

North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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.

*Grace and peace,
James H. Salley
Associate Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement
Africa University*

BOSTON UNIVERSITY 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. **Dr. 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. **Dr. 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. **Dr. 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. Dr. 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. The Reverend Canon 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, the Reverend 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."

Still to Come!

- **New faculty searches:** We are presently searching for faculty in preaching, pastoral theology, and history of Christianity.
- **People's History:** The STH People's History Project continues, and we have had some wonderful oral history interviews with alums this year. Contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in sharing your story with us: (617) 353-2349.
- **Lifelong Learning:** Our work in lifelong learning has just begun, but we have begun collaborations with churches and other educational institutions to respond to the needs of local churches, clergy, and lay leaders. We welcome your ideas.
- **Alumni Networking:** We are decentralizing alumni activity to conferences and regions in order to facilitate the exchange of ideas, knowledge and collaborations. Jaclyn Jones is the point of contact for these efforts to stimulate the connection between alumni and Boston University School of Theology. Jaclyn is reached at sthalum@bu.edu.

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!

*Gratefully,
Mary Elizabeth Moore
Dean, Boston University School of Theology*

DUKE UNIVERSITY WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

Ever wonder how traditions are born, how some of this odd stuff got started that we so routinely consider a faith practice and take for granted in our churches? Here's one possibility... At Duke University students have been known to stand in line for days, sometimes months, for the opportunity to attend a basketball game (that's a different oddity). When home games fall on Wednesday this forces a choice for the students of Duke Wesley between losing their place in line or attending our Weekly Eucharist celebration. Some risk losing their place for those thirty-plus minutes, hoping that no line check will occur while they are "missing." Others hold the place in line and miss Eucharist. Why not have communion where students are waiting in line in K-ville (the grass plaza that stretches the length of a football field from the front door of Cameron Indoor Stadium)? Indeed, why not? For the students not attending the game, location is not an issue--Wesley Center in Duke Chapel or K-ville outside Cameron--it's still Eucharist. For the students attending the game, location determines their presence. After debating the pros and cons of this relocation project for the better part of basketball season we took our Table to the people for the final home game of the season. As you might imagine, Methodists are not the only people who wait in line for a basketball game. Placing bread and wine on a small table next to the gym and surrounding it with a couple of dozen students invites curiosity. Start preaching--yes I did, imagining myself in the proud line of Methodist evangelists going back to our namesake, John Wesley, who stood in the middle of a different kind of field--and curiosity changes to interest. When interest became recognition--"Oh, it's the Eucharist!"--the circle grew and the United Methodist practice of open communion proved its worth that evening. I suspect this experiment will become a tradition and during the next basketball season we will take our Table to the students waiting in line for every home game. A few years from now everyone will say, "We've always done it this way!"

Of course, we also always study the Bible, take mission trips, go on retreats, and worship inside the church building. Thanks be to God for a time such as this.

The Reverend Dr. Jennifer E. Copeland

THE RALEIGH WESLEY FOUNDATION

Comfortable stability might be an apt description of where we are at the Raleigh Wesley Foundation. We have great students, ample place to meet, a partnership with Fairmont United Methodist that is mutually satisfying, and financially we are in a good place. We are grateful for the support we receive from the Annual Conference. Coupled with the fundraising we do, we can meet our needs and keep money in the bank. Life is good!

Is that, however, where we want to be? I once heard the United Methodist historian, Albert Outler say, "A church in the mode of maintenance is less attractive than a church on the move." It has been a while since the Raleigh Wesley Foundation has engaged in long range planning and serious reflection on our mission and purpose. It is easy to rest in the status quo, particularly when so often you feel as if you are living on the edge. The status quo feels comfortable and safe. Maybe living on the edge is not such a bad thing? What if we take some time to "Rethink Wesley"? What if we spend time looking at what we do, why we do it, and how we might do it better? It may be that we come out at the same place or it may mean we do things in a radical new way. Maybe we take a risk on doing a new thing?

Certainly, there are some events or practices that we will want to keep. We are committed to "Radical Hospitality"; where everyone has a place around our table and feels welcome. We should be a community that nurtures one another and a community that worships together. We should be a ministry that reaches out beyond our own space and place in service to others, so we will continue our mission trips and service projects. We should continue to have a strong alumni association that stays connected to our ministry. Our history is a part of who we are and what makes us unique. But maybe we can look at how we might be even more vital and reach even more students? Is there something we could be doing that would strengthen our ministry, energize our students and alumni, and position us for a hopeful future?

In this coming year, we intend to have our Board of Directors, our students, our alumni, and our friends come together and see how God might do a new thing among us; maybe even move us beyond our comfortable stability. Thanks be to God!

The Reverend Dr. Kirk B. Oldham

WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

What an incredible year it has been for Wesley Campus Ministry at UNC! Amidst a year of transition, this year has been nothing short of transformational for students, staff, board members, and friends. We have been blessed abundantly with an increase in student participation. Over seventy students have found a home away from home at Wesley this year and we are continuing to grow each week.

As stated in our mission, UNC Wesley is a,

Spirit led living and learning community that nurtures faith development and servant leaders: rooted in Jesus Christ, grounded in the Wesleyan tradition, and practicing radical hospitality.

UNC Wesley seeks to live out this mission statement in everything that it does. UNC Wesley welcomes young adults by creating space in which passionate worship happens. Our worship attendance has grown to around fifty students each week. Weekly worship is a place where our students come to have their faith renewed as they sing praises to our God. Students have also participated in and led many worship services at local churches. The relationships formed through worship have led to a renewed commitment from local churches to UNC Wesley and young adult ministry in the United Methodist Church. Several local churches have decided to partner with UNC Wesley as we seek to reach out to even more students in the coming years. Local churches provide weekly dinners for students, invite students to be in mission alongside of them, and offer their space for UNC Wesley's use when needed. Students are committed to partnering with local churches and have done so in many ways, the organization and hosting of a "College and Campus Ministry 101" night for Juniors and Seniors in High School. The program was a huge success with over eighty in attendance.

UNC Wesley students are passionate about serving God by serving others. From Dance Marathon to disaster relief, students are engaging in mission. A recent poll reported that over one third of UNC Wesley students engage in a combined total of over forty hours community

service each week. UNC Wesley students also participated in two mission trips this year. The first team worked with Bahamas Methodist Habitat on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. The second team worked with Mountain TOP (Tennessee Outreach Project) in the Appalachian mountains of east Tennessee. Lives, both of students and those being served, were transformed by a renewed sense of hope, new-found friendships, and the peace of Christ.

This year UNC Wesley hosted its Annual Auction in February, bringing in over \$8,000 in contributions and welcoming over 140 people for lunch. Twenty-four students served guests an excellent lunch that was provided by in-kind donations from community members, restaurants, and businesses. God has continued to work in and through our students as they have offered radical hospitality to others on campus. This year they handed out over 100 cups of coffee on campus during the first day of exams, participated in University sponsored events, and promoted Wesley through social media.

In addition to the growth in attendance, the faith life of each student has reached new depths. As UNC Wesley has grown, so have its small groups. Class specific small groups offer students an opportunity to share openly about the transitions in and out of college, the pressures to define a major, and the process of connecting their passion with their profession. In addition, UNC Wesley has offered Bible study small groups for men ("A Few Good Men") and women (G.R.I.T.S.-Girls Reaching Into the Scriptures). These groups quickly grew, resulting in the creation of additional sections of the focused studies. UNC Wesley hosted a fall retreat to the beach, attended by 32 people and a spring retreat to the mountains, attended by 37.

I have been asked many to explain the tripling in size that we have experienced this year. We give glory to God's work through the Holy Spirit. We believe that God has called us to a vision that includes outreach in new and radical ways. We believe that God has spoken to us through the prophet Isaiah saying, "I am doing a new thing. See it springs forth! Do you not perceive it?" At UNC Wesley we cannot help but perceive this new thing that God is doing. The students, staff, and board of directors offer thanks to God for blessing us abundantly. We are excited to watch God work in this place over the coming year!

The Reverend Amanda Dean

WESLEY FOUNDATION OF GREENVILLE (MINISTERING TO STUDENTS AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY AND PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

We're 70 years old! The Wesley Foundation of Greenville was started 70 years ago in 1941, so Saturday, October 29 (Home Coming Weekend at ECU), we are inviting all alumni and friends to join us for a 70th Anniversary Homecoming luncheon and program before the football game. If you would like more details or have old photographs or memories you would be willing to contribute to a PowerPoint presentation, send me an email (swilkinsonECU@suddenlink.net) or write 501 E. 5th St., Greenville, NC 27858 or call 252-916-6808.

