



2010 PreConference Journal
Troy Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

Bishop Susan W. Hassinger, President



Call to Conference

Notice is hereby given that the 178th session of the Troy Annual Conference is to be convened at Christ United Methodist Church in Glens Falls, New York on May 22, 2010. Unless specifically excused, all members of the Annual Conference, lay and clergy, are expected to attend the Conference Session.

Gregory Smith, Conference secretary



March 18, 2010

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

This letter is your notice of call for the 178th Session of Troy Annual Conference, scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2010, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at Christ Church in Glens Falls, New York. Worship will begin at 9:30 am with the Memorial Service; all of our work will be done in a worshipful context; Holy Communion will close the day. All members of Troy Annual Conference (local church Lay Members or Reserve, Clergy, Equalization members) are expected to attend this final session of the Troy Conference.

The theme for this one-day annual conference session is: "Lead on."

Included in the business of the day will be concluding actions of the Troy Annual Conference in relation to the realignment with new Annual Conferences. Those newly -elected as full members will be introduced and asked the Historic Questions. It will also include the reading of the appointments, recognition of awards, and thanksgiving for ministry in the past and future.

The Clergy Session will convene on Friday, May 21 at the Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church at 9:15 a.m. At a special service on Friday, May 21 at 7:00 pm at Christ Church, Glens Falls, we will celebrate with gratitude the ministries of those who have served faithfully and are now retiring.

I look forward to greeting you when we gather together to celebrate our past, to acknowledge our grief and our hopes in our present, and to look towards the future to which God is leading us. Please notify your district superintendent if you need to be excused from this historic session.

Peace and hope,

Susan W. Hassinger
Interim Bishop

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Bring it to Conference and hand in when your Register

Clergy Roll Call – 2010

ROLL CALL INFORMATION

Please Print

Name _____

Personal E-Mail Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Charge/Church Name you are serving _____

Church E-Mail Address _____

Church Mail Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Fax Number _____

Relation to Conference (Check One)

Full Member Retired (FM, AM, LP – circle one)

Probationary Member Full Time Local Pastor

Associate Member Part Time Local Pastor

Other (Specify) _____

IF YOU ARE MOVING (especially if you are retiring), please include your new address on the reverse of this sheet, also include information relating to change in family, etc.

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Lay Member Roll Call – 2010

ROLL CALL INFORMATION

Please Print

Name _____

Personal E-Mail Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Occupation _____

(If retired- what occupation are you retired from?)

Charge/Church Name you are from _____

District (Circle one): Adirondack Albany Embury Green Mountain

Church E-Mail Address _____

Church Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Fax Number _____

Relation to Conference (Check One)

Lay Member

Reserve Lay Member

(Seated in place of the member)

Reserve Lay Member

(Attending as observer)

Other (Specify) _____

(District Youth or Young Adult, Equalization Member, Board Chairperson, etc.)

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**2010 TROY ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GLENS FALLS, NY**



REGISTRATION	8:30 am
OPENING WORSHIP – MEMORIAL SERVICE	9:30 am
Bishop Hassinger Preaching. Conference offering received.	
BREAK	10:30 am
FIRST BUSINESS SESSION	10:45 am
ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE - OPENING MOTIONS	
ELECTION OF INTERIM OFFICES (Trustees)	
ENABLING LEGISLATION	
LUNCH	12:30 pm
SECOND BUSINESS SESSION	1:30 pm
GATHERING IN SONG	
YOUTH REPORT	
LEGISLATION	
AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND THANKS	
HISTORIC QUESTIONS	
READING OF APPOINTMENTS	
CLOSING MOTIONS	
Including transfers of voting memberships	
CLOSING COMMUNION SERVICE	4:00 pm
DEPART FOR HOME	5:00 pm

The Process of Annual Conference

All reports, recommendations and petitions of the Boards and Agencies to be acted upon in the District Conferences and Plenary Session are printed in the Pre-Conference Journal.

No resolution, recommendation, or petition will become business of the Annual Conference if it is not printed in this Pre-Conference Journal, unless it is of a timely nature that prevented its inclusion due to printing deadlines (a Conference Rule). All late legislation seeking to come before the conference shall require a suspension of the rules and shall be considered only after the completion of the calendared items. The Sessions Committee and the Conference Secretary and all involved in organizing this Conference session appreciate your cooperation, especially all those who provided their reports and recommendations and other requests by the established deadline.

District Conferences will act as legislative sessions. All items, except the Conference budget¹ (see footnote), may be amended in the District Sessions (May 8, 2010). Any items that are passed in all four District Conferences without amendment will be placed on a Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar will be distributed in a timely fashion. Members of the Conference will be given ample time to take legislative items off the Consent Calendar for consideration by the entire conference. Items not removed by the stated time deadline will be considered approved. (See below for more details.)

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS/CONSENT CALENDAR, as voted on at the 1995 Session of Annual Conference and reprinted here from the 1995 Journal, shall be the process for current legislation. That process as approved is:

1. All items on the legislative calendar are officially before the conference for its action.
2. Amendments which have been proposed by the District Conferences are formally before the body for consideration.
3. Items may be removed from the consent calendar by any five members of conference by indicating such on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper stating the item number and all five persons signing the request. The request must be presented to the Conference Secretary by 10:30 am May 22, 2009.
4. All items remaining on the consent calendar at 11am on May 22 shall be considered approved.

¹ Other items may be before the District Conferences for “discussion only” as determined by the Cabinet. For example: a resolution dealing with conference boundaries that is also before other annual conferences may not be amended and voted upon at the District Conferences. Any items for “discussion only” will be so labeled.

