providing general oversight for these congregation’s redevelopment and expansion of ministry and mission.

NORTHSIDE CONGREGATE FEEDING PROGRAM – Serving over 11,000 meals annually to the homeless and unemployed on the Northside of Pittsburgh. Over two

dozen United Methodist congregations join us in making this basic need ministry possible.

BETHANY HOUSE ACADEMY – Enabling over twenty preschools with our Northview Heights neighborhood to experience a healthy academic start within one of our most challenged communities. Our Northview Heights site also provides computer training and tutoring for the children and youth on a daily basis. Summer programs expand these contacts with daylong programs and field trips.

LOW INCOME PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS – Helping to coordinate over a hundred scholarships with thirteen different preschools in Western PA. These scholarships assist both the families and the schools to nurture our young children at a very important stage in development.

METHOUSE AND METOWERS LP – Provides over 225 low income seniors with a safe and healthy living environment. Also sharing information through dozens of programs for these 200 plus seniors on a variety of topics like; financial solicitation, health care, dietary, and general safety issues.

METHOUSING NORTH, INC. – Opening in 1983, Methousing North Inc. (Wrenshall Apartment Building) has continued to provide modest, safe and comfortable living areas by providing eight apartments for individuals and families. There are four one-bedroom apartments and four two-bedroom apartments.

EIGHTH AVENUE PLACE – Collaborations with this new ministry located in Homestead for space and ongoing support. Dozens of individuals and families are provided with a daily drop in support base, plus weekly worship experiences, with food and fellowship. Youth ministries are also being implemented for middle and high school ages.

Larry Homitsky, Executive Director

BETHANY HOUSE

Bethany House Academy also known as Bethany House Ministry strives to bring the love of Jesus to the public housing community of Northview Heights, which is rated #1 in poverty in the City of Pittsburgh. The heart of our ministry is service to children and youth. However, offering crisis intervention, referral and counseling services, tangible aid of food, clothing, and school supplies has become an integral part of our ministry today. Financial support for the ministry is received from the Western PA Conference Mission Support, Trust Funds allocations from the United Methodist Church Union, Advance Specials, United Way of Allegheny County, The Heinz Endowments, The Pittsburgh Foundation, and personal donations from United Methodists. Food, clothing, Christmas gifts, and program materials are also donated and appreciated when received. Most of all, the prayers of many committed supporters are of vital importance to us.

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Northview Heights Location

The ministry in Northview Heights through collaborative efforts has afforded our agency the ability to provide a broad spectrum of services. Bethany House recently received a grant from The Heinz Endowment to offer a Rites of Passage program for African-American males and funding to provide a quality Arts program. Additionally, The Pittsburgh Foundation provided support for Bethany House for a Community Garden, Health and Wellness, and Entrepreneurial Skills Development that focuses on self-sufficiency. Our core services continues to offer high quality academic and spiritual programs in our Pre-School and After-School initiatives which include: Computer literacy in Mac-based computer labs., arts and crafts, entrepreneur training, tutoring/study skills services, college preparation services, study abroad opportunities (Ghana, West Africa), spiritual development, and the P.O.W.E.R. (Positive Outcomes With Excuses Removed) Program. The majority of the staff employed are members of the community or persons who live at poverty level. Empowering the community through employment opportunities and vocational development is what keeps Bethany House relevant and with United Methodist support, we will continue doing the necessary work for those labeled as “poor” but have great spiritual resolve.

Keith Murphy, Executive Director

METHOUSE, INC. / PARKVIEW TOWERS

The mission of Methouse is to provide safe, comfortable and affordable housing where our residents may continue to participate in community life with a high level of dignity and independence.

Methouse, Inc. strictly adheres to all non-discriminatory practices and requirements of its sponsoring agencies and seeks to establish a beneficial community life for all of its residents in an atmosphere of joyous goodwill and fruitful living.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES:

- Attractive facility
- Safe and sanitary housing
- Worry free maintenance program
- Competent, committed administration and staff
- Active Residents’ Council
- Opportunities for socialization
- Opportunities for spiritual growth
- Careful supervision by a responsive Board of Directors

Methouse/Parkview Towers, established 40 years ago by the efforts of the United Methodist Church Union and members/clergy of the Homestead Park United Methodist Church, began as a vision allowing the retired people in our community to maintain comfortable, affordable living. The demand for low income housing is consistently out distancing the supply and is especially so for elderly.

Parkview Towers provides these amenities:

- Spacious common areas
- Cable TV at a reduced rate
- Laundry rooms on every floor
- Computers with internet access in the Activity Room

- Wii Bowling league
- Many activities coordinated by Residents' Council
- Non-denominational church services on Sunday evenings

This ministry provides a strong faith-based presence in the Munhall / Homestead community and we are proud to be a part of the United Methodist Church Union and Methouse, Inc.

David A. McQuiston, Administrator

METOWERS

Metowers is a Section 202/8 subsidized property offering housing for the elderly and people with various mobility impairments. Aging in place with dignity and support, has been successfully accomplished for many through the dedication and direction of the United Methodist Church Union.

Because of the vision and renewed commitment, the United Methodist Church Union continues to provide safe, affordable housing for those persons with limited incomes. In 2010 Metowers was completely renovated:

- The 10 units designed for those people with mobility impairment were remodeled to more effectively meet their special needs.
- The kitchens and baths were remodeled in all of the apartments. New cabinets, flooring and appliances were installed. Bedroom and living room blinds were hung and numerous upgrades were done to all the common areas. The outside of the building was cleaned, resealed, caulked and painted as well.

All these renovations will preserve the integrity of the building as well as provide the residents with comfortable and modern surroundings in the years to come.

METOWERS IS:

- Staffed by competent caring people
- Supervised by a Board of Directors that shares the same caring commitment
- Clean, safe and comfortable
- Supportive of spiritual growth and socialization
- Moving forward to continue to meet the needs of an aging population
- Home to over 100 of our older neighbors.

Kathryn E. Williams, Administrator/ Community Manager

REALIGNMENT TASK FORCE

(March 2011)

Brief History

At the 2010 Annual Conference, legislation (RS 201 - Attached Below) was passed which created a Realignment Task Force charged with studying what, if any, actions should be taken to better align the staff, ministries and Districts of the Annual Conference with our mission "to provide leadership, connection, and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," and with the Five Areas of Focus. Our report and requisite recommendations are to be forwarded to the Conference Connectional Network.

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Our Report

The Realignment Task Force was convened and met seven times from September of 2010 through March of 2011. We received information and input from a variety of sources including our Bishop, the Cabinet, the Conference Connectional Network, and our new Director of Connectional Ministries, Greg Cox. The RTF also read and discussed the recently released “Call to Action: Vital Congregations Research Project” study commissioned by the denomination and prepared by the firm of Towers Watson. The findings of this study played a key role in our recommendations. The RTF regularly reported to the Conference Connectional Network, and the majority of our recommendations, which follow, have already been accepted and put into action by the CCN and the Director of Connectional Ministries.

REALIGNMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The “Call to Action” study shows a very clear correlation between vitality and the number of local “connections” the organization fosters between the Annual Conference, the Districts, and the local churches of each District. Hence, the current District alignment will be utilized to expand and enhance these important connections.
- We recommend that each District be strongly encouraged to form a District Union, as was enabled by RS 203, passed at the 2010 Annual Conference. The formation of a District Union will provide a vehicle through which each District may hold and administer funds, better resource the local churches of each District, and develop a plan for effective shared ministry within the District. Each District would also be encouraged to create (or maintain in some cases) a programming and ministry council or team to coordinate these functions and promote them among the local churches. The RTF heard loudly and clearly that each of our Districts is unique, given its geography, history, and types of local churches. Hence, we recommend that each District be free to organize itself in a way that serves the needs of its constituent bodies.
- We recommend that each District continue to receive funds from the Annual Conference budget to aid in resourcing its local churches and in carrying out District and shared ministries (this amount is set in the current budget at \$10,000 per District). Districts that incorporate as a District Union would have additional options available to them for funding local ministries, training, and education.
- We recommend that each District Superintendent select from among the pastors and laity of the District a team of District Ministry Facilitators, accountable to the District Superintendent. The District Ministry Facilitators, who may be selected regionally in each District, will be charged with helping develop and nurture principled, pastoral and lay leaders, focusing on these five goals:
 1. The Incubation of Relationships: By offering a safe environment for conversation and interaction, groups convened by the District Ministry Facilitators create a unique opportunity for building relationships between colleagues in ministry.
 2. The Incubation of the Practice of the Spiritual Disciplines: Local groups convened by the District Ministry Facilitators may gather for prayer, spiritual formation, and covenanting together to support one another in ministry.

3. **The Incubation of Mutual Accountability:** By creating a spirit of community in which participants hold one another gently but firmly accountable for their discipleship and integrity of life, local groups convened by the District Ministry Facilitators may assist the participants in the maintenance of their spiritual, relational, emotional, and physical health.
4. **The Incubation of Theological Dialogue:** Groups convened by the District Ministry Facilitators may make use of a diverse reading list that includes not only Scripture, but also books on leadership, preaching, worship, ecclesiastical movements, and pertinent theological and ethical issues. The purpose of this shared discipline of reading is to generate a healthy and respectful theological dialogue that will challenge the mind and edify the ministry of each participant.
5. **The Implementation of Cooperative Ministry:** Working as a leadership team, and in conjunction with the District's programming and ministry organization, District Ministry Facilitators will aid in creating and supporting varieties of cooperative ministries that will aid the District and its local churches in making disciples of Jesus Christ, within its unique context.