After all these years our students still call Wesley their "home-away-from-home". It's nice to know a few things stay the same in this world of so much change. Students still come through our doors looking for fellowship, friends, a home cooked meal and an opportunity

to grow in their relationship with Jesus! This past year was my 13th year at Wesley and I think it was one of our best. We had a great group of freshmen to join us last August, which is always a good sign. Normally a campus ministry's numbers go down a bit over the year, but ours held strong! For our last "Wesley Night" of the spring semester we had a total attendance of 47. In between, we had one meaningful event after another.

We started off last August participating in Stop Hunger Now's "Million Meals". In October we had a fund raiser and collected \$554 for malaria nets! In November we took 15 students on a spiritual retreat to Camp Don Lee. In February we had a Valentine fund raiser banquet for the members of Ayden and Grifton UMC's on the theme "Everyone's A Sweetheart; Have a Heart for Missions" and raise \$1500 for our annual mission trip. In March we took 16 students to the island of Eleuthera to work with Habitat For Humanity. In April, 14 of our students, board members and alumni were a part of a fifty member cast that produced The Third Day, an Easter musical sequel to Jesus Christ Superstar. A total of over 800 people came to see the two performances which were in the new worship center at Washington First UMC.

In closing, I want to say there are many individuals and churches who make our ministry possible through their support, but none is more appreciated than the United Methodist Women in the Greenville District who week after week provided wonderful home-cooked meals for our students. It is a wonderful ministry of hospitality and we are so very, very grateful.

The Reverend Scott Wilkinson

UNITED CHRISTIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

The United Christian Campus Ministry offers to its students, faculty and staff spiritual opportunities for worship, study and mission. This has been a great year beginning with our Annual Ministry Fair where we invite local congregations to share information about their worship opportunities in the community. The student organizations include Christian Student Fellowship, M.O.V.E. (Men of Valor and Excellence) and the Women's Ministry Fellowship. The students volunteered through mission opportunities by participating in tutoring in after school programs, leading youth Bible study at a local congregation on a weekly basis, building of Habitat home for university employee, and volunteering at the homeless shelter. The students also had an opportunity to attend the State Convention Retreat, National Baptist Student Union retreat and experience workshops that would enhance their spiritual growth. UCCM serves as the lead organization for the Martin Luther King, Jr. activities and the campus ministry students sponsored the Annual Men's Conference along with other university organizations. The ministry hosted its First Annual Lecture Series in honor of two long-term board members and two outstanding theologians provided the lecture for the participants. The theme of the lecture series was "The Campus, Church and Community: Bringing It All Together." This discussion was engaging to the participants as we discussed how to encourage participation of campus ministry in the community. We are extremely excited about the coming year as many ideas were shared for implementation of various ways to enhance campus ministry. We look forward to serving our students in the coming year.

The Reverend Michael Page

UNITED CHRISTIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY – WILMINGTON (ECUMENICAL OUTREACH TO UNCW AND CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

The North Carolina Conference supports outreach on behalf of the United Methodist Church to the campuses of UNCW and Cape Fear Community College in partnership with United Christian Campus Ministry – a combined ecumenical ministry effort of the United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and Presbyterian (USA) Churches.

The board of directors of United Christian Campus Ministry recently updated our Mission Statement and added a statement on “Living Out Our Mission” which we feel communicates what we are all about:

New Mission Statement:

United Christian Campus Ministry is an outreach of the United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and Presbyterian (USA) Churches whose mission is to provide for spiritual growth in the personal and community life of the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and Cape Fear Community College (CFCC).

Living Out Our Mission...

United Christian Campus Ministry provides an **interdenominational ministry of presence and outreach** to the campuses of UNCW and CFCC **on behalf of** the United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and Presbyterian (USA) Churches that is **consistent with the Protestant traditions** with which these denominations identify.

UCCM **primarily partners with students** to walk with them as they enter into and deepen their relationship with God in Jesus Christ by providing a **safe, sacred space** where students can **explore and express** their personal faith in **community** with others through regular **study of scripture, lively discussion, engaging worship, meaningful mission/ community service, and active fellowship** in a manner that **teaches and empowers student-leaders** to be the Church of the present and the future.

UCCM's **primary ministry of presence and outreach** is to the **campus of UNCW** through the registered student organization – **F.O.C.U.S. (Fellowship Of Christian University Students)** – **under the leadership of students and our campus minister**. In addition, UCCM reaches out to the CFCC campus as possible.

UCCM **also provides a professional ordained minister** to be **available** to all **students, faculty, and staff** on both campuses **as needed** for the purposes of **promoting spirituality and providing pastoral care**.

The **2010/2011 school year** has been a wonderful time in the life of this ministry. We have had some amazing conversations about our own questions of faith and life as we've explored our theme for the year **“Love the Questions, Live the Questions”** based on the book **Letters to a Young Doubter** by William Sloane Coffin. As each semester came to a close, we even gave our students the opportunity to literally ask questions of our special panel of ministers from some of our local supporting congregations at our special program **“Ask a Real Live Preacher”**.

As United Methodist student **Nathan Davis (UNCW, '12 - Winston Salem, NC)** and our **Mission Coordinator** puts it...

*"F.O.C.U.S. has been a **HUGE part of my life** at UNCW. I found F.O.C.U.S. as I transferred to Wilmington from Western Carolina. I was really worried that I wouldn't find a place to fit in at UNCW, but as I got to know F.O.C.U.S. I felt at home. On the fall retreat I had a blast, and made a ton of friends who now **are my best friends at UNCW**. F.O.C.U.S. has been an **amazing opportunity to grow my faith as well as share it with others**. Meeting on Tuesdays nights becomes the highlight of my week and I love the time I get to spend with everyone. **Thanks to F.O.C.U.S. I've found a home at UNCW.**"*

Throughout this semester, our students chose to partner with a particular mission project, and we have been working with **W.A.R.M. (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry)** on the **Fourth Saturday of every month this semester** helping make repairs to homes for low-income elderly families in Wilmington. **Our students truly enjoy and feel called to helping others!**

We had an amazing time on our recent **Spring Retreat** (April 1-3) to Fort Caswell with fellow Campus Ministries from UNC and NCSU exploring the theme **"Oh the Places You'll Go."**

Furthermore, we were able to offer a different take on a **Mission Trip to Washington, DC - April 15-18**, as we participated in and learned from a conference about ways to take care of our environment - Powershift - including Keynote speaker, **former Vice President, Al Gore**.

United Methodist student from High Point, NC and our **Co- President Rebecca Broadley (UNCW, '12)** says it best:

*"The amount that FOCUS has offered me over the past two and a half years is unbelievable. I **consider this group to be like a second family that I can depend on in times of stress, sadness, and joy**. I am able to freely express my faith and know that in doing so I am understood and accepted. In turn, I am able to learn more about my own faith through the responses and explanations of other's beliefs.*

*During my time in F.O.C.U.S. I have sat in on a few board meetings and represented the students. Every time I have this opportunity I **am amazed at the amount of time and dedication that adults in the community are willing to give to students like us**. I have really enjoyed being a part of F.O.C.U.S. and am truly thankful to all those who work so hard to make it possible.*

F.O.C.U.S. never ceases to amaze me. We are a small group, but the combination of fabulous member and supporters makes it seem like something so much bigger."

The Reverend Kevin Hay

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By Wendy J. Deichmann, President
January 2011

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CLERGY COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION REPORT 2010

The Clergy Counseling and Consultation Commission is pleased to report the first year utilization of the services provided by CareNet of NC. Over 365 people sought counseling and consultation from the qualified mental health professionals available throughout our Conference. The CareNet staff are trained in pastoral counseling approaches, an awareness of United Methodist Church polity, and the challenges faced by clergy and their families as they serve our members and communities. Over 2300 hours of counseling were provided.

An additional service through CareNet is consultation and referral to counseling for pastors to make available to persons in their congregations facing stressful life events and behavioral health problems. CareNet therapists are covered by many insurance carriers in NC and can provide brief interventions for persons seeking more long term solutions and supports.

Services may be accessed by calling regional offices around the state. Some local offices have specific phone numbers.

- Winston-Salem/Mocksville 336-716-0800
- Greenville/ Rocky Mount/Kinston 252-355-2801
- Erwin 910-897-8930
- Fayetteville/Westmont 910-484-0176
- Lumberton/Laurinburg/Pembroke 910-738-8558
- Wilmington/Bolivia 910-799-1071

We pray for the continued growth in this service to assure healthy lives for our clergy, clergy families and congregations.