5. Items shall be considered in the order printed on the legislative calendar.
6. Any other legislation to come before the conference shall require a suspension of the rules and shall be considered only after the completion of the calendared items.

Motions from the Floor – Motions from the floor of Conference shall be made in writing (preferably typed) on the NCR Form provided by the Conference Secretary. **Please use this Form and provide a copy for the Bishop and Conference Secretary, preferably before you make your motion from the floor.** Motions that are more than 50 words in length, however, must be duplicated and distributed to the members of the Conference present. **All materials distributed must have a DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER provided by the Conference Secretary.**

Motions directing publications of speeches or other materials must include specific budget recommendations for the cost of printing. Motions requiring they be sent to public officials or other agencies must include addresses of same.

Privilege of the Floor – Persons wishing to have visitors or other persons introduced to the Conference should obtain clearance from the Program Chairperson, L. David Suits.

General Information

I. Annual Conference Registration

The Reservation/Registration materials were emailed to members and posted on www.troyac.org. The registration deadline is April 28, 2010.

The Session will be held at the Christ Church, Glens Falls on Saturday, May 22, 2010. At the registration table you will receive your name tag and voting card which are your voting credentials.

II. Clergy Session

The Clergy Session: (Saratoga Springs UMC), Friday, May 21 9:15am-3:30pm

III. Procedural Information

The Pre-Conference Journal was distributed electronically through the Conference website this year.

Official Program and Order of the Day – The Printed Program of the Conference shall be the Official Program subject to such changes as the Conference may find necessary.

Excuses from Conference – Clergy and Lay members may be excused from specific sessions of Conference for funerals and other urgent matters by reporting in writing to their District Superintendents or the Conference Secretary. When the Lay Member is excused during the session, the Reserve Lay Member becomes a voting member of the session.

Promotional Material--Several pieces of promotional literature are always made available to those attending Annual Conference. No promotional material will be distributed on the floor of Annual Conference. **Approval for distribution of promotional materials must be received from the Head Usher and the Program Chairperson.**

IV. Miscellaneous Information

- **Child Care** will be provided during Conference at no charge. Note: No child care is available during meal times. You must register for child care in advance.
- **Name Tags** - Yellow name tags for clergy, blue name tags for laity and white name tags for non-voting members will be distributed at registration. **Please turn your intact badges in at the end of conference for future use.**
- **Parking**-- Parking is available in the parking lots on Washington Street, across from the church or in the new parking garage next to the church.
- **Mail**--Address to c/o Troy Annual Conference, 396 Loudon Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

V. 2010 Journal Materials

Publication Deadlines -- The publication deadline for the 2010 Journal is **June 8, 2010**. **There will be no exceptions!** It is the responsibility of the chairperson of each board and agency to see that material for publication is in the Secretary's hands **in advance** of the posted deadline.

Journal Copy—Only Reports and Resolutions approved at the Session shall be printed in the Journal.

Organization of the Conference

The Conference Secretary will move that:

1. Carl Shepard, be Head Usher,
2. Pam Clark Phelps be Conference Photographer;
3. Scott Tyler be Head Teller,
4. the printed program be the Official Program of the Conference, subject to such changes as the Conference may determine;
5. the Roll Call be taken from the Roll Call forms turned in at registration;
6. members shall attend all sessions of the Conference, but may be excused for emergencies by reporting in writing to the Conference Secretary or their District Superintendent;
7. the Conference Rules of Order be the rules to govern our sessions;
8. upon being recognized by the chair, the member, or other person desiring to speak, be asked to announce his or her name, for the benefit of the body;
9. announcements and privileges must be cleared through the Program Chairperson, L. David Suits;
10. the yellow name tag for clergy, blue name tag for laity, and voting cards provided for clergy and laity be the voting credentials for members; the bar of the conference shall be limited to seats in the sanctuary. (Reserve Members may vote only when the member is not present; any other limitation on voting will be announced by the Chair prior to the specific vote to which such limitation applies.)
11. motions and amendments of more than ten words be required to be written (quadruplicate forms provided for that purpose may be used), and two copies thereof handed to the Secretary; and that motions of more than 50 words be required to be duplicated so that each member of the body present shall have a copy;
12. any report or resolution not appearing in the pre-conference book be first submitted to the Conference Secretary and Program Chairperson for consideration in accord with our Rules of Order, and then put to a vote of the Annual Conference to see if such report or resolution will be considered;
13. the Publication Deadline for the 2010 Journal be June 8, 2010. Publication will be in tandem with the publication of the journals of the successor conferences.
14. the Journal Editor is empowered to edit, condense, and submit the 2010 Conference Journal for publication.
15. since ministers of other denominations certified by the Board of Ordained Ministry as satisfying the requirements of Para. 346.1 or 346.2 of the *2008 Discipline* may be granted the voting rights of Associate Members of Annual Conference, the granting of such rights, as recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry, is the next order of business following the Organization of the Conference.

304- Commission on Archives and History

The Charles D. and Ouida Schwartz Archives
2009 ANNUAL REPORT

HOURS:

Karen has spent 314 hours working this year at the Archives. This is up from last year by about 80 hours. This does not include hours spent at four separate meetings in Syracuse and two- hour long conference calls with the group in Syracuse. Often the time spent in the archives is more than one day a week and often longer than a 3 hour period of time. She spent 96.5 hours of the 314 hours doing work at home, which is doubled from last year. Also not included in this total are several trips to gather records and/or historical materials from several Conference churches.