District Superintendents may choose the number of District Ministry Facilitators for their District, and Districts are free to experiment with organizational models that will best function within their geographical and ministry context. District Ministry Facilitators will receive reimbursement for mileage and materials from a reimbursement account of \$10,000 held in each District. (This reimbursement account is in addition to the \$10,000 already in the Conference budget for District activities and programs. The Directional Oversight Team will be asked to provide funding for these District reimbursement accounts for the year 2012 and for introductory training for District Ministry Facilitators in the Fall 2011.)

•We recommend that the Conference Staff be realigned to better resource the mission of the Annual Conference and to facilitate effective participation in our special ministry emphases including: Five Area Foci (Leadership Development; Creating New Places for New People; Ministry with the Poor; Global Health Initiative; and Dismantling Racism), the Zimbabwe Partnership, and Imagine No Malaria. Our staff realignment recommendations, made in consultation with the Conference Connectional Network and Greg Cox, Director of Connectional Ministries, include two new full time staff positions:

Director of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation – This position will be responsible for providing resources to aid local churches in making and nurturing disciples, and will facilitate the use of materials, diagnostic tools, and personal consultation in helping our churches become more effective in ministries of discipleship.

Director of Congregational Development – This position will be responsible for helping the Annual Conference and our Districts strategize for “making new places for new people,” and will consult with existing congregations seeking to revitalize themselves, utilizing various assessment tools and metrics for helping these congregations become more effective and fruitful.

Web and Data Management – This position would move from a contracted position to Part-time. As part of the Conference Communications Department, the position will continue the development of and oversee our use of the Internet and our website as important points of connection within our Annual Conference and as part of our witness to the world. Another important task will be the consolidating of data into a central database so that this information may be easily accessed in our efforts to make effective use of it in doing ministry.

We further recommend that the Position of Volunteers-In-Mission/Missions Coordinator remain at full time.

These staff realignment recommendations include consolidating some existing staff positions, changing some positions to part-time, and deleting others, all with the goal of aligning the Conference staff with the mission of providing leadership, connection and resources for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Staff realignment also seeks to provide ministry oversight and coordination. These recommendations fall within the purview of the Conference Connectional Network, its committees, and the Director of Connectional Ministry, and thus require no legislative action.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND that the Conference Connectional Network hire an external Human Relations firm to assist in writing consistent job descriptions for Annual Conference staff positions, to help in forming equitable classes and categories of employee types within our employment structure, and to aid in completing a personnel policy that meets legal and industry standards of clarity and fairness.

Time Frame

Each District is encouraged to begin the process of incorporating as a District Union as soon as possible. The Indiana District will make available copies of their By-Laws (Articles of Incorporation), which have been vetted by the Conference Chancellor, which may be adapted for use by any District.

District Ministry Facilitators will be selected by the District Superintendents and training will be conducted in the Fall of 2011, with the goal of deployment in January, 2012. Each District is encouraged to tailor the use and deployment of District Ministry Facilitators to its own unique setting. Legislation at this session of the Annual Conference will provide for a Design and Oversight Team to promote a certain degree of continuity and coordination among the District Ministry Facilitators, while still allowing a great degree of flexibility at the District level.

The Conference Connectional Network, working with the Director of Connectional Ministries, *has already begun realigning the Conference staff*, based on the recommendations of the Realignment Task Force. This task could be complete by January 1, 2012.

All RTF recommendations, as accepted by the Conference Connectional Network, should be in place by 2012.

With this report and subsequent recommendations, we believe the Realignment Task Force has completed its task. Special thanks to the members who served on this team, to Bishop Bickerton and Greg Cox, DCM, who were invaluable to our deliberations, and to the District Superintendents, who provided essential input and helpful information to aid us in our work (three Superintendents served on the Task Force).

Dr. Jeffrey D. Sterling and Rev. Kevin R. Haley, Co-Conveners

Attachment A

RS 201 CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT TASK FORCE

(Adopted 06-12-2010)

WHEREAS Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20a; and

WHEREAS the “Mission” of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is “to provide leadership, connection, and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”; and

WHEREAS the “Believe Again!” plan for ministry studied opportunities to provide resources and programming to the local church and districts; and

WHEREAS the Annual Conference has been seeking to answer the questions:

- “How do we re-align our Districts, staff, and our ministries more closely with our Areas of Focus and the Western Pennsylvania Conference Mission, Vision and Core Values?”
- “How can we best achieve our mission of “providing leadership, connection, and resources” to the local church in an effort to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?””;
- “How can we share specific resources of personnel and gifts more intimately with the people who live, work, and have their being in the local churches and communities of Western Pennsylvania?”;
- “How can we be better stewards of the sacrificial gifts given to the Annual Conference through Mission Share giving?”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference Connectional Network shall name a Task Force to study and develop a Plan for Realignment of Districts and Conference Staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference Realignment Task Force shall be funded by the Conference Connectional Network Mission Share budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Realignment Task Force share findings and information with the Conference Connectional Network no later than March of 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference Connectional Network may bring a Study and Plan for Realignment for consideration to the 2011 Annual Conference.

Gregory Cox, Chair, Conference Connectional Network

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ENDOWMENTS (Unaudited)

This report is a complete listing of endowments, investments and special pension accounts of the Western PA Annual Conference. Special thanks to Frederick H. Leasure and the United Methodist Foundation for their management of the large majority of these funds. The endowments are designed to preserve the integrity of the original capital as directed by the trust agreements under which they were endowed.

Special appreciation is extended to the individuals who possessed and shared the vision that funded these endowments which support for our connectional ministries.

Title **Market Value as of December 31, 2010**

Discipleship

Camping

Martin Prytherch Memorial Campership Fund \$4,147

Earnings are available for Camping Ministries within the Creative Arts Camp and any successor program.

Christian Outdoor Education \$84,086

Fund was created in 1993 from accumulated funds of United Methodist Outings. Earnings to be used for camperships

George & Carolyn Bashore Campership Trust Fund \$30,538

The proceeds of gifts received upon Bishop Bashore's retirement, to provide camperships to economically disadvantaged children and youth.

***Gascoine Camping Fund** \$11,172

Income is available beginning 4/2002 for Camping Ministries within the Creative Arts Camp and any successor program.

Conway Trust \$43,642

Proceeds of the former Conway United Methodist Church sale 1996 - Income to be distributed: 50% for youth camperships and 50% for youth ministry.

Thomas & Sally Bickerton Campership Trust Fund \$3,518

Proceeds to provide camperships to economically disadvantaged children and youth

Hawke-Petit Endowment \$12,977

Created in 2007 as a Gift Opportunity by Rev. Richard and Marybelle Hawke in memory of the tragic deaths of daughter Jennifer Hawke-Petit and granddaughters, Hayley and Michaela Petit; committed to preserving the Christian Spirits and fulfilling their lives of promise for the future. All were devoted to the lives of children and youth. Funds are to be used for Camperships.

Evangelism

Earl J. Patterson Fund \$9,545

Fund was established by the Will of Earl J. Patterson. Principle and income is to be used for Clinic on Evangelism with no more than \$1,500 to be distributed in any one calendar year.

Richard M. Burns Endowment \$8,913

Income from the fund to be used for the purpose of helping further the work of evangelists in the Western PA Annual Conference

Patterson: Pastors Fund \$47,641

Unknown source –Income is to be used for Pastors’ School on Evangelism.

Age Level – Youth

Homer N. Clark \$7,929

Fund was established in 1958 by Conference Youth Fellowship. Income is to be used for scholarships enabling youth to attend events.

***Cutshall Youth Trust** \$3,239

Fund was a gift of Keith B. Cutshall in 1990. Income is to be used by Conference Youth ministries but cannot be used for the Youth Service Fund.

Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund \$35,117

The income beneficiary of the fund shall be the Youth Ministry Team of the Western Pennsylvania Conference for the purpose of funding Youth Ministry programs. One half of the interest of the fund is to be distributed to the Youth Service Fund for scholarships to any approved youth event, mission of peace, mission trip, or Conference camping program. Scholarships may also underwrite the cost of an event provided that it appropriately lowers cost for all participants. One half of the interest shall be reinvested.

Conway Trust \$0

The Youth Ministry Team receives 50% of the income from the Conway Trust, reported under Camping, for youth ministry programs.

Age Level—Singles

Mark Baumann Memorial Fund \$2,254

Fund was created in 1989 by Young Adult Council and Mars United Methodist Church. Income is to be used for such purposes as are determined by the Young Adult Council.

Christian Singles \$8,732

Fund was created in 1995 by the Christian Singles Fellowship of the Western PA Conference and Mars United Methodist Church. Income is to be used for such purposes as determined by the Christian Singles Fellowship.