Regina Schaaf Dickens, Chair, CCCC

2010 Compensation of Clergy in Extension Ministries

The 2008 *Discipline*, ¶628, states: "Every clergy member of the Annual Conference appointed beyond the local church shall furnish annually to the conference secretary, at such time as the secretary shall direct, a statement of his/her total compensation (including base compensation, travel, automobile, housing, and other expenses allowed and paid) for the year then ending, and said compensation of all clergy appointed beyond the local church shall be published in the journal of the Annual Conference. When this information is not furnished, the appointment of the clergyperson shall be subject to review by the resident bishop and the Cabinet."

Indicates salary not reported.

NAME	SALARY	HOUSING	UTILITIES	TRAVEL	OTHER
Archer, Trish	24,572				
Ball, Sylvia C.	42,600				
Bates, Sally G.	#				
Biddle, Margaret Ann					
Bisgrove, Eilene Z.	10,000				
Brewer, Robert Wayne	41,350			Voucher	
Brown, Wesley F.	94,246				
Buckley, Betty Ann	32,000	2 months		Voucher	
Burley, Christie Anne	40,451				
Burrus, Carolyn H.	48,000	% base rate		Voucher	
Byers II, Leonard C.	73,500			500	
Campbell, Dennis M.					
Cole, Lisa Brown	62,000				
Collins-Ball, Sylvia					
Colon-Emeric, Edgardo	65,200				
Compton, Stephen C.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Cook, Charles C.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Crutchfield, Karen Melinda	46,322				
Daniel, M. Francis	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Davis, Alice Wade	44,000				7,500
Dean, Amanda J.	41,000	8,500		2,000	2,100
Dickens III, John Van	86,387	28,296			
Drum, Barry P.					
Fairley, Leonoard E.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Farmer, John A.	52,400	Voucher		Vehicle & fuel	meals
Fogleman, Leland J.					
Gales, Alvester I.					
Gattis, William H.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Glaze, Coleman L.	64,867	15,000			
Goehring, Carol W.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Goodwin, Dennis M.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Hadley, Jr. Jacob M.	60,400	9,600			
Harris, Jo Elaine					
Harrison, Shana Deanetia	#	6,922			
Heinze, David					
Hicks, Phyllis K.	29,334	10,169			11,511
Hill, Tamsey Phillips	54,000				
Hillman, Randy Allen	66,000				
Hood, Elizabeth H.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Hoyle Jr., William S.	80,000				
Hudson, Pamela Jo	57,564				
Jenkins, David O.	89,000				1,800
Jenks, Gregory K.	72,300	20,100			
Jones, Gertrude Brenda W.	11.03 per hr.				
Keck, Andrew	61,150				
Laytham, David Brent	69,900			500	950
Lewis, Jerry Dean	115,200				
Loyd, Roger Leroy	#				
Lynge, Audrey H.	#				
Malcolm, L. David	72,468	18,324			
Marsicano, Leslie M.	#				
Mentzer, James G.	54,875	18,000			
Miller, Yuko U.	#				
Morgan, Deborah Ann	57,834	30,000			400
Norton, Mary Jane P.	#				
Oldham, Kirk Bradley	58,005	8,500			

NAME	SALARY	HOUSING	UTILITIES	TRAVEL	OTHER
Panizo-Valladares, Rosanna C.	40,319				
Parker, Rhonda R.	23,660				
Pasquarello III, Michael	70,000	25,000			1,800
Poole, Bettye D.	38,714				
Purcell, Joan M.	14,558	22,000			3,600
Rawlings Jr., James. A.	115,000				
Rose, Ellen Webb	7,490				
Russell, Timothy John	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Safley, Michael W.	82,500	24,000		2,800	6,000
Severt, Jeffrey Lee	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Shannonhouse, Richard D.	86,000				
Shields Michele R.	106,000			1,000	
Shivers, Molly Link	15,500				
Sluder, David	#				
Southern, H. Gray	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Stanley, Bruce E.	#				
Stone III, Richard L.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Strother, Jonathan E.	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
Taylor II, Berry Lynn	#				
Taylor, Carol C.	#				
Vieregg, Carla Scanlan	#				
Walker-Jones, Kelli	#				
Walton, Brenda C.	#				
Waters, Denise Conner	51,256				
Watson, Debra Starling	#				
Wells, Benjamin E.	23,500	18,400			
Wilkinson, Scott T.	64,900	8,500			
Willingham, Malcolm C.	#				
Wilson, Amanda Fleishman	27,212				
Wynn, Samuel	100,388	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY, INC.

Jack Ewing, Executive Director

There is great excitement at Lake Junaluska these days. We are preparing to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2013, we are taking advantage of the energy that often accompanies a transition of leadership, and we are beginning to realize the incredible untapped potential that exists in this wonderful place we call Lake Junaluska.

As we prepare for the Centennial Celebration in 2013 we are reflecting on the amazing history of this place and the important relationship we have with the Southeastern Jurisdiction and each of the annual conferences making up the SEJ. **Thank you** for your generous support over the years; we would not be here today if it was not for you and, as you know, we belong to you. We realize that the world has changed, the United Methodist Church is changing, and that the old models of financial support within our church will also need to change. It is our hope that any future financial support that we receive from annual conferences in the SEJ will occur because of who we are and that what we do adds significant value to fulfilling the mission of local congregations, the annual conferences, the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and The United Methodist Church as a whole.

In our efforts to live fully into the potential that exists at Lake Junaluska we have begun a four step process: 1) to clarify and own the mission and vision statements, 2) to develop a strategic plan that will allow us to fulfill that mission and vision, 3) to secure the resources that are necessary to fund the strategic plan, and 4) to fully implement the plan. The Board of Directors of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc. affirmed a revised mission statement in March 2011, "The mission of Lake Junaluska is **to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.**" A Strategic Planning Task Force has been appointed by Bishop Goodpaster with the charge of bringing a comprehensive strategic plan to the October board meeting. We are dramatically strengthening our Development program to be ready to provide opportunities for people and organizations to help us fund the new plan. We have already begun to make changes in the way we operate that will continue to be modified and improved as we "move on to perfection", a good Wesleyan concept.

Of course, one of our greatest challenges is how to appropriately remember the past but boldly embrace the future. We are diligently working to identify those things from our past that must be preserved, at the same time envisioning a future that will require us to do things very differently than we have in the past. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you.

I was attracted to this new position not only because I have come to love this place we call Lake Junaluska but because I see so much potential for this "holy ground" playing a critical role in impacting the world for God and for good. And I am convinced that the potential I see for this place today is only a small fraction of what we can become. I am so grateful for the vision of those who founded Lake Junaluska almost one hundred years ago and am humbled by the opportunity to provide guidance as we enter into the next one hundred years of helping to usher in the Kingdom of God through Lake Junaluska.

The future of Lake Junaluska is indeed very bright.

OFFICE OF NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

The Office of New Faith Communities is pleased to report that as of this Annual Conference 2011, the newest churches started over the last 5 years represent 1500 in AWA each week! Thirteen were started. Ten have survived and still function as high-impact faith communities who are seeing the God who transforms people and communities do some amazing things!

We are also seeing the fruit of last year's plan for three new faith communities. Led by Pastor Chang Bae Kim, YeDarm (meaning "like Christ") is a new Korean Faith Community in NE Fayetteville meeting at Johnson Memorial UMC. Living Hope Church is a new multicultural faith community meeting in East Durham where Chris Brady is serving as the Planting Pastor. The Edge Church of Holly Ridge is meeting at Dixon Elementary School. Eric Marshburn serves as Pastor. Together, these faith communities in their first year are reaching some 200 new persons and continue to grow weekly. Already there have been a number of professions of faith and baptisms!

As I report the fruit of these new faith communities, I also celebrate the faithfulness of the local churches of the NC Annual Conference who continue to sacrifice in giving to our shared ministry. You can consider yourselves proud parents of these infant churches!

This year we are excited to announce that ten (10) new faith communities will be started! Five of them are traditional "parachute drops" and five are strategic partnerships with established churches that are going multisite. All of them are an extension of ministry and mission of the many established local churches of each District, who in many cases, are themselves supporting these new churches additionally with focused prayer and resources. Special thanks goes to each of them, who profoundly understand the Great Commission. Our hope is each local church will feel a sense of legacy through these new faith communities yet to be born.

The starting lineup for the 2011-12 season is: [as the theme from Rocky begins...]