Peg Flanders, Troy Conference CAH, Chair, has been coming to help out weekly at the Archives nearly every week for the whole year. A big Thanks You goes to Peg for all her help!! And Elsie Maddaus came to help out over the summer as well. A big "Thanks you" to both for all their assistance!

PATRONS:

The Archives had 18 patrons who visited this year to do research. The previous year only 4 people came to do research. Two people from the Capital District Library Council came to visit to do some on-site cataloging for our new card catalog.

RESEARCH REQUESTS:

This year many of the research requests have been received via email (16) and by telephone(17). It has been a busy year for research. This is a total of 33 research requests this year. This does not include phone calls and emails received asking about grave markers, general information and reference materials.

RESEARCH FEES: The Archives has received \$133.50 in researching fees this year. This amount is about the same as last year.

ITEMS ON LOAN: The original church records of Christ's Church of Troy, NY remains on loan to the Rensselaer County Historical Society. The loan will expire Feb. 15, 2010. Karen has been in contact with the Historical Society about this.

Also, the early records of Covenant Hills Camp are on loan to Marcheta Townsend's husband. Harold Shippey has also borrowed 2 boxes of early Skye Farm records and these are currently at Skye Farm.

ACQUISITIONS:

The Archives has received 10 acquisitions this year. These include records from the Cohoes UMC; records from Margaret Simmons; an 1898 *Christian Advocate* ; several church anniversary celebration booklets; several Georgia Harkness books; some recent and old Disciplines; two pastor record books; and various books of Troy Conference and Methodist history interest.

We have also purchased the new copy of the Discipline.

DE-ACCESSIONS: As a result of our Cataloging process, we have found a number of books we have multiple copies of and some books that do not pertain to Conference History. These books and other items are being found new homes.

ELECTRONICS:

A new computer and software was purchased at the end of December 2008 to accommodate the new card catalog. It is up and running. Karen no longer tracks numbers of emails received at the archives email account or those that she receives at home. There are just too many to sort. The software for the new card catalog is currently on hold as our archive prepares to join with the rest of Upper New York.

LONG RANGE PLAN FOR THE CONFERENCE ARCHIVES PROGRAM:

Progress is underway toward completion of the activities and goals of the plan. Revision of the Long Range Plan was accepted by the Commission on Jan. 21, 2008. This new Long Range Plan was submitted to the Annual Conference in May for approval and it was NOT approved due to merging of the four Conference areas at the 2008 Annual Conference.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

1. New Card Catalog developed.
2. Cohoes UMC records processed.
3. Many boxes of "News and Notes" organized and sorted. This has generated many smaller boxes in need of photocopying and filing to be done.
4. Reprinting of the book A Flame of Fire by Rev. Charles and Ouida Schwartz.
5. Copying of VT pastor records to be sent to NE Conference.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

1. Local Pastor list for NY: Still underway, being done by Dick Traver. Thank you Dick!
2. Card Catalog: The Archives received a \$2500 New York State Grant through the Capital District Library Council that will create a new card catalog for us and it will be available on the computer throughout the CDLC network. The rest of the titles will be completed for the new card catalog sometime in the winter of 2010.
3. Updating the Troy Conference History from 1982 to present day and publishing this to be available at the Closing Session of Troy Conference in May 2010. This is being done by the Rev. Ralph Marino and his wife, and the Rev. Bill Pattison.
4. Copying of VT Church vertical files to be sent to NE Conference.
5. Separating the rest of the VT holdings from the NY holdings to be prepared to be sent to the NE Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Pastor grave markers are kept in the Archives processing room.
Current inventory of markers:
 - 4 Medallions on a straight stake
 - 1 Medallions without stake
2. We currently have 5 copies of A Spreading Flame and 56 copies of the reprinted A Flame of Fire by the Rev. Charles and Ouida Schwartz.

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3. Karen has been participating with the Assets and Allocations Subgroup relating to Archives and History. This group is represented by each of the four joining Conference areas. This committee has been creating the plan for the new archival space for the Upper New York Conference area. The proposal for the new space has been forwarded on to the NEW-ACT team. The committee has been given permission to look for an appropriate space in the Central New York area.
4. The Troy Annual Conference Archives is an "Affiliate Member" of the Capital District Library Council which is managed through the NYS Documentary Heritage Program. We received a 14 page report in June 2005 that identified numerous needs from environmental needs, to policy and procedure needs. We have been slowly working on this needs list.
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6. The Commission on Archives and History gathered on October 11, 2009 at the Cambridge UMC in Cambridge, NY for a Commission meeting and later to hold our annual pastor grave marking ceremony in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Cambridge. Our special guest was Martha Dallas from Cambridge who paid to have a new Methodist flag and flagpole erected at the site of Rev. Philip Embury's grave site. Thank you to Martha Dallas.

The pastors that were marked were:

Rev. Paul Josiah Tilton
Rev. Robert Davies
Rev. Charles Valentine Grismer
Rev. David Poor
Rev. William Wallace Eaton
Rev. Henry Stanton Rowe
Rev. Charles Francis Wilcox
Rev. Jonas Phillips
Rev. Edward N. Howe

Prepared for submission to the Troy Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History meeting to be held February 13, 2010.

Prepared by Karen Staulters, Archivist. February 3, 2010..

316- Communications

The Troy Conference Communications team continued to work with the Communications Task Force for the new conference in Upper New York and with the New England Annual Conference to help keep constituents informed about the work and progress of the transition.

Troy Conference continued publishing a newspaper, an electronic newsletter and updated and revamped its web site. Training in Rethink Church and web ministry also continued.