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Age Level – Campus Ministry/Higher Education

Educational Society \$161,181
Created in 1889, the income from invested funds is to be used for the purpose of awarding college or vocational school scholarships to children of low income clergy. (See 1996 Conference Journal page 605)

Campus Ministry: Edinboro \$187,499
Funds are the proceeds of the sale of campus ministry property and pastor's home. Income to be used for the purpose of providing programs of training and leadership development for lay and clergy of the Western Pennsylvania Conference for outreach and local church ministries to higher education.

***Schall Memorial Trust** \$30,882
Trust created as a Memorial to Ruth Zitzman Schall by son Richard. The Trust provides financial assistance to women in the Western Pennsylvania Conference who are commencing their freshman year at certain accredited colleges or universities and have demonstrated financial need, academic achievement and vocational promise.

Allegheny College Endowment \$1,088,772
The endowment was established to establish and support a Chair of Religion at Allegheny College. Income from the fund is to be distributed to the Treasurer of Allegheny College in an amount requested by the Board of Trustees of the College in order to maintain the Chair of Religion, but in an amount not to exceed income of the fund in the current year.

Dr. Alberta Dorsey Education Scholarships \$5,000
The fund was established for the purpose of providing funding for undergraduate students pursuing a degree in elementary education or education that is intended to prepare quality elementary teachers for public or private schools. No distribution from fund is to be made until income reaches \$1,000.

Wesley Foundation \$35,133
Fund was created from the proceeds of the sale of the former Wesley Foundation House in Pittsburgh. Income from the fund shall be for the use of university and city ministries...

***Smith Memorial Scholarships** \$230,515
The fund was created by a gift from Andrew W. and Jane S. Smith in memory of their children, Christopher and Sarah Smith. The Board of Higher Education of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference shall receive fifty percent of the income of the fund for its use in providing the Christopher Smith Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is granted to an entering candidate to a two or four year accredited degree program at an accredited college or university and shall give preference to students enrolled at Point Park College of Pittsburgh and The Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Other specific guidelines developed by the united Methodist Foundation apply.

IUP Campus Ministry \$110,344
 The fund was created from the proceeds of campus minister's house sale in 1996. Income to be paid to IUP United Ministries for 3 years, then income will be distributed to the Board of Higher Education of the Western Pennsylvania Conference for purposes they deem appropriate with the approval of Annual Conference.

New Church Starts

WPAC Custody Account \$233,512
 Fund was established by donor for New Congregational Development in the Upper Allegheny River Region, for capital expenditure only.

Global Ministries

Consolidated Mission Fund \$76,796
 Proceeds for the purpose of providing support for mission projects as directed by Global Ministries
 (The following funds were consolidated during 2009 to form the Consolidated Mission Scholarship Fund) **Rupert Trust; Gifford Mission Fund; Blairsville District Fund**

Hester Munden Mission Fund \$92,556
 Fund was created as an endowment from the estate of Hester Munden. Income from the endowment is to be used for missions as directed by Global Ministries

Browning Mission Trust \$55,322
 Trust was established by Scott D. Browning in memory of his wife, Ruth Anna Wright Browning. Income from the trust is to be used to help provide mission tour travel experiences to spouses who accompany persons from the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference who are being aided by other funds to visit United Methodist mission programs.

Merritt Edder Memorial Mission Education Scholarship Trust \$1,652
 The trust was created by the Annual Conference. Income from this fund is to be used further Mission Education Events and to help supplement mission education projects (e.g. Mission Ambassador Program, School of Missions, and Work Teams etc.) See 1981 *Journal* page 342, paragraph 2.

Native American Scholarship Fund \$24,399
 This fund was created by Community UMC. Income and principle from this fund is to be directed by the Committee on Native American Ministry to provide funds scholarships for higher education to Native American people of our region.

*Spiritual Leadership**Laity***Consolidated Laity Scholarship Fund** \$71,659

Proceeds for the purpose of providing funds for laity scholarships
 (The following funds were consolidated during 2009 to form the Consolidated Laity
 Scholarship Fund) **Renton Brown Fund; Idella Smith Fund; Whetsel Fund;
 First United Methodist Church of Duquesne Thomas Fund**

*Board of Ordained Ministry***Consolidated Ministerial Scholarship Fund** \$1,366,307

Proceeds for the purpose of providing scholarships for candidates pursuing the
 educational requirements for ordained ministry
 (The following funds were consolidated during 2009 to form the Consolidated Ministerial
 Scholarship Fund)

**Grace S. Kreiling Fund; Sugar Grove Trust; North Avenue and Arch Street Fund;
 Earl J. Patterson Fund; Raymond W. Faus Fund; Ministerial Training Scholarship
 Fund; Julie Niebaum Fund; Frances Kees Fund; Dashiell Grant; Brookline
 Scholarships; Leonard Nolf Fox Memorial Fund; Straw Fund; Bunyan Fund;
 *Smith Seminary Scholarship Fund**

Carl F. Koch Grant \$20,089

This is a grant to provide financial assistance to United Methodist graduate students
 pursuing fulltime theological education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to equip them
 for fulltime ministerial careers.

***Cramer Seminary Scholarship Fund** \$4,303

The fund was created by a gift from Leo C. and Mona L. Cramer. Income from the fund
 is to be used to provide scholarships to seminary students who intend to pursue pastoral
 ministry. Funds shall be distributed at the discretion of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

First United Methodist Church of Duquesne Woody Fund \$45,271

The fund was created by a gift from the First United Methodist Church of Duquesne, PA.
 Income will be distributed as requested by the donor and former congregation for the
 purpose of educating ministers of the United Methodist Church.

**First United Methodist Church of Duquesne Cora & J. Wayland Thomas
 Scholarship Fund** \$39,398

The fund was created by a gift from the First United Methodist Church of Duquesne, PA.
 Income will be distributed as requested by the former congregation for the purpose of
 educating ministers of the United Methodist Church.

Timothy Project \$25,559

This fund was established by the Board of Ordained Ministry to receive donations in memory of beloved pastors. Income from the fund is to be used to help seminary students to defray the cost of ministry training and education.

General Education Scholarship Fund \$838

The fund was established in the memory of Rev. William L. Chamberlain for the purpose of supporting basic educational expenses of candidates seeking ministry credentials in the United Methodist Church.

Brookshar Family Ministry Scholarship Fund \$35,011

The fund was established by the Brookshar Family. Income from the fund is to be awarded as a scholarship to a prospective student at an accredited United Methodist Seminary to prepare for ministry. Award is to be based on financial need and a true enthusiasm and commitment in bringing people to Christ.

*Pension & Medical***Pension Permanent Annuity** \$8,615,051

This fund was established in 1898 for pastors' pensions in the former Pittsburgh Conference. Pittsburgh Conference Funds were merged with Erie Conference Funds at the time of union. Subsequent gifts and bequests have been added to the fund for the purpose of pension support. Funds are deposited with the United Methodist Foundation of Western PA. The income only from this fund is available for distribution by the Board of Pensions.

Health Insurance Reserve Fund \$492,679

This fund was established by the Board of Pensions to provide reserves to help cover future liabilities and is intended for retiree health insurance. Funds are deposited with the United Methodist Foundation of Western PA.

Carnahan Fund \$1,533,457

This fund was established by the will of William E. Carnahan. The income only shall be applied by the Board of Pensions to supplementing payments to beneficiaries of any annuity or pension plan adopted by the Western PA Annual Conference. Funds are held by The Bank of New York Mellon.

Carnahan Income Money Market \$99,617

This fund was established by the Board of Pensions to invest the accumulated unspent income of the William E. Carnahan Fund. This fund is restricted under the same terms as the above described Carnahan Fund. The fund is invested with Citizens Bank.

Health Insurance Reserve Money Market \$206,318

This fund was established by Board of Pensions to provide reserves to help cover health insurance liabilities that exceed the costs apportioned to and paid by local churches and other salary-paying units. The fund is invested with Citizens Bank

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Health Insurance Reserve Certificate of Deposit \$673,181
 This fund was established by the Board of Pensions to provide reserves to help cover health insurance liabilities. The fund is invested with the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union.

Board of Pensions Money Market \$676,489
 This fund was established by the Board of Pensions to provide reserves to help cover health insurance liabilities. The fund is invested with Citizens Bank.

Board of Pension Special Accounts
(Investments held by General Board of Pension and Health Benefits in Evanston, IL. Unless otherwise noted all balances are as of December 31, 2010)

	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Liability</u>	<u>Funded Status</u>
Supplement 1 (Pre-82 Plan)	\$118,311,514*	\$75,628,193*	\$42,683,321*

Funds are held as a part the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) and are restricted for payment of Pre-82 pension liabilities, and other defined benefit pension liabilities that now or in the future may be part of CRSP.

*Funding, liability and funded status is as of January 1, 2010, as presented in the most recent actuarial report from the General Board for this Plan.

Deposit Account	\$17,062,067	\$20,585,770	(\$3,076,955)
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Funds restricted for retiree benefits and intended for retiree health insurance. The unfunded amount is also net of the Health Insurance Reserve Fund of \$446,748 held at the United Methodist Foundation of Western PA. See above description of the Health Insurance Reserve Fund.