- 1) Billy Spencer – "Healing Waters" in Hubert/Jacksonville → Mission: Reach the new young military community that's highly deployed and highly needful of tangible expressions of God's lovingkindness.
- 2) Cleve May – "The CityWell" in central Durham → Mission: Create multicultural multisite missional communities that connect the affluent to the overlooked, and relate the saving work of Christ to both.
- 3) Owen Barrow – Apex 55N Campus → Mission: Reach the very affluent, unchurched people of the 27519 zip code with unparalleled ministry creativity. Hold nothing back!
- 4) Jose Luis Villasenor – "Fiesta Cristiana" Campus of Apex → Mission: Connect the abundant power of Christ to Hispanics/Latinos who are new to our country and to those who are beginning to experience upward mobility.
- 5) Jay Helms – Morrisville Missional Communities → Mission: Start a multisite missional movement to the extremely diverse RTP area. Think global, multilingual, relational, transformational.

- 6) Peter Singletary – Jacksonville Multicultural –> Mission: Create a Hip Hop Christ-experience for the military culture that transcends ethnic lines, but connects to each of them.
- 7) Donna Thompson – Solid Rock Campus at Spring Lake (Ft. Bragg) –> Mission: Lead the Spring Lake congregation in reaching the multicultural military community around them, and do so Solid Rock style.
- 8) Mike Bass – Solid Rock Campus at Community –> Mission: Lead the Community congregation in reaching the economically and socially diverse mission field around them Solid Rock style.
- 9) Michael Stadtler – Solid Rock Campus at Mt. Ariel/Woodside –> Mission: Lead the 2-point charge in transitioning and transforming their ministry to connect to the changing mission field around them Solid Rock style.
- 10) Matt Youngblood – Spout Springs area (north of Spring Lake) –> Mission: start a revolutionary, no-holds-barred multisite missional community to the career military and civil service families moving in.

I ask for your continued prayer for these missionaries who will serve as extensions of you in the new mission fields around us. As they do ecclesial “labor and delivery” in the days ahead, we praise God for this unprecedented effort in establishing a legacy of faith in the NC Annual Conference.

Already, work is underway with a half-dozen Acts 2 churches in our Conference who sense God leading them to multisite ministry. Our goal is 10 new faith communities next year! On a personal note, working in “Labor and Delivery” is so much fun!

Making life sing,

Jeff Severt
Executive Director of New Faith Communities
@jeffsevert on Twitter

**If this report excites you and you are compelled to be involved, a great way to partner is with the Ten Dollar Club. The TDC exists to birth and build new faith communities. If you want to do something simple that reverbs into eternity, contact Nancy Koontz at nkoontz@nccumc.org to be a part!*

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WASHINGTON, DC

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 Dr. Amy Oden, a United Methodist. Dr. Oden came from her position as Professor of Church History to lead the Seminary in our transition from Dr. 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. Dr. 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. Dr. 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. Dr. 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. Dr. Michael Koppel and Dr. 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.

Next year bears similarly exciting news. We are delighted to add to our faculty this coming year Dr. Cedric Johnson as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology. Dr. Johnson is well-published and brings extensive experience in pastoral care and counseling. He is affiliated with the Church of God in Christ, a denomination that grew from the continuing Wesleyan revival. We will renovate the library, making it the center of student life and creating an *Information Commons*.

We will launch two new tracks in the Doctor of Ministry Program. The first is a cohort of Military Chaplains focused on *“Religious Leadership in a Complex, Multi-faith Environment.”* The second is *“Theological Education from a West African Wesleyan Context.”* This has been designed in partnership with our United Methodist brothers and sisters in Liberia to prepare a generation of indigenous theological educators. And this summer, we will launch a portal that includes a collection of courses held on-campus, via distance learning, and Wesley-related events for which active clergy, alumni, professional laypeople and others can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

God’s call is bold. Your seminary should be too. Meet us at www.wesleyseminary.edu.

Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President

RESOLUTION: AMEND THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE'S PARAGRAPH ON ABORTION (161J)

WHEREAS, the Church universal through the ages has consistently witnessed and ministered, within the Church and to society, to protect the mother and unborn child from abortion;

WHEREAS, the universal Church's witness on life and abortion is represented by The United Methodist Church's stated belief in the sanctity of unborn human life and the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child (*The Book of Discipline* [2008], ¶161J);

WHEREAS, ¶161J, as presently written, has allowed the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries/Women's Division to support pro-choice law and politics. This clearly contradicts the teaching and practice of the universal Church and The United Methodist Church's equal respect for the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child (*The Book of Discipline* [2008], ¶161J);

WHEREAS, ¶161J is morally inconsistent because it speaks of the unborn child and yet supports laws that permit abortion, which takes the life of the unborn child;

WHEREAS, the 2008 *Book of Discipline's* ¶161J, as amended below, can lead The United Methodist Church to rejoin historic Christianity's teaching on life and abortion in aspiring to protect the unborn child and mother;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2011 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church hereby charges its Conference Secretary, using the rationale stated above, to petition, in a timely and appropriate manner, the 2012 General Conference to amend ¶161J of *The Book of Discipline* to read:

"J) Abortion –The beginning of life and the ending of life are the God-given boundaries of human existence. While individuals have always had some degree of control over when they would die, they now have the awesome power to determine when and even whether new individuals will be born. Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion.

But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child.

~~We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures. We support parental, guardian, or other responsible adult notification and consent before abortions can be performed on girls who have not yet reached the age of legal adulthood. We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection.~~

We oppose the use of late-term abortion known as dilation and extraction (partial-birth abortion) and call for the end of this practice except when the physical life of the mother is in danger and no other medical procedure is available, or in the case of severe fetal anomalies

incompatible with life. Before providing their services, abortion providers should be required to offer women the option of anesthesia.

We call all Christians to a searching and prayerful inquiry into the sorts of conditions that may cause them to consider abortion.

The Church shall offer ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies. We commit our Church to continue to provide nurturing ministries to those who terminate a pregnancy, to those in the midst of a crisis pregnancy, and to those who give birth.

We particularly encourage the Church, the government, and social service agencies to support and facilitate the option of adoption. (See ¶ 161L.) We affirm and encourage the Church to assist the ministry of crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women find feasible alternatives to abortion.

Governmental laws and regulations do not provide all the guidance required by the informed Christian conscience. Therefore, a decision concerning abortion should be made only after thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, family, pastoral, and other appropriate counsel." (*The Book of Discipline* [2008])

*Submitted by Rev. Paul T. Stallsworth
(pastor of St. Peter's United Methodist Church, Morehead City, NC)*

Defeated

RESOLUTION AND PETITION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ALL OUR CHILDREN: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND RACIAL DIVERSITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, systematic efforts are underway to eliminate socio-economic and racial diversity in public schools in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, evidence and experience unequivocally demonstrate that eliminating socioeconomic and racial diversity has the effect of re-segregating public schools and surrounding communities, thereby further disadvantaging poor and minority students, as well as depriving all public school students of the benefits of cultural, racial and economic diversity in public schools; and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice and protection of the voiceless. At least of these, including all children, and especially economically disadvantaged and minority children; and

WHEREAS, John Wesley, credited with launching free public schools on a widespread basis, established Methodism's deep commitment to protecting and promoting the best interests of impoverished children; and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church's Social Principles declare that the Church affirms "All persons as equally valuable in the sight of God," and is to work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened" (Social Community, ¶162); and

WHEREAS, The Church acknowledges children to be full human beings in their own right, to whom adults and society in general have special obligations. Thus, we support the development of school systems and innovative methods of education designed to assist every child toward complete fulfillment as an individual person of worth. All children have the right to quality education. (Rights of Children)

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church acknowledges that while the responsibility for education of the young rests with the family, the church, and the government, in our society, this function can best be fulfilled through public policies that ensure access for all persons to free public elementary and secondary schools (Education); and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church supports the basic right of all children to equal opportunities for education and training of the highest quality, and deplores harmful acts based on race, ethnicity, or economic status (Social Community, ¶162, Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons); and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church declares that institutional racism plagues and cripples our growth in Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself (Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons), and in order to provide quality education, resources must be shared more equitably (Poverty); and

WHEREAS, The Church claims all economic and institutional systems to be under the judgment of God, no less than other facets of the created order, and supports efforts to eliminate governmental programs that benefit the wealthy at the expense of other persons (Economic Community, ¶163); and

WHEREAS, evidence demonstrates that the systematic elimination of socio-economic and racial diversity in public schools will --and does-- have the effect of re-segregating not only schools but neighborhoods, contributing to an increase in drop-out rates among disadvantaged students, loss of property values, and an increase in crime, harming the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church acknowledges that based on their race and wealth, certain persons are unfairly granted privileges and benefits that are denied to racial minorities and to the poor, and that it is appropriate for the Church to declare society's obligation to address the inequalities and discriminatory practices within our society, and to call on our government to implement compensatory programs that redress long-standing, systemic social deprivation (Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons, Economic Community, ¶163); and