Web ministry training continued for congregations requesting Troy Conference web sites and/or training in web ministry. The troyac.org web site continues to be used frequently. In a 12-month period, there were over 23,000 hits to the news page and nearly 52000 hits on church locator pages, with hits averaging around 1,000 per day on the site. Page views refer to the number of times a page is opened, and may not reflect the number of individual viewers.

The Troy Conference Director of Communications and volunteer Holly Cargill Cramer were invited by United Methodist Communications to take part in a "Training the Trainer" event in Nashville in November. The purpose of the training was to help conferences establish communications training teams to resource local churches in web ministry, spokesperson training, Rethink Church and financial interpretation. The Director of Communication also participated in a week-long training with the Rev. Eric Law of the Kaleidoscope Institute on using audio-visual media to building multi-cultural communities in Los Angeles during the summer.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Brands, Director of Communications.

318 – Disaster Response Task Force

2009 was a year with no natural disasters within the Troy Annual Conference boundaries.

The August 11, 2008 flood relief efforts in Rensselaer County were closed down thanks to the efforts of Jay & Kathy Dunkleberger, Team Leader, Jack Hill, and the VIM teams. Mr. Ford whose home on Willow Street was flooded, has turned out to be a valuable spokesperson for United Methodists of Troy Conference.

The Western New York Conference had extensive flooding close to Lake Erie in the Fredonia/Silver Creek area. We were able to take the VIM trailer full of kits to Mission Central to meet their needs.

At this writing, we have delivered 1026 kits to Cortland UMC, which is a feeder depot for Mission Central, to meet the needs of the people of Haiti from the earthquake on 01/12/10. The conference Treasurer's office has noted that the churches of the Conference have responded very well with cash donations.

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Troy Annual Conference contributed a total of \$112,093.34 for all advance specials and mission initiatives during 2009. The following is a partial listing of major donations:

Heifer International	\$20,764.87
Nothing but Nets	4,178.44
UMCOR(General)	16,781.77

Total	\$112,093.34

This will be our last report as the Troy Annual Conference Disaster Response Team
Respectfully submitted: Henry Coghill for NY and Bill Elwell for VT

334- Board of Global Ministries of Troy Annual Conference

At the session of Annual Conference in 2009, we welcomed staff from the Albany United Methodist Society—Peter Fish, Annie Dyess and Wanda Webster to our Mission Breakfast. They spoke and presented an excellent multi-media program about the work of AUMS. The mission award was also presented during the breakfast to two people: Nancy Pullen and Hank Coghill. Nancy and Hank have worked for years together on the Revolving Loan Fund and also had an opportunity to work on Disaster Relief after the 2006 flooding within Troy Annual Conference borders. The Advance chosen to honor them was Disaster Response of UMCOR.

The Board thanks Hank Coghill for continuing as our conference Disaster Response Coordinator. The Disaster Response Coordinators and Volunteers In Mission Coordinators for the four New York Conferences have continued their work developing plans for structure after the July 1, 2010 formation of the Upper New York Annual Conference. Hank Coghill also helped the Board participate in the coordinated collections of Health Kits and financial support as a response to the earthquake in Haiti. It is interesting to note that our 2009 Conference Offering was designated for Haiti before the disaster and was also a coordinated effort between the four conferences.

Through low interest loans and grants, our revolving loan fund for church extension continued to help our churches improve their buildings. The Board will be turning the remaining cash and receivable assets over to the Asset Allocation Team. Assets will be divided between New England Annual Conference and the new Upper New York Annual Conference according to the formula defined for asset division. We warmly thank Nancy Pullen who chairs this committee, and those who work with her, Kathy Reese, Treasurer and Hank Coghill for their continued efforts in managing this fund.

Golden Cross grants for 2009 included percentage grants to Wesley, Charlton School and Gateway Longview. The Schenectady Inner City ministry received money for the downtown community breakfast program, the Emmaus United Methodist Church received a grant to provide a translator to assist with their Immigration/Refugee ministry and Cobleskill United Methodist Church received a grant for equipment for their Food Pantry.

Summer Learning Fellowship (SLF), Troy Conference's School of Christian Mission, is one of the few truly cooperative schools in the country. It is funded through both United Methodist Women and the Conference Board of Global Ministries. Members of both groups serve on the Planning Team and as Executive Officers of the School. In 2009, SLF was held in Rutland, Vermont, and was very successful. At this year's school, Pastor Denise Stringer from Emmaus United Methodist Church spoke about their Intervention Project with Recent Immigrants and Refugees during the Board of Global Ministries time. That project is both a Conference Advance Special and a General Advance Special. In addition we had two Mission Study Theme Days in 2009. They were held on April 18 at Rutland United Methodist Church and on April 19 at Jonesville United Methodist Church.

SLF will meet in Rutland again in 2010 and, as is the custom, there will be three courses offered: a geographical study, "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" a social issues study, "Mission and Evangelism", and "For the Love of God: John's Letters" which is the Bible study and all 2010 class leaders will be from Troy Annual Conference.

The General Board of Global Ministries continues to emphasize the need for missionary support. There are several churches in Troy Conference that have one or more Covenant Relationships with missionaries and we continue to encourage this kind of first-hand involvement in the mission of our church. The most recent new Covenant Relationship Church is Jonesville United Methodist in relationship with Belinda Forbes.

The Board has spent much of our time and energy in 2009 preparing for the changes in annual conference boundaries coming this July. The Board has also been involved in assisting the agencies we have supported in recent years in the process of applying for support from the future conferences and in designating all Trustee held mission funds for Troy Annual Conference.