*Funding, liability and funded status is as of January 1, 2010, as presented in the most recent actuarial report from the General Board for this Plan.

Medical Reserve Account	\$3,281,167	N/A	
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Funds restricted for health insurance liabilities.

Benefit Reserve Account	\$1,633,123	N/A	
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Funds restricted for future CRSP defined benefit unfunded liabilities or other retiree benefits needs.

Carnahan Income Account	\$582,519	N/A	
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This fund was established by the Board of Pensions to invest accumulated unspent income from the William E. Carnahan Fund. This fund is restricted under the same terms as the above described Carnahan Fund.

*Endowments**District Superintendents*

***Allaman Trust** \$34,569

The trust was a gift of Samuel L. Allaman in 1991. Income from the trust shall be to provide a permanent source of funds for emergency grants in times of crisis to clergy and clergy families of the Western Pennsylvania Conference at the discretion of the Cabinet. Priority shall be given to, though not necessarily restricted to, younger clergy within the first ten years of their ministry.

Patterson Fund \$53,660

The fund was created by a Centenary Fund Gift of Oliver B. Patterson. Income from the fund is restricted to use by the discretion of the District Superintendents.

Washington District \$1,459

The fund was created by a gift of Centenary Fund. Income from the fund is to be used for district programs.

Franklin District Horace Thompson Fund \$10,514

The fund was created by a gift of Horace Thompson to be used by the Franklin District for the purpose of meeting the needs of pastors in that district on Incapacity Leave or in a Retired Relationship with the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference

Abandoned Church Fund \$167,659

This fund was created by an allocation of funds generated from the sale of Conference property. This fund can be used for such purposes as designated by the Cabinet.

Trustees

Trustees Capital Improvement Fund \$231,587

This fund was created by an allocation of funds generated from the sale of Conference property. This fund can be used for such purposes as designated by the Conference Board of Trustees...

Council on Finance and Administration

Memorials \$1,297

This fund was created in 1992 from a number of small gifts in memory of various conference pastors. Income from this fund is to be made available for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Due to the small amount of current interest, this fund is being reinvested.

Conference Fixed Fund \$329,553

This fund was established by the Council on Finance and Administration. It is planned that this fund will equal 5% of annual Conference budget.

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Ethel K. Brauns Fund \$359,906
 This fund was established by a bequest from the Estate of Ethel K. Brauns. Funds may be designated to any line item in the Annual Conference budget as recommended by the Council on Finance and Administration.

Maude Murray Fund \$258,418
 The fund was created by a bequest to the former Erie Conference by the Estate of Maude A. Murray. Funds may be designated to any line item in the Annual Conference budget as recommended by the Council on Finance and Administration.

Kilpatrick Fund 040 \$480,464
 The income from this trust shall be paid to the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in perpetuity to be used for the interests of the church as it may from time to time direct. In 2011 the Council of Finance and Administration recommends that it be used to supplement Church & Society to pay for costs of UM Advocacy of Pennsylvania.

Kilpatrick Fund 265 \$741,672
 The income from the residuary estate shall be paid to the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in perpetuity to be used for the interests of the church as it may from time to time direct. In 2011 the Council of Finance and Administration recommends that it be used to supplement the Global Health Initiative, a Campus Ministry Facilitator and the Bishop's Leadership Initiative.

Worthington Trust \$212,629
 Will of Edgar D. Worthington 6/27/67 in memory of Anna M. Worthington (mother), Carrie E. Worthington (sister) and Alice K. Worthington (sister). Income may be designated to any line item in the Annual Conference budget. In 2011 the Council of Finance and Administration recommends that it be designated to Bishop's Leadership Initiative.

Pittsburgh District Kaighin Fund \$18,276
 Bequest of Albert B. Kaighin - In 2011 the Council of Finance and Administration recommends that it be used for District Ministries.

***Note:** The trustee of the funds marked by an asterisk is not our Annual Conference. However income from these funds has come to Conference entities over recent years. So the listing for this year is for informational purposes only.

Lawrence D. Bridge, Controller

ADVANCE SPECIAL LIST
(updated September 19, 2011)

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How do I apply for an Advance Special Number? If you want to add a new Advance Special to our list write a request to the Board of Global Ministries, c/o Dale Shunk on the ministry or sponsoring church letterhead and include information about the ministry especially the purpose, foundational scripture for the mission, a list of your Board or Directors and an annual financial report. All General Advance Specials related to past Mission Work Teams are listed separately after this main list. **Where do I send my donations?** All donations are to be made payable to the **Western PA Conference** and mailed to The Conference Center, PO Box 5002, Cranberry TWP, PA 16066-0002 with the Advance Special number listed on the Memo line. The addresses listed below are the contact information for each agency.

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#MS009800-I c/o CYL, 45 West Long Avenue, Dubois, PA 15801 merikson8@hotmail.com

ACTS (Arts, Crafts, Talents, Services)

#MS005500-2 724-966-5396, 104 West South St, Carmichaels, PA 15320

AFTER SCHOOL AT MOORHEAD: Indiana District, Betty Lyle, Coordinator

#YA008500-I 814-268-8224, 335 Main St, PO Box 233, Brockway, PA 15824

AGAPE MINISTRIES

AGAPE 311 West Long Ave, DuBois PA

ALASKAN WPA PROJECTS

#SS002007-A GBGM Missionary, PO Box 8122, Nikiski, AK 99635 outreach@acsalaska.net

AlBright Kids Child Care Center: Christian Day Care - Debbie Adams, Dir.

#YA005100-J 814-539-9916 608 Cooper Ave, Johnstown, PA 15906

ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL CHAPLAINCY 412-350-2057

#CC003400-P Allegheny County Jail, Chaplain's Office, 950 Second Ave, PA 15219-3100

ALLEGHENY VALLEY HOSPITALITY NETWORK: Natrona Heights

#CC002900-N 724-226-9820, 209 Corbet Street, Tarentum, PA 15084

ARBUTUS PARK MANOR: Johnstown

#MH000500-I 814-266-8621, 207 Ottawa Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

ASBURY HEIGHTS: Pittsburgh

#MH000600-2 412-571-5106, 700 Bower Hill Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

BRADLEY CENTER: Canonsburg

#MH001000-6 412-767-5306 324 Linden Creek Rd, Canonsburg, PA 15317

BROWNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Supporting spouses on VIM Trips

#SS002100-V PO Box 5002, Cranberry TWP, PA 16606 Contact: Diane Miller

BUTLER DISTRICT FUND

#DS000007-B 204 Gregg Drive Extension, Harmony, PA 16307-7832

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: McKeesport

#MSA01400-D 412-678-9707, PO Box 163, McKeesport, PA 15132

CAMP ALLEGHENY: Stoystown

#CP000100-A 814-754-5122, 100 Camp Allegheny Dr, Stoystown, PA 15563

CAMPUS MINISTRY: General WPA Fund, Conf Board of Higher Education, mamabelloit@hotmail.com

#CM003200-H Contact: Clara Belloit, 175 Westwood Drive, Clarion, PA 16214 814-227-2673

CAMPUS MINISTRY AT ALBRIGHT: Pittsburgh

#CM002700-A Send donations payable to WPA Conference, PO Box 5002 Cranberry TWP, PA 16066

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#CM002300-C c/o First Presbyterian Church, Town Sq. (4th & Liberty) California, PA 15419