WHEREAS, evidence demonstrates that public school policies that encourage socio-economic and racial integration and diversity are a successful example of such innovative, compensatory programs that address inequalities and discriminatory practices in education and which equitably share resources to promote a quality public school education for all students; and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church supports diversity, rejoicing in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life (Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons); and

WHEREAS, re-segregating public schools along racial and economic lines will unfairly distribute public school resources to the advantage of students from wealthier families and to the disadvantage of minority and poor students, the least of these Christians are called upon to protect; and

WHEREAS, United Methodists hold governments responsible for the protection of the rights of the people to adequate education (Political Community, §164, Basic Freedoms and Human Rights); and

WHEREAS, The Church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust (Political Responsibility);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church declares that the integration of our human diversity in our communities and in our public schools is a fundamental religious, social, and moral value and an inherent social good;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, aware of the history and present reality of racial and economic disparities in North Carolina communities, and informed by expert studies on public school diversity, abandoning socio-economic and racial integration of public school students will in fact lead to a re-segregation of our schools and communities, leading to numerous social and moral harms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, policies that lead to re-segregation are contrary to the basic principles of our faith, contrary to the Bible's tradition of compassion and care for all children, and are contrary to our religion's teachings on social justice, and therefore are opposed by the Church;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church calls on governmental entities at the federal, state and local level to promote, and not abandon, destroy, or dismantle programs that foster socio-economic and racial integration and diversity in public schools.

*The North Carolina Board of Church and Society
and
The Methodist Federation for Social Action
North Carolina Annual Conference Chapter*

Adopted

IN SUPPORT OF EFFECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PEACEMAKING BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS THROUGH POSITIVE INVESTMENT IN PALESTINE

The United Methodist Church has committed itself to peacemaking and seeks to act as an advocate for peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The United Methodist Church recognizes that true peace must reveal itself in both the spiritual and temporal aspects of life and culture in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church Affirms the right and duty of people of all nations to determine their own destiny, (Social Principles, & 65 B), the preferred solution to this conflict is the creation of two independent sovereign nations, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and in economic justice and cooperation. (Social Principles, &165B & C).

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church has long supported economic justice, we recognize that a viable Palestinian state must have a sustainable financial foundation. To this end, we support positive financial investment for the Palestinians. We also recognize that, at present, the Palestinian civil society must build may the economic base and infrastructure necessary for fully fledged statehood.

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church values the transformative nature of economic justice for all people, we support positive investment in Palestine as an effective and productive approach to peace making for both Israelis and the Palestinians. In this case in particular, we believe that encouraging investments in Palestine is a positive, transformative strategy to be preferred to the more punitive options of divestment, and boycotts. Boycott, divestment and economic sanction campaigns focus on combating perceived enemies and punishing and blaming one side in a complex conflict, rather than promoting constructive solutions to the conflict and improving the lives of Palestinians.

THEREFORE, The United Methodist Church:

1. Affirms the 2008 General Conference in its rejection of boycott, divestment or economic sanctions as a just or effective way of resolving the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and creating a peaceful two-state solution;

2. Acknowledges that the Church must seize the current opportunity to determine how best to act as a peacemaker in Israel-Palestine in the current historical context – and not fan the flames of conflict by adopting approaches such as boycott, divestment and economic sanctions which are ultimately destructive to peacemaking in Israel and Palestine because they seek primarily to punish and blame one side in a complex conflict, rather than serving the purpose of encouraging reconciliation and raising both people up;
3. Affirms strategies that will help bring about an independent, sovereign Palestinian state as well as peace, prosperity and security for both Palestinians and Israelis. This strategy includes investment in Palestine and support of positive economic growth.
4. Recognizes that the work of nation-building is necessary and productive and without it there can and will be no viable Palestinian state;
5. Commits to study and make recommendations for concrete measures that can be taken by the Church, Church Boards, Agencies, and Church members to encourage, aid and assist the Palestinian people in their efforts in nation building.

North Carolina Conference Board of Church and Society

Adopted

RESOLUTION: WITHDRAW THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

WHEREAS, the position of The United Methodist Church concerning abortion (*The Book of Discipline* [2008], ¶ 161J) lays out a politically moderate position where the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion, @ where we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child @ while allowing that tragic conflicts of life with life @ may justify, with prayerful consideration involved, the legal option of abortion. Our position includes faithful restraints to abortion such as supporting parental notification for minors and opposing abortion as a means of birth control, gender selection, and the procedure of partial-birth abortion (with rare exceptions). Our position also encourages adoption and affirms ministries that provide compassionate, feasible alternatives to abortion.

WHEREAS, we are a full member of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC, originally named the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights), a group of affiliated religious groups that actively pursues a political agenda that is in opposition to any moderation or restriction of abortion rights;

WHEREAS, RCRC, in its Words of Choice: Countering Anti-Choice Rhetoric@ (www.rcrc.org/pdf/Words_of_Choice.pdf), argues against the following words, phrases, and moral claims found in our position: abortion as...birth control,@ [abortion] as...gender selection,@ adoption,@ crisis pregnancy centers,@ mother,@ notification and consent,@ partial-birth abortion@ opposition, sacredness of...life,@ sanctity of... life,@ and unborn child;@

WHEREAS, RCRC states its opposition to the restrictions we support by framing our position incorrectly and offensively. For instance, it names those that oppose partial-birth abortion as being engaged in a propaganda war against women,@ and that support for parental notification is a campaign masquerading as parental rights@ (<http://rcrc.org/about/faq.cfm>). On our own UM GBCS website, RCRC President and CEO Carlton Veazey states that, contrary to these restrictions in the Discipline, [e]ach new barrier to exercising reproductive rights is a setback to women's freedom and equality.@(Sex and the church,@<http://www.umcgbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.3794227/apps/s/content.asp?ct=8157575>)

WHEREAS, the Amembers of our denomination are not of one mind over the precise conditions in which abortion can be supported" (#2027, *The Book of Resolutions* [2008], p. 123), and therefore agencies of The United Methodist Church should not be permitted to join a political lobby for abortion, such as RCRC;

WHEREAS, other mainline denominations, with positions on abortion similar to that of The United Methodist Church, have either never chosen to be members of RCRC (e.g., the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Disciples of Christ) or severed past ties with RCRC (American Baptist Churches USA and the Northern Province of the Moravian Church);

WHEREAS, through the connection of the UMC, we are deeply involved in leading the RCRC. An organization can be an Aendorsing member@ of RCRC or go beyond endorsement to be on the Council of Governors. Both the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries/ Women's Division are members of the RCRC's Council of Governors. Further, on RCRC's Board of Directors, both the Chair of the Council of Governors and the Secretary of the Board are from UMC Boards or Agencies. (<http://rcrc.org/about/members.cfm>)

WHEREAS, by our membership in the RCRC, The United Methodist Church connection which we prayerfully and financially support is being unequally yoked with advocacy to positions in direct conflict with the positions stated in the Discipline;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the 2011 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church hereby charges its Conference Secretary to forward this resolution, in a timely and appropriate manner, to the 2012 General Conference to withdraw immediately from membership in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) any Board, Agency or Official of The United Methodist Church-including, but not limited to, the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries/Women's Division.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Dunham
Elder in Full Connection, serving Farmville United Methodist Church (Greenville District)*

Defeated

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WHEREAS, both Israel and Palestinians have historic claim to what is known as the Holy Land; and

WHEREAS, both Israel and Palestine have legitimate histories of having been oppressed and mistreated, including the Holocaust and being forced to live in refugee camps for decade upon decade; and

WHEREAS, both Israel and Palestine have engaged in conduct not in keeping with the highest ideals of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, including rocket attacks, suicide bombings, aggressive housing settlements, and onerous security measures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church implores both Israel and the Palestinian Authority to re-enter into negotiations with the following goals: peace for all peoples in the region, the preservation of Jewish and Palestinian identity, and the protection of the Christian population in the Holy Land.