We often hear in one way or another about the outreach involvement that local congregations have in their own communities and in various ways in the conference, the United States and indeed in places around the world. In 2009 we celebrated our shared mission through two last Troy Conference Mission Saturation Events on the Sundays of September 27 and October 25, 2009. Every church in the conference was offered a mission interpreter on either of those Sundays or a Sunday to be arranged by the church. Sixty churches requested an interpreter. Forty-two persons agreed to interpret. The Board has received very positive feedback from these events. A list of interpreters is being compiled for each of the new conferences.

We celebrate our local congregations' participation in mission and we realize that our work as a Board is only made truly effective because of the efforts and commitment of local churches. Thanks for all you have done and for all you will do as you continue to support mission in your new annual conferences.

Report of the Secretary of Global Ministries

The mission breakfast at annual conference featured staff from the Albany United Methodist Society—Peter Fish, Annie Dyess and Wanda Webster. They spoke and presented an excellent multi-media program about the work of AUMS.

The mission award this year was given to two people, knowing it would be the last opportunity we would have in Troy Conference to give an award. The award was given to Nancy Pullen and Hank Coghill. The Advance chosen to honor them was Disaster Response of UMCOR.

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There were two Mission Study Theme Days in 2009. They were held on April 18 at Rutland United Methodist Church and on April 19 at Jonesville United Methodist Church. The themes presented were: Native American Survival, Israel/Palestine and I Believe in Jesus. Lyda Pierce, the Mission Interpreter in Residence in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, was our keynote speaker. Lyda also spoke at the church service at Embury United Methodist Church in Cambridge with the Eagle Bridge United Methodist Church attending.

The Conference Board of Global Ministries sponsored a last Troy Conference mission event on the Sundays of September 27 and October 25, 2009. Every church in the conference was offered a mission interpreter on either of those Sundays or a Sunday to be arranged by the church. Sixty churches requested an interpreter. Forty-two persons agreed to interpret. Several were couples and interpreted together. Many interpreted in two places and a couple of interpreters went to three different local churches. Several of the interpreters were members of the Conference Board of Global Ministries. The response back from local congregations was very positive. We asked the local congregations about their mission programs and learned, as we did the last time we sponsored a similar event, that most of the churches that responded are very actively involved in mission—much was local involvement but definitely not exclusively.

This was a year when some of the missionaries related to Troy Conference were on home assignment and visiting supporting churches. Belinda Forbes, a missionary in Nicaragua, visited Pownal and Shelburne United Methodist Churches in Vermont and First United Methodist Church in Schenectady, New York. Mark Zimmerman, missionary in Nepal, visited Eastern Parkway United Methodist Church in Schenectady, New York and Barre United Methodist Church in Vermont. Michael and Sherri Morrissey, missionaries to Thailand, visited Hope United Methodist Church in Troy, New York.

Alice Trost

CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

<u>Cash on Hand January 1, 2009</u>		<u>110,673.45</u>
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Payments - Principal	78,586.49	
Payments - Interest	10,044.49	
Interest on Accounts	708.82	
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>89,339.80</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
<u>Loans:</u>		
<u>Total Loans</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<u>Other Disbursements:</u>		
Stamps for billing April	8.40	
Stamps for billing October	8.80	
Troy Conf. Audit 2008	1,365.00	
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		<u>1,382.20</u>
<u>Cash on Hand December 31, 2009</u>		<u>198,631.05</u>
<u>Loans Receivable January 1, 2009</u>		<u>308,506.13</u>
Principle Receipts	(78,586.49)	
Principal Disbursements	0.00	
<u>Loans Receivable December 31, 2009</u>		<u>229,919.64</u>
<u>Total Fund Assets</u>		<u>428,550.69</u>

**Troy Conference Board of Global Ministries
Church Extension Division
Loans Outstanding - Revolving Loan Fund
As of December 31, 2009**

<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Original Date</u>	<u>Original Loan</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Loan Bal</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Burnt Hills United Methodist Church	Jun-06	40,000.00	15	24,909.34	4.00%
Emmaus United Methodist Church	May-08	30,000.00	15	28,000.00	4.00%
Green Island-Church of The Good Shepherd	Oct-04	11,900.00	10	9,330.63	4.00%
Lake Luzerne United Methodist Church	Sep-06	15,000.00	10	11,250.00	4.00%
Newtonville United Methodist Church	Jan-06	30,000.00	15	24,000.00	4.00%
Pittstown United Methodist Church	Jun-02	30,000.00	15	10,748.70	4.00%
Porter Corners United Methodist Church	Dec-97	30,000.00	15	891.81	4.00%
Puffer United Methodist Church	Jun-07	20,000.00	10	10,000.00	4.00%
Round Lake United Methodist Church	Oct-00	20,000.00	10	2,000.00	4.00%
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church	Jun-02	30,000.00	10	7,500.00	4.00%
Trinity United Methodist Church	Oct-08	20,000.00	10	18,000.00	4.00%
Warrensburg United Methodist Church	Jun-07	30,000.00	10	26,844.36	4.00%
Waterford United Methodist Church	Dec-07	30,000.00	10	24,000.00	4.00%
West Fort Ann United Methodist Church	Jun-07	30,000.00	10	8,444.80	4.00%
Williston Federated Church	Oct-07	30,000.00	10	24,000.00	4.00%
<u>Totals</u>				<u>229,919.64</u>	

Loans Paid in Full - 2009

Clifton Park UMC
Plattsburg UMC
North Ferrisburgh

354- Native American Ministries

Throughout this past year, our members have continued to do as much as they could for our brothers and sisters of the Ganienkeh Territory, including encouraging mission/educational trips with interested church teams. We have begun reconnecting with Kanatsiohareke in support of their ongoing language and cultural education seminars with various Native American Nations throughout the United States and Canada.