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Clarion University

#CM002600-C Wesley Fellowship at Clarion: First UMC 814-226-6660

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#CM002800-E 814-732-2000 Edinboro Univ. Earp Hall, Edinboro, PA 16444
- CAMPUS MINISTRY AT INDIANA
#CM002900-I 724-463-8535 Grace UMC, PO Box 6, Indiana, PA 15701
- CAMPUS MINISTRY AT SLIPPERY ROCK
#CM003000-S 724-738-0512 SRU, 14 Moltby Dr, Slippery Rock, PA 16057
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#CM003100-P Clara Belloit mamabelloit@hotmail.com
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#EM002500-L 9601 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 412-241-9170
- CHERRY RUN CAMP MEETING: Franklin District
#CP000500-C 814-473-3470 2855 Cherry Run Road , PA 16248
- CHINA OUTREACH MINISTRY: The Pittsburgh ministry of Ken Wagner
#YA004200-B PO Box 35, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CTR OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, INC. Sue Ascione, Dir.
#YA005000-L0 724-658-4688 1107 Wilmington Ave, New Castle, PA 16101
- CHILDRENS LITERACY MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN LITERACY ASSOCIATES: Pittsburgh
#ES000400-B 412-364-3777, 541 Perry Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 driliteracy@aol.com
- CHILDREN/YOUTH REVITALIZATION PROJECT: Pittsburgh
#YA005600-R c/o Calvary UMC, Beach & Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
- CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA: www.casp.org
#ES001200-S 204 37th Street, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 412-688-9070
- CHOSEN: Erie www.chosenmedicalmission.org
#SS000100-I 814-833-3023, 3638 West 26th Street, Erie, PA 16506
- CHRISTIAN LIFE SKILLS, INC.: Pittsburgh Phone: 412-371-7018.
#ES001900-B 100 North Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208-2509
- CHRISTIAN SPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Pittsburgh David Rettig, Founder
#YA006500-S 724-933-6040, 101 N. Meadow St, Wexford, PA 15090
- CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR: Pittsburgh
#MSA02000-S 412-323-9554, 1502 Chicago Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15214
- CITY MISSION: Livingstones Ministry - A Shelter for the Homeless, Uniontown, PA
#MS06300-U 724-439-0201, PO Box 943, Uniontown, PA 15401
- CITY RESCUE MISSION - NEW CASTLE 724-652-4321 Kevin A. Green crm@cityrescuemission.org
#YA005200-N 319 Croton Ave. PO Box 965, New Castle, PA 16103-0965
- CLAIRTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
#YA007800-R 412-233-3427(o) 901 North Sixth St, Clairton, PA 15025
- CLERGY WOMEN ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT: Contact: Beth Nelson
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- COALITION FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH Daniel J Dupee
#YA004600-F 412-363-3303, 363-1005 fax, 5912 Penn Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206
- CONFERENCE APPROVED EVANGELIST: SHAPED BY THE WORD MINISTRY
#MS007700-C Personnel or project support Ellen Bullock, General Evangelist (Part time) 814-371-8930
 c/o Lakeside United Methodist Church, 420 First Street, Dubois, PA 15801
- CONFERENCE APPROVED EVANGELIST: ROY GEARHART
#MS006600-C 814-277-3224 RR #1, Box 121, Mahaffey, PA 15757-9607
- CONNELLSVILLE AREA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES 724-626-1120 connmin@localnet.com
#YA003000-I Shawn Goodwin, 201 East Fairview Ave, Connelssville, PA 15425
- CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT PROJECT FUND
#DS000014-C 117 Davis St Connelssville, PA15425
- CONTACT BEAVER VALLEY
#MS004700-V 724-728-3650, PO Box 75, New Brighton, PA 15066
- CONTACT E.A.R.S. AND CONTACT TEENLINE: New Castle
#MS006700-E 724-658-5529 658-1911 Teenline, Box 7804, New Castle, PA16107
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DISCIPLE MINISTRIES, Inc. Terry Collins, Exec. Dir.

#MS002007-C 314 Nelson Rd, Farmington, PA 15437 disciple@lcsys.net

EAST AFRICA

1) **EAST AFRICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** General Support for pastors, and projects

#SS003600-A Contact: Nancy Denardo 412-780-8636 cell ndenrm@comcast.net

2) **HUMBLE SCHOOL:** Uganda, Africa – Sponsoring a child and projects

#14191-A General Advance Special Send donations to Advance GCFA,

PO Box 130, Ashburn, VA 20146 Contact: Nancy Denardo ndenrm@comcast.net

3) **MT. OLIVE UMC, MUKONO,** Uganda, Africa

#SS003777-A Land and construction purchase

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY: Daily Soup Kitchen, Pittsburgh

#MS004400-E 412-361-5549, 250 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY: Food pantry, Pittsburgh

#MS004400-EA 412-361-5549, (Address same as above.)

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY: House of the Good Samaritan, Pittsburgh

#MS004400-EB 412-361-5549, (Address same as above.)

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY: Meals on Wheels, Pittsburgh

#MS004400-EC 412-361-5549, (Address same as above.)

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY: Pre-School, Pittsburgh

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#CS000202-P Keith Kaufold, 412-480-4286 kaufoldk@yahoo.com

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WPA Conference Advance: Columbia Projects for construction and team support

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#YA003400-4 814-459-3131, 538 E. 10th Street, Erie, PA 16503

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#CC003000-B 412-741-8550, 307 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

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#NC004000-S 724-266-8636, PO Box 489, 239 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA 15003

FIRST CHARITIES, INC 5401 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232-1621 412-580-1522

#MS01000-P

FOUNDATION FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY OF UPJ: Johnstown

#E8001600-J 814-269-2008, Campus Chap. St. Union, UPJ, Johnstown, PA 15904

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#MS007800-J 101 Homestead Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902

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#HC001700-G 412-481-9005, ext. 275, 2600 E. Carson St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

GRACE LEARNING CENTER, INC: Franklin, PA Glenda Merritt Exec. director
#YA007000-G 814-437-7035 735 Elk Street, Franklin, PA 16323

GREATER PITTSBURGH KOREAN UM CHURCH – Pyeong Gil Kim
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#SS001100-N

2) CHACOCENTE PROJECT: Masaya, Nicaragua www.outofthedump.org.

#SS00200-6 Relocate and house the poorest of the poor.

3) NICARAGUA TASK FORCE GENERAL FUND

#SS00200-2 Funding for various projects as needed

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#SS001820-R Embassy of Love (Church in Komi District)
#SS001830-R Medical Needs
#SS001840-R Russian Travel Scholarships
#SS001850-R Special Projects
#SS001860-R Russian In-country Adoptions
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GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

World and National Division

The following Advance Specials are presented by the Conference Board of Global Ministries for special emphasis because of our personal relationship to these Projects.

- (1) ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
#14729A
- (2) UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)
#982450 **Disaster Response, International**
- (3) WORLD HUNGER/POVERTY MISSION EMPHASIS
#982920 **World Hunger and Poverty**

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- (1) **CARIBBEAN**
#418250 UMCOR GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND PEDIATRIC CLINIC: Haiti
- (2) #3020760 EVANGELICAL METHODIST SEMINARY, SCHOLARSHIPS: Matanzas Cuba
- (3) **ISRAEL / PALESTINE PEACE MISSION**: Kathy Newport and Mary Rishel
#12018A Hope Secondary School.
- (4) **KENYA**
#009613A MAUA HOSPITAL SERVICE FUND: MAUA
- (5) **PAKISTAN – INDIA** ('06-'07 Ambassadors) Diane Miller and Ruth Higginbotham
#3020496 LUCKNOW PUBLISHING HOUSE, INDIA: PRINTING PRESS *Goal: \$90,000*
- (6) **MOZAMBIQUE**
#09734A CHICUQUE RURAL HOSPITAL
- (7) **SOUTH AFRICA**
#11033A JOHN WESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Pinetown

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009
&
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Council of Finance and Administration
Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (the "Conference") as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Conference's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 19, 2011

Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	2010	2009
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,636,541	\$ 2,468,290
Certificates of deposit	1,406,224	1,248,629
Accounts receivable	259,444	43,222
Prepaid expenses	4,415	75,150
Note receivable	9,187	10,335
Total current assets	5,315,811	3,845,626
INVESTMENTS (Notes 2 and 3)	21,179,921	19,319,869
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, Net (Note 4)	2,200,622	2,319,095
PROPERTY HELD FOR SALE	-	250,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,696,354</u>	<u>\$ 25,734,590</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt (Notes 5 and 6)	\$ 13,873	\$ 20,015
Accounts payable	1,052,400	691,395
Accrued expenses	324,707	8,893
Total current liabilities	1,390,980	720,303
LONG-TERM DEBT:		
Mortgages payable (Note 5)	-	131,984
Note payable	-	19,178
Obligation under capital lease (Note 6)	45,196	59,069
Total long-term debt	45,196	210,231
NET POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS OBLIGATION LIABILITY (Note 7)	3,086,646	3,076,954
Total liabilities	4,522,822	4,007,488
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	2,307,007	1,777,643
Temporarily restricted (Notes 8 and 10)	17,546,630	15,613,222
Permanently restricted (Notes 9 and 10)	4,319,895	4,336,237
Total net assets	24,173,532	21,727,102
TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,696,354</u>	<u>\$ 25,734,590</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:				
Mission Share from churches to support operations of denomination and Annual Conference	\$ 8,493,325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,493,325
Advance specials, other designated donations and pension premiums	1,868,807	1,539,734	-	3,408,541
Medical insurance premiums	7,684,659	-	-	7,684,659
Direct fees, program revenues and other	3,562,062	-	-	3,562,062
Other	-	-	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions	4,176,177	(4,176,177)	-	-
Total revenues, gains, and other support	25,785,030	(2,636,443)	-	23,148,587
EXPENSES AND OTHER LOSSES				
EXPENSES:				
Personnel	3,707,782	-	-	3,707,782
Taxes	258,794	-	-	258,794
Services	314,279	-	-	314,279
Insurance (excluding medical)	620,761	-	-	620,761
Medical insurance	9,166,599	-	-	9,166,599
Supplies and materials	497,850	-	-	497,850
Equipment repair and maintenance	161,541	-	-	161,541
Depreciation	137,327	-	-	137,327
Utilities	231,244	-	-	231,244
Maintenance, rent, and repairs	193,821	-	-	193,821
Operation and program	447,814	-	-	447,814
Travel, lodging, registration, and meals	1,429,874	-	-	1,429,874
Interest expense, bank charges	37,449	-	-	37,449
Grants and contributions	2,366,572	-	-	2,366,572
Apportionments	2,273,798	-	-	2,273,798
Post retirement healthcare benefits obligation	934,390	-	-	934,390
Pension payments	2,301,398	-	-	2,301,398
Other miscellaneous expenses	64,593	-	-	64,593
Total expenses	25,145,886	-	-	25,145,886
OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSE)				
Net investment gain	-	3,730,880	-	3,730,880
Investment income	-	838,971	-	838,971
Other gains and losses	(126,122)	-	-	(126,122)
Total other income and (expense)	(126,122)	4,569,851	-	4,443,729
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	513,022	1,933,408	-	2,446,430
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,777,643	15,613,222	4,336,237	21,727,102
TRANSFERS	16,342	-	(16,342)	-
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,307,007	\$ 17,546,630	\$ 4,319,895	\$ 24,173,532