North Carolina Conference Board of Church and Society

Adopted

2010 Statistician's Report Annual Conference 2011

TABLE I		2009	2010	
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				
1	Total Professing members at beginning of year	237,490	237,495	5
2a	Received this year on Profession of Faith	2,772	2,804	32
2b	Restored	239	301	62
2	Total of Professions of Faith and Restored	3,011	3,105	94
2c	Correct last years total by addition	334	423	89
3	Received from other United Methodist Churches	2,392	1,860	-532
4	Received from other denominations	1,948	1,711	-237
5a	Total removed by Charge Conference action	2,294	1,108	-1,186
5b	Removed by withdrawal	462	522	60
5	Total removed by Charge Conference action or withdrawn	2,756	1,630	-1,126
5c	Correct last years total by subtraction	73	5,828	5,755
6	Removed by transfer to other United Methodist Churches	1,524	1,425	-99
7	Removed by transfer to other denominations	946	1,086	140
8	Removed by Death	2,381	2,742	361
9a	Asian Professing Members	634	768	134
9b	African American/Black Professing Members	6,226	6,176	-50
9c	Hispanic Professing Members	702	687	-15
9d	Native American Professing Members	2,465	2,384	-81
9e	Pacific Islander Professing Members	81	164	83
9f	White Professing Members	226,313	220,867	-5,446
9g	Multi-Racial Professing Members	1,074	837	-237
9h	Female Professing Members		128,892	128,892
9i	Male Professing Members		102,991	102,991
9	Total Professing Members at close of year	237,495	231,883	-5,612
10	Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service(s)	83,452	81,961	-1,491
11	Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)	2,505	2,385	-120
12	Total Baptized members who have not become Professing members	20,221	19,597	-624
13	Number of persons on Constituency Roll	27,718	29,285	1,567
14	Total enrolled in confirmation classes this year	1,752	1,884	132
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
15	Number of children (0-11)in Christian Groups & all other small groups	17,283	17,898	615
16	Number of Youth (11-18)in Christian Groups & all other small groups	11,072	11,027	-45
17	Number of Young Adults (19-30)in Christian Groups & all other small groups	5,958	5,774	-184
18	Number of Adults (31 + years) in Christian Groups & all other small groups	36,602	38,414	1,812
19	TOTAL number of person in Christian groups & all other small groups	70,915	73,113	2,198
20	Average attendance in the Sunday School	37,300	36,435	-865
21	Number of persons (all ages) in covenant discipleship groups	14,273	17,786	3,513
22	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	30,469	32,084	1,615
23	Number of ongoing CLASSES for learning in Sunday School	4,018	4,176	158
24	Number of ongoing CLASSES for learning other than Sunday School	2,017	2,002	-15
25	Number of Short Term CLASSES & Groups (all ages)	1,671	1,786	115
UNITED METHODIST MEN				
26	Membership in chartered United Methodist Men	10,007	9,822	-185
27	Amount paid for projects	1,138,630	1,752,806	614,176
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN				
28	Membership in United Methodist Women	20,998	19,697	-1,301
29a	Amount paid for local church and community work	1,290,126	1,976,749	686,623
UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP				
29b	Membership in United Methodist Youth Fellowship	10,772	10,481	-291
29c	Amount paid for projects	1,169,296	1,333,894	164,598
PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS				
30a	Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church	183	343	160
30b	Number of church members participating in any UMVIM team	1,924	1,214	-710
31a	Number of other mission teams sent from this local church last year?	468	552	84
31b	Number of person sent out on other mission teams from this church	5,623	6,069	446
32	Number of community ministries for daycare and/or education	557	527	-30
33	Number of persons impacted by community ministries for daycare an/or education	24,768	29,541	4,773
34	Number of community ministries for outreach, justice & mercy?	1,640	2,185	545
35	Number of persons impacted by community ministries for outreach, etc.	1,108,979	5,589,641	4,480,662

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TABLE II		2009	2010	
36	Value of church land, buildings and equipment AND Parsonage	1,336,749,951	1,582,788,650	246,038,699
37	Value of other assets	114,344,138	131,398,410	17,054,272
38	Indebtedness on items 36 & 37 at end of year	105,092,965	112,110,902	7,017,937
39	Other indebtedness	5,127,077	3,283,005	-1,844,072
40a	Total amount Apportioned to the Local Church		20,661,003	20,661,003
40b	Total amount Apportioned to the Local Church and Paid to AC Treasurer		18,826,262	18,826,262
41	District Work Fund	1,321,518	1,281,503	-40,015
42	Total General Church Offerings	130,020	1,307,969	1,177,949
44	Youth Service Fund	2,105	2,490	385
45	Conference Advance Specials	750,455	793,842	43,387
47	\$10 Club	112,002	105,938	-6,064
49	Other benevolences paid directly by local church	10,192,571	11,194,833	1,002,262
50a	Human Relations	14,364	10,900	-3,464
52b	One Great Hour of Sharing	56,070	52,626	-3,444
50c	Peace with Justice	11,406	8,482	-2,924
50d	Native American Awareness Sunday	24,348	18,448	-5,900
50e	World Communion	15,111	17,080	1,969
50f	United Methodist Student Day	8,721	11,066	2,345
50	Total General Church Offerings	130,020	118,603	-11,417
51	Pastor's Life Insurance	121,707	108,417	-13,290
52	Pastor's Medical Insurance paid by the church	6,070,144	4,926,265	-1,143,879
53	Pastor's base compensation	24,830,622	25,126,819	296,197
54	Associate's base compensation	2,665,293	2,575,608	-89,685
55a	Pastor's utilities and other housing-related allowances	2,148,553	2,197,683	49,130
55b	Associate's utilities and other housing-related allowances	316,073	197,563	-118,510
55	Total Utilities/Housing	2,464,626	2,395,246	-69,380
56a	Pastor's travel	2,442,270	2,359,943	-82,327
56b	Associate's travel	166,959	149,541	-17,418
56	Total travel paid	2,609,229	2,509,484	-99,745
57a	Other cash allowances paid to/for pastor	266,321	232,285	-34,036
57b	Other cash allowances paid to/for associate	48,049	41,490	-6,559
57	Total other cash allowances	314,370	273,775	-40,595
58	Deacons Compensation		521,709	521,709
59	Diaconal Minister(s) total compensation	144,365	122,574	-21,791
60	Other staff compensation	26,885,434	27,478,450	593,016
61	Current expenses for program (including church school)	8,409,847	8,201,570	-208,277
62a	Property Insurance paid by church	3,892,467	3,952,466	59,999
62b	Other current operating expenses (not including program expenses)	20,527,617	21,749,494	1,221,877
63	Principal and interest paid on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	15,869,128	14,472,448	-1,396,680
64	Paid on buildings and improvements (not include funds borrowed)	20,120,365	14,710,549	-5,409,816
65	Grand Total Paid		162,756,313	
TABLE III		2009	2010	
66	Number of Pledges and Identified Givers	79,541	77,396	-2,145
67a	Received thru Pledges	63,634,742	63,257,550	-377,192
67b	Received from Non-Pledging yet identified givers	74,360,260	69,056,532	-5,303,728
67c	Received from Unidentified Givers	5,001,831	4,788,543	-213,288
	Total 1a, 1b, 1c	143,076,374	137,102,625	-5,973,749
67d	Received from Interest & Dividends	854,331	512,939	-341,392
67e	Received from sale of Church Assets	156,642	468,487	311,845
67f	Received from building use fees, contributions and rentals	1,523,067	1,556,488	33,421
67g	Received thru fundraisers	3,154,552	3,080,974	-73,578
67	Totals	148,764,966	142,721,513	-6,043,453
68a	Capital Campaign	13,047,583	13,116,905	69,322
68b	Memorial/Endowment/Bequests	6,614,552	5,661,484	-953,068
68c	Other Sources & Projects	1,489,169	2,479,309	990,140
68	Totals	21,151,304	21,257,698	106,394
69a	Equitable Compensation Fund	123,125	120,969	-2,156
69b	Advanced Specials & Apportioned Fund	144,048	93,007	-51,041
69c	Other	1,463,593	1,469,375	5,782
69	Totals	1,730,766	1,683,351	-47,415
NOTE: The table data provided above are preliminary figures and are subject to change upon final audit				

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, REPORT OF BURLINGTON DISTRICT

“Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show-up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come,” writes Anne Lamott. The Burlington District continues to “show-up and try to do the right thing.”

Twelve congregations completed the 15-month Abide renewal and revitalization initiative with local teams meeting eight hours a month for loving, learning, and leading. Congregations already are connecting with their neighborhoods in new and imaginative ways. The program officially has concluded, yet the congregations have chosen to continue to gather quarterly in “reunion” for continuing education and support. A second Abide will be launched in September 2011 drawing congregations for three districts---Burlington, Durham, and Sanford.

Two churches – Christ in Chapel Hill and Palmer’s Grove in Hillsborough – have celebrated major mortgage burnings.

Two neighboring congregations – Bethel and Center – will become a charge in July 2011 sharing a full-time pastor.