The Akwesasne Nation has become a great source for addressing inquiries and educational opportunities within our conference.

As we must say goodbye to our Abenaki brothers and sisters in Vermont we do so with hopes and prayers they will receive even greater support as they strengthen their relationships with the New England Conference.

With great anticipation, we have been working with the Northeast Jurisdictional CONAM. Through this group we have begun to connect with the other Native American Ministries Chairs who will be a part of our newly formed Upper New York Conference. Hopefully such outreach will enable us to be better prepared to address the needs and interest of our Native American communities within our new conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion M. Moore-Colgan
Chair, Pro Tem

356- Troy Annual Conference Committee on Nominations

Report of the Committee to the Closing Session of the Troy Annual Conference
Submitted by: Julius A. Archibald, Jr., Chairperson
12 February 2010

As a result of the fact that, with the exception of the Board of Trustees, all of the agencies, boards, councils, commissions, etc. of the Troy Annual Conference will cease to exist on June 30, 2010, there has been only one item of business to come before this Committee on Nominations during the closing year of the Troy Annual Conference. The reality is that the Board of Trustees must continue to function beyond the closing date of the Conference itself. There are four persons whose terms of office as Conference Trustees expire this year, and so, elections are needed to fill these positions. All four incumbents with expiring terms have agreed to continue to serve, if elected. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for re-election to the Board of Trustees of the Troy Annual Conference:

Nancy Law,
Bill Barney,
Shirley Readdean, and
L. David Suits

In accordance with our Conference Rules of Order, the Committee understands that an opportunity will be made available for the members of the Conference to nominate additional candidates from the floor. The Committee will move for a Suspension of the Rules of Order to enable the vote to take place without the slate being on the floor of the Conference for twenty-four hours

With thanks to the members of this Committee on Nominations, and the members of our predecessor committees,

Respectfully submitted, Julius A. Archibald, Jr., Chairperson

Reports from Theological Schools

Boston University School of Theology

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

We greet you in friendship, thanking God for your leadership of the church's ministry. Many of you have given prayerful support to the Boston University School of Theology (STH) during the past year, and we thank you. You encourage us as partners in mission and in the pioneering work that has marked our particular mission in the past year. Thanks in large part to many of you, we have traveled the country, heard your hopes for the future, and launched many new initiatives.

What has happened during this year?

- Student enrollment increased in 2009-2010 over the previous year. Our dynamic student body has led STH efforts to respond to the people of Haiti, to enhance the School's sustainability work, and to create new forms of theological dialogue among people with diverse perspectives on God and God's creation.
- The Seminary Singers have revived the annual choir tour tradition, singing their way from Northern Virginia to Connecticut.
- Travel seminars have studied in Cuba and Ephesus (modern Turkey).
- The STH faculty published eight books in the past year, and they were honored with two book prizes, two teaching awards, one promotion to a Boston University endowed chair, and one leadership award.

- Professor Anjulet Tucker joined our faculty in 2009, bringing her expertise in Sociology of Religion and her specialized study on Black Pentecostal churches.
- Professor Dana Robert is delivering major addresses around the world in 2010 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference. The School will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Truman Collins Chair in World Christianity and Mission, sponsoring special events in Fall 2010 and soaring efforts to raise funds for the Chair, thanks to an anonymous challenge grant of \$420,000.
- Co-directors of Contextual Education, Sam Johnson and Elizabeth Parsons, are expanding STH partnerships with local churches, service agencies, and faith-based communities, helping us extend the breadth and depth of our work in contextualizing theological education.
- The ATLAS for Alums Program now provides free online ATLAS Access to all STH alums, enabling them to utilize over 140 journals in their ministries! Please email Maggie Keelan, Development Officer, for the user name and password to ATLAS: mkeelan@bu.edu. We are grateful to the Lilly Foundation for supporting this outreach.
- We are on the road, striving to increase our presence in United Methodist Conferences around the country. Please hold us accountable to this and let us know if you would like a representative from the School to visit in the future!

What is coming?

- The new Master of Divinity curriculum will be launched in September 2010. The focus is “Faith Engaging the World,” and the goals are to prepare spiritually-centered, prophetic, intelligent, practical religious leaders who can contribute to renewing and transforming the church and the world.
- Three faculty searches are underway: the Martin Luther King, Jr., Chair in Ethics or Homiletics, and positions in Religious Education and the History of Christianity.
- The STH People’s History Project is expanding. This is an ambitious endeavor to record oral histories of alums from all eras, particularly the 1950s and 1960s. Contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in sharing your story with us: (617) 353-2349.
- The School has created a bold strategic plan to guide the coming years. The plan is to strengthen support for students, renovate degree programs that educate future leaders, enhance faculty excellence in teaching and research, and support research and continuing education to strengthen the church.
- The School begins a specialized, one-year Master of Sacred Theology program for military chaplains in Fall 2010, responding to their increasing needs to address issues of ethics, trauma, and conflict transformation.
- We are renovating our physical space: the famous ping pong table is back! Classrooms are becoming “smart” with technology, art displays are multiplying, and the first floor has been remodeled for hospitality and comfort. On the near horizon are plans to renovate the basement into a community center, replace light fixtures and windows for energy-efficiency, and improve the handicap accessibility of our building.
- We are developing partnerships with Africa University and two Korean Universities through student exchange and faculty exchange programs.
- Plans are underway for more work in continuing education, including onsite events and distance education opportunities. Our new work will include efforts to make our new certificate programs more widely available. We presently offer the academic certificate requirements for United Methodist Certification in Evangelism, Spirituality, and Sacred Music.