See Notes to Financial Statements

Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:				
Mission Share from churches to support operations of denomination and Annual Conference	\$ 8,277,952	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,277,952
Advance specials, other designated donations and pension premiums	1,314,639	1,734,529	-	3,049,168
Medical insurance premiums	7,894,885	-	-	7,894,885
Direct fees, program revenues, and other	3,356,046	-	-	3,356,046
Other	920,231	-	-	920,231
Net assets released from restrictions	573,095	(573,095)	-	-
Total revenues, gains, and other support	22,336,848	1,161,434	-	23,498,282
EXPENSES AND OTHER LOSSES				
EXPENSES:				
Personnel	3,384,321	-	-	3,384,321
Taxes	257,156	-	-	257,156
Services	269,256	-	-	269,256
Insurance (excluding medical)	529,481	-	-	529,481
Medical insurance	9,485,938	-	-	9,485,938
Supplies and materials	503,756	-	-	503,756
Equipment repair and maintenance	190,299	-	-	190,299
Depreciation	151,347	-	-	151,347
Utilities	256,168	-	-	256,168
Maintenance, rent, and repairs	199,359	-	-	199,359
Operation and program	498,755	-	-	498,755
Travel, lodging, registration, and meals	1,423,651	-	-	1,423,651
Interest expense, bank charges	54,298	-	-	54,298
Grants and contributions	2,133,566	-	-	2,133,566
Apportionments	2,302,413	-	-	2,302,413
Post retirement healthcare benefits obligation	1,318,905	-	-	1,318,905
Pension payments	3,789,393	-	-	3,789,393
Other miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	26,748,062	-	-	26,748,062
OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSE)				
Net investment gain	(101,243)	2,434,754	-	2,333,511
Investment income	-	2,715,367	-	2,715,367
Other gains and losses	211,220	-	-	211,220
Total other income	109,977	5,150,121	-	5,260,098
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(4,301,237)	6,311,555	-	2,010,318
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,078,880	8,765,331	4,872,573	19,716,784
TRANSFERS	-	536,336	(536,336)	-
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,777,643	\$ 15,613,222	\$ 4,336,237	\$ 21,727,102

See Notes to Financial Statements

Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	2010	2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 2,446,430	\$ 2,010,318
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	137,327	151,347
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment	126,122	313,847
Realized and unrealized (gains)/losses on investments	(3,730,880)	(4,414,347)
Forgiveness of revolving loans	-	100,086
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	216,222	397,197
Prepaid expenses	(70,735)	769,400
Other assets	(1,148)	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	361,004	(591,828)
Accrued expenses	315,814	(4,780)
Post-retirement healthcare benefits obligation	9,692	1,318,905
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(190,152)</u>	<u>50,145</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(18,853)	-
Purchases of investments	(73,516)	(3,049,446)
Purchases of certificates of deposit	(157,595)	(1,248,629)
Proceeds from sales of investments	1,655,665	1,688,997
Proceeds from disposal of property held for sale	123,878	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>1,529,579</u>	<u>(2,609,078)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments on long-term debt	(151,162)	(188,614)
Payments on obligation under capital lease	(20,014)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(171,176)</u>	<u>(188,614)</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,168,251	(2,747,547)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,468,290</u>	<u>5,215,837</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,636,541</u>	<u>\$ 2,468,290</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION,		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 37,449</u>	<u>\$ 54,298</u>
Assets acquired through capital lease obligation	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 74,040</u>

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**1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF
SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

OPERATIONS

Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church (the "Conference" or "WPAUMC") is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the provisions of the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Conference is the primary level judiciary above the local church within the United Methodist denomination. The Conference is the enabling and administrative body to approximately 900 churches located within the geographic boundaries (Western Pennsylvania) of the Conference. It is subdivided into ten geographical districts headed by clergy district superintendents (who together with the resident Bishop constitute the "Cabinet") who link the Conference to the individual churches in each respective district. The "primary function" of the Conference is equipping spiritual leaders to lead congregations as they seek to serve "for the sake of transforming the work through Jesus Christ." The Conference, through the Cabinet, appoints pastors to lead congregations (churches) within the Conference, meets annually to review and pass legislation to further the mission and ministry of the church, and maintains administrative and financial records relative to its clergy members, member churches, and related organizations. The Conference implements its mission and ministry through its established councils, ministry teams, boards, and agencies.

The Conference organizes its activities in order to achieve its vision, mission and goals, namely,

- Our vision is to ignite and sustain a passionate, spiritual connection with Christ among all people in Western Pennsylvania.
- Our mission is to provide leadership, connection and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- Our core value is love: We love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. This value is commanded by Jesus, inspired by our Wesleyan heritage including to spread scriptural holiness over the land, and witnessed through our integrity, accountability and inclusiveness.

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The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, also known as the Western PA Conference or WPAUMC, includes all or part of 23 counties in the western third of Pennsylvania. The Conference has 10 districts and is entirely within the region known as Northern Appalachia.

The Conference Connectional Network, which embodies all ministry teams of the Annual Conference, and all local churches, are directing their work toward the Four Areas of Focus of the United Methodist Church. Over this quadrennial, the church will seek to focus the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world around these areas of ministry:

- Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally.
- Engaging in ministry with the poor.
- Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations.
- Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

In addition, the Conference has chosen Dismantling Systemic Racism as a fifth area of Focus.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Conference is required to report information regarding its financial position according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted.

Net assets of the Conference are reported in the following categories:

- Unrestricted net assets consist of resources available for the various programs and administration of the Conference, which have not been restricted by a donor or grantor.

The designated funds are established by the Conference and represent unrestricted funds which are used for future retiree healthcare benefits, campus ministry, educational assistance, and various other programs.

- Temporarily restricted net assets consist of donor-restricted contributions. Amounts restricted by the donor or grantor for a particular purpose are reported as temporarily restricted net assets in the statement of financial position. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. The Conference does not imply a time restriction on gifts of long lived assets. The donor restriction expires when the assets are placed in service.

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- Permanently restricted net assets represent endowments which require that the principal be invested in perpetuity and only the income be used as designated by the donor.

NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-06 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures: Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements", ("ASU 2010-06"), which provides a greater level of disaggregated information and more robust disclosures about valuation techniques and inputs to fair value measurements, transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2, and the separate presentation of information in Level 3 reconciliations on a gross basis rather than net. New disclosures and clarifications of existing disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, Level 3 disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. Adoption of ASU 2010-06 had no material impact on the Conference's financial statements but expanded disclosures about certain fair value measurements.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

INCOME TAXES

The Conference is a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code under a denominational group filing exemption granted to the United Methodist Church. This filing exemption may extend to affiliates who meet applicable Internal Revenue Code requirements as Supporting Organizations. Accordingly, no provision for federal and state income taxes is recorded.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Conference considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less that are readily convertible to cash to be cash equivalents.

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable are reported at net realizable value. Amounts are written off when they are determined to be uncollectible based upon management's assessment of individual accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is estimated based upon periodic review of individual accounts. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are recorded at fair value in the statement of financial position.

Although the Conference's investments are invested in a variety of financial instruments managed by investment advisors, the fair values, reported in the statement of financial position, are subject to various market risks including changes in the equity markets, the interest rate environment, and economic conditions. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the fair value of investment securities, it is reasonably possible that the fair value of investments reported in the accompanying statement of financial position could change materially in the near term.

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting Standards require WPAUMC to measure various assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or the price that would be paid to dispose of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The framework for measuring fair value includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value.

The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in determining valuations into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 – Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to WPAUMC for identical assets. These generally provide the most reliable evidence and are used to measure fair value whenever available.

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Level 2 – Fair value is based on significant inputs, other than Level 1 inputs, that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset through corroboration with observable market data. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets, quoted market prices in markets that are not active for identical or similar assets, and other observable inputs.

Level 3 – Fair value would be based on significant unobservable inputs. Examples of valuation methodologies that would result in Level 3 classification include option pricing models, discounted cash flows, and other similar techniques.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are reported at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. When determination of cost between land and building was unknown, ten percent of the cost or appraisal value was allocated to land value. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis.

POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

Accounting Standards require WPAUMC to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through changes in unrestricted net assets.

The Standards require postretirement benefit plan obligations other than pension plans (as applies to WPAUMC) to be measured as the accumulated benefit obligation (“ABO”).

ENDOWMENT AND BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS

Accounting Standards provide guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization that is subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (“UPMIFA”) and also improves disclosures about an organization’s endowment funds (both donor restricted endowment funds and board designated endowment funds) whether or not the organization is subject to UPMIFA.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has not adopted UPMIFA and instead follows PA Act 141. The Conference is governed by the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. The Conference has determined that the majority of its contributions are subject to the provisions of the Book of Discipline. Certain contributions are subject to other gift instruments, or are subject to specific agreements with the Conference.