All 53 churches – charges are grouped geographically across the district in 10 clusters with the pastors meeting at least three times a year to covenant for support, share learnings, and strategize for cooperative ministry (e.g., seasonal studies and services, community gardens, food pantry, stewardship education, revivals, youth-children programs).

Doug Anderson of the Rueben Job Leadership Center returned for a third consecutive year to present a day-long seminar for clergy and laity (co-sponsored with SA District) on Evangelism: Hospitality and Assimilation of Newcomers.

The district has welcomed a new campus minister, Amanda Dean, transferring from the Holston Conference, as the new Wesley Campus Minister at UNC-CH.

The closed Christ Church in Graham has been placed on the market for sale by the Trustees with proceeds designated for congregational development and revitalization and/or new church launch.

Among the 53 churches – charges, 47 paid 100 % of their conference missional apportionments (97.4 % district pay-out in 2010), with 25 congregations reaching Rainbow Covenant status in a challenging economic climate.

Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center continues to be a venue for district events like the fourth Annual District Confirmation Retreat and the monthly Third Thursday outings for older adults.

In May 2011, a seminar on Healthy Clergy Transitions was offered for all pastors and Pastor Parish Relations Committees where there was a change in clergy leadership. The event provided both information and individual coaching for transitioning-out and in pastors.

With grateful hearts and lives we acknowledge the past year, and with “Hope that springs eternal,” we await the “dawn” that will come!

DURHAM DISTRICT

The Durham District has continued to lead persons to Christ during the year by beginning to focus anew on our call: we had a pastors' retreat, in conjunction with The New Bern District's clergy, to think about what our calling is. We have talked about call in a number of ways within the district, asking our churches to focus on clarifying their sense of call and to renew the actions they take based on the call they feel their particular congregation is blessed to enjoy. Various churches in the district have launched either new worship services or have reorganized their worship schedule to include different types of worship experiences. For example, Spring Valley Church has launched a house church to serve people in a local mobile home park where they first go to know a housebound lady in whose home the service is held.

Warren's Grove moved to full-time status last summer in a testimony to the power of Christians seizing a vision and moving forward with it. Durham District churches gave the largest percentage of our assigned apportionments in nearly 20 years, a celebration of faithfulness that is a blessing in the economic times.

Churches in the Durham area worked together to build a Habitat for Humanity house, raising the money and building it all in the course of a year, thanks to the work of Cathy Carlson and her work group. Some of those same builders have been to the Bahamas to work for Habitat there.

Several churches are developing building plans for new construction or renovation of their facilities. Salem Church (Granville Co.) has built an addition to their parsonage.

God continues to bless the Durham District; may we bless the Lord in return.

H. Gray Southern

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

Elizabeth City District is excited about the Church of Jesus Christ in the 2010-2011 conference year. In spite of receiving the fifth district superintendent in five years, our district remains strong in Christ. The strength is in the heart, faith and service of our laity and clergy.

- In November, our Resurrection Weekend, lead by Carla Kincannon, was spiritually uplifting to our laity and clergy.
- Under the leadership of Dr. John Tyson, we started an Incubator Group for 11 clergy
- Our annual lay rally expand with our first Expo which offered a look at both conference and district ministries.
- We started our EC District Coaching Team, which includes 12 pastors plus the DS. We will come along side our first congregation in June 2011. The focus of this ministry is to strengthen our churches through visioning into the future. Small teams of three will be working with the churches who participate in this ministry.

- Our annual youth beach retreat found many excited youth and leaders praising God at Nags Head
- Food related ministries are by far the most significant in the district. Our churches are involved in the Mobile Food Pantry, Currituck Food Pantry and several churches have an on site pantry to help meet the growing hunger needs in the district.
- The Elizabeth City District has led the conference most months in The Amazing Pace Walking Program.
- All Gods Children has started a weight loss program for children entitled "Weight No More".
- The parsonage at Center Hill burned in December of 2010, Thankfully there was no one home.
- Tornadoes brought deadly disaster to Bertie County on April 16. Sadly 12 people died. In the aftermath, the church was at the center of healing in those rural communities.

May the work of God continue through His faithful servants in the Elizabeth City District.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Over the course of this past year, the Fayetteville District has been engaged in exciting ministries.

We have completed our second Incubator group training clergy and laity.

Under the leadership of the district lay leader, Colleen Astrike, the new format for the Lay Rally has been a huge success. Each church is encouraged to hold a one day Community Outreach Missions day. A few great examples are, First UMC, Clinton, with the leadership of Rev. Bob Redmond, built a ramp for the elderly at the Office of the Aging and a food drive for the local soup kitchen. Rev. Scott Foster and the folks at Maple Grove UMC raised over \$600 with a walkathon for Commonwealth Health, a very rural hospital in their town. Rev. Haywood Smith and the laity at Camp Ground served breakfast to over 100 of the City of Fayetteville trash collectors.

There has been a new church launch in Fayetteville for the Korean community under the capable leadership of Rev. Dr. Chang Bae Kim and as of this Annual Conference, there is another new church launch in the Spout Springs area with Rev. Matthew Youngblood.

Crossroads new church launch with Rev. Chad Pullins, is in its' 6th year with an average worship attendance of 200 a week. In October, they will be ready to begin a major capital campaign fund.

The district has implemented a Congregational Development Team and with great success. Working with Christ, John Wesley, Harry Hosier, Gardners, Clinton Grace, Angier, Community, Johnson Memorial, Solid Rock, Bethany, Spring Lake, Crossroads, Raeford, Cornerstone, and the two new church starts, a renewed Christ centered growth has been experienced by each of these congregations.

In June of 2009, Christ was appointed a full-time pastor according to the *2008 Book of Discipline Paragraph 213*. In April of 2010, Christ UMC set 5 goals to accomplish with their revitalization; a full time pastor, a part time choir director, the beginning of some capital improvements around the church, an increase in average Sunday morning attendance, and start on pledges for the Celebrate Christ Campaign. Christ UMC is an example of how this team has helped to rekindle the flame and is becoming a healthy congregation that desires to see God's best for them.

With the appointment of Rev. Jaye White as the BRAC Mission Developer for the Fayetteville and Sanford Districts, the local churches are now better prepared for the approximately 30,000 additional troops and support personal to the area. Jaye has become the liaison for Fort Bragg and the United Methodist communities.

The district Team of Ministries, in partnership with several churches, held very large Evangelism events that not only involved their congregations but, also their surrounding communities. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ and the way to life eternal has been the focus throughout the Fayetteville District.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sam Wynn, Fayetteville D.S.*

GOLDSBORO DISTRICT

God has been at work in the Goldsboro District throughout the past year. The focus has continued to be on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. To do this, the district has focused on meeting the spiritual and physical needs of both pastors and congregations. The district pastors' meetings have been limited to four per year. They have been streamlined, emphasizing inspiration as well as information. Lay Leaders and Church Council Chairmen have also been invited to the district meetings. Spiritual and emotional support is being provided through a network of coaching offered in an informal environment provided by the nine cluster groups of pastors, which meet monthly. There has been a continued effort to transform the Charge Conferences into genuine worship services, rather than focusing on reports and statistics.

The District Committee on Ordained Ministry is handling a total of twenty-five persons in various stages of the process toward certification or ordination. The district was pleased that two of its candidates reached the stage of ordination in June 2011.

Coaching has been provided for congregations needing help in overcoming various obstacles in their ministry. Two congregations are now receiving regular coaching from conference revitalization teams. The superintendent initiated a new initiative "Coffee with the DS" to allow for regular, frequent and informal gatherings with the superintendent, in addition to the peer coaching provided by the cluster groups. Special classes are being offered to pastors serving an appointment for the very first time. Additional classes are being offered for pastors preparing for their very first Charge Conference. In a difficult economy, our congregations are still working hard to support their fair share of the annual conference missional giving. The superintendent has held coaching sessions with Committees on Staff-Parish Relations to help them deal with specific issues that have risen.

One of the two districts in the pilot program for Duke Endowment's Pastoral Health Initiative, the Goldsboro District is continuing with phase two of that endeavor, called Spirited Life. Pastors and their families are assisted in adopting healthy lifestyles and paying attention to issues of physical, spiritual, and mental health.

The North Carolina Annual Conference adopted a plan of redistricting, which will apparently take effect at Annual Conference in 2012. All twelve districts will be erased, and eight new districts, each with a new name, will be created. Apparently this is the penultimate report ever to be offered by a Goldsboro District Superintendent. If that is the case, it seems proper to review at least the names of the servants of God who have served as Superintendent of the Goldsboro District. They are as follows:

Goldsboro District History

1. Howard McLamb 1954-1960
2. Leon Russell 1960-1968
3. Al Fisher 1968-1974
4. Paul Edwards 1974-1980
5. Ernie Porter 1980-1982
6. Charles Michael Smith 1982-1988
7. Malloy Owen 1988-1994
8. Jim Lee 1994-1999
9. Paul Leeland 1999-2001
10. Milton Gilbert 2001-2007
11. Charles Cook 2007-2012

God has done wonderful things in the Goldsboro District. Even though its sixty-eight churches will continue under a different banner in the future, there is reason to give God great praise for His goodness in using this arm of the church for His glory.