We celebrate our graduates and friends in your conference and our colleagues in ministry throughout the United Methodist connection. We hope to hear from you in the coming year and to build significant partnerships. Our relationship with you is vital for our learning and for our service in this world of many needs. We pray for you and invite you to pray for us as well!

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

366N – BOARD OF PENSIONS

From the Chairperson - Jim Engelbrecht

As our Board of Pensions Committee concludes its activities, I want to thank all our committee members for their faithful participation. I am especially thankful to Bill Lasher for his leadership at our meetings, and for providing pre-retirement seminars which assisted future retirees in understanding the provisions of our pension program.

The pension billing subsidy for the first half of 2010 will now continue for the full year for the NY churches. This was welcome news to all churches affected. Thanks to those on the Joint Distributing Committee who were involved in recommending this decision.

The Board of Pensions also appreciates the hard work of Leah Robinson and Bob Heron in providing and interpreting the needed financial information to our committee.

Ralph Marino (Vice Chairman) has been the “go to” guy on our Pension Board. He has provided good advice, drafted correspondence, assembled financial reports, and never has said no to a request for service. Thank you Ralph!

The Central Conference Pension Initiative goal is to provide pensions for pastors in regions lacking the necessary resources. Through special offerings at the Session of Conference and gifts from churches and individuals we gave **\$7,523** to CCPI in 2009.

Our Pastors Emergency Fund, under the leadership of Don Washburn, has provided financial assistance to several retired pastors and surviving spouses. We are hopeful that a program providing emergency financial assistance to our retirees will continue in some form in the New England and Upper New York Conferences.

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From the Pension Officer – Bill Lasher

As required by *The Discipline*, the summary financial reports of the four funds administered by the Conference Board of Pensions are to be printed in the Journal each year. (The following are pre-audit reports.)

PAST SERVICE FUND ACCOUNT – Pre-82 Pension Plan (at the GBOPHB)

Opening Balance (01/01/2009)	\$13,855,817.10
<u>Credits</u>	
Deposits	629,050.56
Investment Gain	<u>3,401,239.74</u>
Sub-total	17,886,107.40
<u>Debits</u>	
Paid to Claimants	1,793,122.94
CRSP Defined Benefit contribution	<u>100,000.00</u>
Sub-total	1,893,122.94
Closing Balance (12/31/2009)	\$15,992,984.46
Net gain \$2,137,167.36	

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (at the GBOPHB)

Opening Balance (01/01/2009)	\$ 1,310,890.55
<u>Credits</u>	
Conference Deposits	915,000.00
Adjustments (Credits)	959.57
<u>Debits</u>	
CRSP (DC) & CPP for our active clergy	(333,821.42)
CRSP Defined Benefit (incl. for those on Incapacity Lv.)	(712,906.00)
Investment gain	217,496.11
Closing Balance (12/31/2009)	\$ 1,397,616.81
Net Gain \$ 86,726.26	

CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS RESERVE FUND (with Conference Trustees)

(Subject to audit)

Opening Balance (01/01/2009)	\$1,483,302.34
<u>Credits</u>	
2009 Apportionments	39,878.57
Prior Years Apportionments	36,457.86
Conference Trustees	50,000.00
Interest (3.01%)	46,548.76
<u>Disbursements</u>	0
Closing Balance (12/31/2009)	\$ 1,656,187.53
Net Gain \$ 171,885.19	

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RETIRED PASTORS EMERGENCY AID FUND (with the Conference)

(Subject to audit)

Opening Balance (01/01/2009)	\$ 30,612.05
<u>Credits</u>	
Offering from Retired Ministers Sunday	18,696.00
From Apportionment Budget	10,000.00
Interest	527.39
Total income	29,223.39
<u>Debits</u>	
Grants	44,788.00
Administrative Expenses	454.94
Total Disbursements	45,242.94
Closing Balance (12/31/2009)	\$ 14,592.50
Net Loss \$ 16,019.55	

Other financial matters

- * The total expenses for the Conference Board in 2009 were \$9,232.85. *(The budget was \$ 9,500)*
- * \$ 44,788 was distributed from the Emergency Aid Fund for Retired Pastors and their families in 2009.
- * A total of \$197,970 was provided as Death Benefit payments to the families of 14 pastors or spouses of pastors in 2009.

* The Board continues to work with District Committees on Finance concerning local churches that are more than 90 days in arrears in their pastor's pension obligations. Although this represents less than 3% of the total pension costs, many of these congregations are also "behind" in payments for health insurance and apportionments.

Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP)

According to the transition plan approved by the annual conference in 2006, the subsidy in 2009 was 60% of the difference between the former plan (MPP) and CRSP. The cost of the subsidy in 2009 was **\$59,551**. (In 2010 the subsidy is 40% and the estimated cost is \$15,000.) Also in 2009, **\$103,125** from reserve funds paid the CRSP Defined Benefit cost for 2 pastors on Incapacity Leave and for 16.75 FTE (full-time positions lost since 1-1-2007.) Total from reserves **\$162,676** (\$100,000 of that came from the Pre-82 balance.)