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Under terms of the Book of Discipline and in conjunction with the United Methodist Foundation ("Foundation"), the Conference has the ability to distribute a percentage of the corpus of any trust, separate gift, bequest, or fund as it shall determine. As a result of the ability to distribute corpus, all contributions not classified as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted are classified as unrestricted net assets for financial statement purposes.

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of restricted contributions receivable and the remaining portion of donor-restricted endowment funds that are not classified as permanently restricted net assets. When donor restrictions expire, that is, when a time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is fulfilled, temporarily restricted assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently restricted net assets represent the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date and the original value of subsequent gifts to donor-restricted endowment funds.

The Conference in conjunction with the Foundation have adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain purchasing power of the endowment assets. The Conference's spending and investment policies work to achieve this objective. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes. The current long term objective is a return of 7%, net of investment fees. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

The current spending policy utilizes a "total return" approach, as contemplated by Pennsylvania Act 141, to determine the amount of its quarterly distributions. This methodology bases income distributions upon the combination of interest, dividends, other earnings and capital appreciation/depreciation. Annual distributions can be between 2%-7% of the average unit value of the trailing twelve quarters. The actual distribution is determined by the Board of Directors of the United Methodist Foundation (which serves as the trustee for the Conference's endowment accounts) at the end of each calendar year. The rate of return for 2010 was 4.21% and 3.85% for 2009. This is consistent with the primary objective of the endowment policy to provide for current income as well as long-term growth consistent with the conservation of principal

ADVERTISING

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$5,835 in 2010 and \$2,631 in 2009.

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications were made to the 2009 financial statements to conform to the 2010 presentation.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the Agency has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 19, 2011, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events or transactions were required to be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements

2. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Money market funds	\$ 1,251,457	\$ 2,202,465
Domestic equities	9,555,443	7,669,988
International equities	3,022,129	2,840,020
Fixed Income	<u>7,350,892</u>	<u>6,607,396</u>
Total	<u>\$21,179,921</u>	<u>\$19,319,869</u>

Investment return is comprised of the following for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Dividends and interest income	\$ 838,971	\$ 634,531
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	3,730,880	4,537,088
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,498)</u>
Total investment return (loss)	<u>\$ 4,569,851</u>	<u>\$ 5,150,121</u>

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Conference measures its investments on a recurring basis with the following inputs at December 31, 2010:

	QUOTED PRICES IN ACTIVE MARKETS (LEVEL 1)	OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	TOTAL
Money market funds	\$ 229,151	\$ 1,022,306	\$ 1,251,457
Domestic equities	1,664,986	7,890,457	9,555,443
International equities	552,875	2,469,254	3,022,129
Fixed income	<u>1,397,353</u>	<u>5,953,539</u>	<u>7,350,892</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,844,365</u>	<u>\$17,335,556</u>	<u>\$21,179,921</u>

The Conference measures its investments on a recurring basis with the following inputs at December 31, 2009:

	QUOTED PRICES IN ACTIVE MARKETS (LEVEL 1)	OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	TOTAL
Money market funds	\$ 412,070	\$ 1,790,395	\$ 2,202,465
Domestic equities	1,435,012	6,234,976	7,669,988
International equities	531,352	2,308,668	2,840,020
Fixed income	<u>1,236,206</u>	<u>5,371,190</u>	<u>6,607,396</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,614,640</u>	<u>\$15,705,229</u>	<u>\$19,319,869</u>

The Conference does not have any investments measured using level 3 inputs.

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4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Land	\$ 328,925	\$ 328,925
Buildings and improvements (useful lives 10 to 40 years)	3,487,701	3,468,848
Equipment (useful lives 5 to 15 years)	388,678	388,678
Equipment under capital lease (useful life 5 years)	<u>74,040</u>	<u>74,040</u>
Total	4,279,344	4,260,491
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>2,078,722</u>	<u>1,941,396</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$2,200,622</u>	<u>\$2,319,095</u>

5. MORTGAGES PAYABLE

Mortgages payable consist of the following:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Allison Drive Parsonage, O'Hara Township, Pennsylvania, interest at 6.65%, maturing October 1, 2022 with monthly principal and interest payments of \$1,345; collateralized by the parsonage.	\$ _____	\$ 139,090
Total	-	139,090
Less current portion	_____	<u>7,106</u>
Mortgages payable	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$131,984</u>

Interest expense on the mortgages payable was \$ 9,036 in 2010 and \$ 9,491 in 2009.

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6. OBLIGATION UNDER CAPITAL LEASE

During 2009, the Conference had a capital lease expire and entered into a new capital lease agreement to acquire office equipment. The new lease is payable on a monthly basis with a lease term of 60 months with interest at 7.5%. The lease agreement is collateralized by the related equipment. Amortization of leased equipment is included in depreciation expense. Interest expense was \$4,779 in 2010 and \$886 in 2009.

The net book value of the equipment under capital lease was \$65,559 at December 31, 2010 and \$70,330 at December 31, 2009.

Scheduled lease payments on the new agreement are as follows:

YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

2011	\$ 17,668
2012	17,668
2013	17,668
2014	<u>14,740</u>
Total	67,804
Less amount representing interest	<u>8,735</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payments	59,069
Less current portion	<u>13,873</u>
Long-term portion	<u>\$ 45,196</u>

7. POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

The Conference maintains a defined benefit post-retirement healthcare plan for clergy and spouses. The eligibility for receiving benefits depends upon the retiree's and length of service (ranging from 10 to 40 years) with the Conference and whether or not the retiree or spouse has reached Medicare eligibility. The plan provides for various percentages of cost sharing by the retiree and spouses. Contributions by the Conference after the retiree becomes Medicare eligible are based upon a Medicare supplemental program.

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Annual costs are recognized when billed by the respective insurance companies (pay-as-you-go). Plan amounts as of January 1, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were as follows for December 31:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Projected benefit obligation:		
Active Participants	\$14,359,777	\$13,969,279
Retirees and beneficiaries	<u>11,497,558</u>	<u>11,128,933</u>
Projected benefit obligation	<u>\$25,857,335</u>	<u>\$25,098,212</u>
Accumulated benefit obligation:		
Active participants	\$10,022,602	\$ 9,456,837
Retirees and beneficiaries	<u>11,497,558</u>	<u>11,128,933</u>
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$21,520,160	\$20,585,770
Plan assets at fair value	<u>18,433,514</u>	<u>17,508,816</u>
Funded status over (under)	<u>\$(3,086,646)</u>	<u>\$(3,076,954)</u>

The accumulated benefit obligation ("ABO") and the changes in the ABO do not reflect any amounts associated with the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (the "Act") because the plan is not directly entitled to the Act's subsidy. The Conference is not able to determine whether benefits provided by its plan are actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D.1.

Net periodic benefit cost was \$572,885 in 2010 and \$559,222 in 2009.

Benefits paid were \$1,492,554 in 2010 and \$1,500,898 in 2009.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE DISCOUNT RATE ASSUMPTIONS:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Accumulated benefit obligation	5.00%	5.50%
Net periodic benefit cost	5.00%	5.50%
Expected long term rate of return on plan assets	7.00%	7.00%

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Conference does not expect to make any contributions to the Plan in 2011.

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ESTIMATED FUTURE BENEFIT PAYMENTS

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid.

2011	\$ 1,492,554
2012	1,527,738
2013	1,559,769
2014	1,624,828
2015	1,603,985
2016 to 2021	9,709,752

ASSUMED HEALTHCARE COST TREND RATES

	<u>Medical And Drug Combined</u>
Healthcare cost trend rate assumed for 2011	8.75%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	5.00%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2018

PLAN ASSETS

The plan assets are primarily invested with the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church in a Multiple Asset Fund which is comprised of various equities and fixed income securities including alternative investments such as real estate investment trusts. Lesser amounts of plan assets are invested in the Short Term Investment Fund maintained by the General Board and in the Unified Account maintained by the United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania.

The following table sets forth the actual asset allocation and target asset allocation for plan assets at December 31:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Equity Securities	58.7%	63.1%
Fixed Income	35.1%	36.9%
Other	<u>6.2%</u>	<u>.0%</u>
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

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Investment objectives for the Conference's plan assets are to:

- protect the integrity of the plan and to assist the Conference in meeting its obligations to the plan participants;
- prudent investment of assets in a high quality, diversified manner;
- achieve the optimal return possible within the specified risk parameters;
- at a minimum, preserve the inflation-adjusted value of the Plan;
- attempt to produce investment results which achieve the Plan's actuarial assumed rate of return;
- adhere to the established guidelines.

Investment managers have been selected based on their offering of balanced investment funds which approximate asset allocation targets and operate in accordance with the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church with respect to investment selection.