Charles M. Cook
Eleventh Goldsboro District Superintendent

GREENVILLE DISTRICT REPORT

As an expression of the one Lord, one faith, one baptism that unites us, laity and clergy of the Greenville District gathered for Charge Conferences this year in clusters. We began with worship and then proceeded to small groups where each Charge had an opportunity to address administrative matters. The time together to celebrate God's work in and through us was uplifting and energizing to our common mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We rejoice with the heavenly host that 187 people made first-time professions of faith as they responded to the love of Jesus Christ and the invitation to discipleship extended by United Methodist congregations in the Greenville District in 2010. These new disciples of Jesus joined

seasoned followers in corporate worship services, which meant that on average 6,396 people praised God, gave tithes & offerings, and witnessed to their faith weekly. Passionate worship, intentional spiritual formation, and extravagant generosity led to some wonderful risk-taking ministry and mission during the past year.

United Methodists from the Greenville District participated in mission endeavors near and far. In addition to ministering to victims of violent tornados in Greene County and damaging floods in Bertie County, folks gleaned corn in Hyde County for the NC Food bank, and packaged thousands of meals through Operation Share house. A variety of work teams traveled to Jamaica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Africa, and the Dominican Republic. Wesley Foundation of Greenville sent a group of people on a Spring Break mission to the island of Eleuthera where they worked with Habitat for Humanity. We have put our faith in to action!

In addition to hands-on-missions in their community and abroad, congregations supported some of the most vulnerable members of the family of God and some of the most significant ministry initiatives in the world. 51 of our 58 churches contributed 100% to the 2010 Apportionments while others did the best they could under some challenging circumstances. As a whole we met 95% of our district goal for missional giving.

Any spiritual fruit produced is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives combined with our willingness to be equipped for effective ministry. Tools that have been especially helpful to us include: Workshop on Prayer by Rev. Terry Teykel, Seminar on "The Rural Church as a Catalyst for Community Transformation" sponsored by Duke Divinity School and the Academy of Leadership Excellence, an Incubator covenant group, as well as Passion in Partnership Coaching and Group Dialogue sessions facilitated by Mrs. Peg Aldridge.

We give God thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and we pray that we will be found more faithful and fruitful in the year to come.

*Rev. Beth H. Hood
Superintendent of the Greenville District
NC Conference of the United Methodist Church*

NEW BERN DISTRICT

The New Bern District have seen many evidences that God is at work among us in the last year as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Passionate worship is happening in many of our churches every Sunday morning. It is a joy to be with the people and see their enthusiasm to be the church.

Our District Ministry Team seeks innovative ways to educate and motivate our clergy and laity. This was evident in our excellent January Workshop in January followed soon thereafter with the Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunnam leading our clergy in a time centered on being spiritual leaders at the Trinity Center in Salter Path.

There have been sightings of members of our conference staff in our churches leading workshops and offering valuable consultation. Dr. Christine Harman was the keynote speaker for our 2011 District Lay Rally in Swansboro. Her message spoke mightily to all of us.

In January we launched a new church in the Hubert community called: "Healing Waters." Under the leadership of Billy Spencer this new faith community is growing in numbers and spirit every week. Without having formally launched as yet, they had around 200 persons for an Easter egg hunt and 65 in worship. God is blessing this work among an under-served population of military families who seek after God in this time of persistent deployments to Afghanistan.

"The Edge" launched on Easter Sunday morning in the Holly Ridge community. They met at the Dixon Elementary School and had 100 persons in worship. The excitement of the core leadership is already off the charts as they have witnessed God working mightily in their worship and in the lives of the people.

My heart is encouraged as I witness our pastors and laity seeking to be effective witnesses of Jesus Christ in so many ways, such as: mission work teams in places like Haiti and Honduras; United Methodist Men in partnership with one of our smaller local churches helping to re-roof their parsonage; Stop Hunger Now and Relay for Life events; revivals; new worship services (like the contemporary service at Swansboro UMC); and the many everyday examples of reaching out to the least, the last, and the lost in the communities we serve.

We join the people called "United Methodists" as we hear the Call to Action Report and respond with seriousness to the work before us. We believe that God will bless our sincere efforts to serve Him with all we are.

Dennis M. Goodwin, District Superintendent

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

The Rocky Mount District has been a District of the United Methodist Church that has had to rise up, walk with the Lord, continue to be in ministry, and recover from the death of their District Superintendent for the past eight months (November 2011 through June 2011). They have done just that while mourning the loss of a friend, a pastor, a servant, a leader; that person being Mack McMillan. The Reverend McMillan died on October 25, 2010. We thank God for his leadership from 2008 to 2010 and offer our love to his family. The Rocky Mount District is grateful for the leadership of Interim District Superintendent, The Reverend Timothy Russell, and is also grateful for the faithful work of Fran Stafford as Administrative Assistant during this difficult time.

We had 18 Rainbow Covenant churches in 2010.

All but 8 churches paid 100% of apportioned funds for 2010. The total district percentage paid was 88.9%.

In March there was a Celebration of the Laity with our guest speaker being Dr. Timothy G. Clapp, who came to help us to become "Everyday Witnesses". The mission of the churches of the Rocky Mount District is to be intentionally engaged in hands-on ministry to school-aged children in poverty. Our Outstanding Lay Ministry for 2010 was Bethlehem Food Pantry of the First United Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids, which was selected during the Celebration of the Laity. The offering of our Celebration of the Laity Rally went to the Methodist Home for Children in memory of The Reverend Samuel Duncan "Mack" McMillan III.

We had very successful Lay Training Workshop sessions in May 2011, to offer understanding of Intentional Faith Formation. Our workshops were as follows:

1. Systems for Intentional Faith Formation; Reverend Dr. Marty Cauley and Reverend Kris Williams
2. Intentional Faith Formation for Children; Reverend Dr. Laura Early
3. Intentional Faith Formation for Youth; Mrs. Cindy Pike
4. Intentional Faith Formation for Young Adults; Reverend Scott Wilkinson
5. Intentional Faith Formation for Adults; Dr. Christine Harman

The Rocky Mount District welcomes The Reverend Caswell E. Shaw, Jr., as our new District Superintendent July 2011. As a side note, Reverend Shaw was previously the Rocky Mount District Superintendent from 1989 to 2004. Caswell is greatly welcomed back, and we know that he will help the District heal from the loss of Mack McMillan.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

The clergy and laity of the Wilmington District continue to be faithful to our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. All across the five counties that make up the Wilmington District, nearly 22,000 United Methodist are discovering in new and exciting ways how God is blessing people through the ministry of the United Methodist Church. We celebrate the fact that 298 persons were received on a profession of faith in the year 2010. This means that 68 churches in the district received at least one person on profession of faith.

Missional giving continues to be a priority in the churches of the district. For the year 2010, 60 congregations of the Wilmington District paid 100% of their apportionments, bringing the district total to 97% of apportionments paid. While this is really good we continue to strive to achieve 100%.

Three churches in the district celebrated by entering new sanctuaries within this past conference year: Windsor UMC on the Bladen Charge, Sharon UMC near Holden Beach and Camp UMC in Shallotte. With the new facilities, God is opening up new and exciting mission fields.

Of course, while new missions are being developed, existing opportunities continue with great success. Whether it is feeding the homeless with a special Christmas dinner or caring for the needy with a free MOM's Dental Clinic, 1K for1Kid or another WARM project being completed,

the laity and clergy of the Wilmington District continue to demonstrate in word and deed the Lordship of Jesus.

In August of 2010 our first Ignite service was held at Seaside UMC. Nearly 450 people gathered together with fellow United Methodist from across the district. It was a time of worship, inspiration and fellowship in which we renewed our baptism.

On January 11, 2011 we also held a workshop by Dr. Doug Anderson on "The Race to Reach Out," in which congregations received some valuable instructions on how to become more welcoming churches.

We continue our efforts in reactivating the Wilmington District Ministry Table. In the coming year we plan to refine the organization so that we may be even more effective in planning programs for the district. So, making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World is a reality in the present as well as our focus for the future. It is therefore with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to what God is unfolding before us.

M. Francis Daniel, District Superintendent