The Conference measures the plan assets at fair value on a recurring basis with the following inputs as of December 31, 2010:

	OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	TOTAL
Plan Assets	<u>\$18,433,514</u>	<u>\$18,433,514</u>

The Conference measures the plan assets at fair value on a recurring basis with the following inputs as of December 31, 2009:

	OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	TOTAL
Plan Assets	<u>\$17,508,816</u>	<u>\$17,508,816</u>

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8. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets have been restricted by donors for the following purposes at December 31:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Pension support	\$ 7,313,969	\$ 6,444,715
Education assistance	4,065,794	3,739,691
Various programs	<u>6,166,867</u>	<u>5,428,816</u>
Total	<u>\$17,546,630</u>	<u>\$15,613,222</u>

9. PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consist of various trusts on which the income has been designated for the following purposes at December 31:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Pension support	\$3,417,056	\$3,417,056
Education assistance	257,933	257,933
Various programs	<u>644,906</u>	<u>661,248</u>
Total	<u>\$4,319,895</u>	<u>\$4,336,237</u>

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10. ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS

Changes in Endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2010 are as follows:

	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning	\$15,613,222	\$4,336,237	\$19,949,459
Investment income	838,971	-	838,971
Net appreciation (depreciation)	3,730,880	-	3,730,880
Realized gains (losses)	-	-	-
Contributions	1,539,734	-	1,539,734
Amounts expended	(4,176,177)	-	(4,176,177)
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,342)</u>	<u>(16,342)</u>
Change in Endowment assets	<u>1,933,408</u>	<u>(16,342)</u>	<u>1,917,066</u>
Endowment net assets, ending	<u>\$17,546,630</u>	<u>\$4,319,895</u>	<u>\$21,866,525</u>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2010 is as follows:

	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor Designated Funds	\$17,546,630	\$4,319,895	\$21,866,525
Other Designated Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$17,546,630</u>	<u>\$4,319,895</u>	<u>\$21,866,525</u>

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Changes in Endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2009 are as follows:

	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning	\$ 8,765,331	\$4,872,573	\$13,637,904
Investment income	634,530	-	634,530
Net appreciation (depreciation)	4,537,088	-	4,435,845
Realized gains (losses)	(21,498)	-	(21,498)
Contributions	1,734,530	-	1,734,530
Amounts expended	(573,095)	-	(471,852)
Transfers	<u>536,336</u>	<u>(536,336)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Endowment assets	<u>6,847,891</u>	<u>(536,336)</u>	<u>6,311,555</u>
Endowment net assets, ending	<u>\$15,613,222</u>	<u>\$4,336,237</u>	<u>\$19,649,459</u>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2009 is as follows:

	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor Designated Funds	\$15,613,222	\$4,336,237	\$19,649,459
Other Designated Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$15,613,222</u>	<u>\$4,336,237</u>	<u>\$19,649,459</u>

The Conference has no unrestricted endowment net assets.

11. SERVICES TO AFFILIATES

The Conference treasurer's office performs bookkeeping and accounting services as to the collecting, disbursing, and recording of funds for various affiliated corporations. The Conference performs these services at no charge (which are not material) to the affiliates because these programs are considered to support the Conference's mission and ministry.

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12. FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The Conference incurred expenses in the following functional areas during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Program	\$ 11,230,153	\$11,947,482
General and administrative (a significant portion which can be attributable to program services)	<u>13,915,733</u>	<u>14,800,580</u>
Total	<u>\$25,145,886</u>	<u>\$26,748,062</u>

13. PENSION AND OTHER BENEFIT PLANS

The Conference participates in several multi-employer defined contribution and defined benefit pension plans for ministers and lay employees administered by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church (the "General Board"). The plans qualify as "church plans" under Sections 414(e) and 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In addition to the contributions to the various plans as described below, the Conference receives contributions to a Benefit Reserve Fund for possible future Clergy Retirement Security Program ("CRSP") defined benefit unfunded liabilities and other retiree needs. Contributions to the Fund are made by the churches and other participating salary paying units and amounted to \$798,575 and \$280,922 in 2010 and 2009, respectively, of which \$42,758 and \$13,738 were a Conference expense in the respective years. The Benefit Reserve Fund, which aggregated \$1,633,123 at December 31, 2010, is maintained under the direct control of the Conference, acting through its Board of Pensions, outside any particular benefit plan. Beginning in 2011, the Fund also receives contributions from the Conference's implementation of the so-called Comprehensive Protection Plan ("CPP") "premium holiday" described later in this footnote.

CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM ("CRSP")

CRSP includes both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan. The defined benefit component is based on either denominational average compensation, as defined, or actual compensation, as defined.

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The defined contribution component provides for a contribution of at least 3% of actual compensation. Effective January 1, 2007 CRSP now covers all US United Methodist clergy appointed within annual conferences. Contributions to CRSP from WPAUMC were \$694,359 in 2010 and \$704,558 in 2009.

The defined benefit contributions due were \$2,973,079 for 2010 and \$2,822,135 for 2009. In accordance with plan provisions and an election made by the Conference, this contribution was funded by allocating to the CRSP an equivalent amount of overfunding from the "Pre-82 Plan" as shown on the table below.

SUPPLEMENT ONE TO THE CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM ("PRE-82 PLAN")

The Pre-82 Plan covers substantially all United Methodist clergy for service prior to 1982. The General Board determines contributions to the Plan. As a multi-employer plan, all assets of the Plan are available to pay all benefits of the Plan, regardless of the annual conference from which contributions came or under which benefits were accrued. Each conference controls certain benefit provisions of the Plan and may elect to fund faster than required. Consequently, funding requirements are determined separately for each conference. There were no contributions to the Pre-82 plan required or made by WPAUMC for 2010 and 2009.

The following summarizes the funding status of WPAUMC as of January 1, 2010 and 2009 with respect to the Pre-82 Plan:

	January 1, <u>2010</u>	January 1, <u>2009</u>
Total Pre-82 Plan Assets	\$ 118,311,514	\$ 102,173,005
Liabilities	<u>(77,095,574)</u>	<u>(75,573,740)</u>
Funded Status	<u>\$ 41,215,940</u>	<u>\$ 26,599,265</u>
Funding Ratio	153%	135%

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SUPPLEMENT THREE TO THE CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM – MINISTERIAL PENSION PLAN (“MPP”)

The Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) provided benefits for US Clergy from 1982 through 2006. It is primarily a defined contribution retirement plan, with the requirement that clergy must convert at least 75% of their total account balance to an annuity at retirement. The annuity is a defined benefit feature. The plan was terminated in 2006 as to further contributions for service and was replaced by the CRSP. The Conference remains responsible for any deficiencies in assets to pay the converted annuities that are or become payable under MPP. The MPP's funded ratio as of January 1, 2010 is 104%. The Conference's portion of this liability is \$56,285,845. The Conference does not expect to make a contribution during 2011 to MPP.

There were no contributions to the MPP by WPAUMC for 2010 and 2009.

UNITED METHODIST PERSONAL INVESTMENT PLAN (“UMPIP”)

WPAUMC participates in The United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (“UMPIP”) administered by the General Board. UMPIP is a participant directed defined contribution plan. Participants may contribute a percentage of their compensation on either a before-tax or after-tax basis. WPAUMC may also make contributions on behalf of each participant.

WPAUMC contributions to UMPIP were \$349,681 in 2010 and \$245,772 in 2009.

COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION PLAN (“CPP”)

WPAUMC participates in Clergy Protection Plan (“CPP”) administered by the General Board. The CPP provides both a disability and death benefit for active clergy and a death benefit for retired clergy.

The General Board has notified Annual Conferences that the funded status of the CPP allows it to grant a “premium holiday” for three years to each Annual Conference (beginning in 2010 or 2011 at each respective Annual Conference's option) during which it intends that Annual Conferences apply the monies normally collected for CPP premiums to fund increased pension contributions.

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WPAUMC has chosen to implement the “premium holiday” as the General Board intends, beginning on January 1, 2011 and continuing through 2013. As permitted and intended by the “premium holiday”, WPAUMC will collect contributions from each salary-paying unit on behalf of each participant with such contributions being deposited in the Conference’s Benefit Reserve Fund and used first to satisfy, to the extent monies are available from these remittances, the WPAUMC 2011 MPP obligation.

CPP remittances collected by WPAUMC in the remaining 2012 and 2013 years of the “premium holiday” will be deposited in the Conference’s Benefit Reserve Fund.

WPAUMC contributions to CPP were \$629,215 for 2010 and \$649,792 for 2009.

The above plans are separate multi-employer plans and accordingly the respective plan assets and corresponding benefit obligations are not recorded on WPAUMC’s financial statements.

WPAUMC has the following amount of investments designated as temporarily restricted net assets to provide pension benefits for its clergy as of December 31:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Temporarily Restricted for Pension Support	<u>\$7,313,969</u>	<u>\$6,444,715</u>

WPAUMC has the following amount of investments designated as permanently restricted net assets the investment income of which is to be used to provide pension benefits for its clergy as of December 31:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Permanently Restricted for Pension Support	<u>\$3,417,056</u>	<u>\$3,417,056</u>

14. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Conference maintains cash accounts, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Conference has not experienced losses from maintaining cash accounts in excess of federally insured limits. Management believes it is not subject to any significant credit risk on its cash accounts.