Other Activities of the Conference Board of Pensions:

- * On May 28, 2009 the Board again co-sponsored, with our Bishop, a luncheon for Retired Pastors and Spouses held at the Saratoga Springs UMC. Thanks to that local church for their continued support of this event.
- * The Service for the Recognition of Retirees held June 11th at 2009 Annual Conference Session was planned by the Board with the help of Edie Poland and other members of the Worship Team. Again, special thanks to Ralph Marino and Bill Pattison who produced the video interviews shared at the Session.

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* On December 7 & 8, Pre-Retirement Seminars were held at the Saratoga Springs UMC and the Shelburne (VT) UMC with 14 persons in attendance

Boundaries changes

The Joint Distributing Committee has completed most of its work in the allocation of pension and health insurance assets. Following a final audit after June 30, 2010, the 70/30 allocation of these funds will be completed between the Upper New York and New England Annual Conferences. (As of November, 2009 the amount of pension and health insurance assets to be divided 70/30 was \$6,337,000. The assets and liabilities of the Pre-82 plan are not included.)

Historical Perspective

As we bring the pension history of the Troy Conference to a close it is good to remember and celebrate the faithfulness of our churches, laity, and pastors who worked and gave so much to eliminate our unfunded Pre-82 pension liabilities. In 1981 we had a \$9 million dollar unfunded pension liability. The General Church began both a new pension plan in 1982 that was designed not to add to our liability and created a 40 year plan to eliminate our past unfunded liabilities by 2021.

In 1980 Troy Conference also approved a \$ 2 million Capital Funds Drive, the 1st \$500,000 to fund World Service 100% - (which we have been able to do since 1986 using the earnings from this fund) and the balance raised would be for the unfunded pension liability. By the time the drive ended in 1985, \$1 million for pensions was raised. Also, between 1982 and 1992, \$500,000 was added to the Conference apportionment budget each year for paying down the liability. Although the unfunded liability was reduced to about \$5 million by 1992, the conference was falling behind in its yearly payments to the General Board for the new pension plan because the apportionments were not being paid 100% by the churches but the pension portion had to be paid 100%. Up to 1992, the pension costs for active pastors were included in the apportionment budget and when only 85-90% was received it meant that more than \$100,000 had to come from pension reserves each year to pay the bill. We were starting to slip backwards again.

Four of the recommendations of Task Force 2000 approved at the 1991 Session addressed this issue head on by approving (a) Modified Direct billing of pension costs for active pastors to start in 1992 and since then the pension payments by local churches has been nearly 100%. The conference also approved a plan that (b) reduced to \$50,000 the pension line item in the apportionment budget each year, (c) approved an annual transfer from the Trustees pension funds of \$50,000, and (d) directed that all receipts from "prior years" apportionments paid would be used for pension reserves. These bold decisions and several generous bequests from individuals turned the tide. Also, earnings in invested reserves at the GBOPHB were remarkable in the 1990's so that at the 1999 Session we celebrated our fully funded status in the pre-82 plan. By 2007 our Pre-82 funding status was 129% and we had an additional \$2 million in pension reserves.

Because of the market downward slide in 2008-09 we became unfunded in the Pre-82 plan, the MPP plan, and the new CRSP plan. Recent market gains have restored some of the losses but there are still unfunded amounts in all three plans projected for 2011 (More so for the Upper NY Conference than in the New England Conference.)

However the recent financial crisis also exposed a more serious issue – the declining membership base available to fully support the pension plans in the future. Task Force 2000 a decade ago, called our

churches to renew their evangelistic efforts and passion for the “making of disciples” so that the downward trend of continued loss of members would be reversed and a new vitality and transforming witness for Christ would emerge. Sadly, in too many places this has not happened and the ministries of congregations, including the financial support, continues to fall on fewer and fewer persons.

The future

As we open our hearts and minds to “rethink” church I am hopeful that God’s Spirit will once again empower the people called Methodist to invite others to join with us to transform the church and our world for God. Also, there are serious conversations at several levels in the denomination concerning the future financial impact of our benefit plans on local congregations. The results of these deliberations could lead to recommendations for change in the benefit plans at the 2012 General Conference.

Most important

Finally, I sincerely appreciate the dedication of the past and present members of the Conference Board of Pensions with whom I have served. The current chairperson Jim Engelbrecht and vice-chairperson Ralph Marino, the staff in the Conference Treasurer’s office (Robert Heron, Leah Robinson) and Wally Davis and Ilah Walser at the Conference Center have been especially helpful this past year. Without the assistance of these persons and members of the Cabinet, I would not have been able to do this ministry.

392 – Conference Trustees

The Annual Corporate meeting of the Troy Annual Conference Trustees was held June 18, 2009. The following were elected: President: William Lasher; Vice-President: L. David Suits; Secretary: Richard Hibbert; Treasurer: Mitchel Smith. Motions were made and adopted to keep the current depository: Bank of America; Auditors: Whittermore, Dowen, and Rcciadelli; and Legal Council: Edward Barthlomew, Chancellor; Steve Unsworth: Associate Chancellor. The chairpersons and members of committees were also re-appointed.

Investment: L. David Suits (ch), Debbie Byers,, Mitchel Smith, Shirley Readdean

Property: Bill Barney (ch), Hale Ritchie, Dan Baker, Dick Hibbert

Episcopal Residence: Alan Rhodes (on behalf of the Trustees)

Conference Center: Stephen Butler

Covenant Hills: Hale Ritchie

Skye Farm: Bill Lasher

GM District Parsonage: Richard Hibbert

Insurance: Stephen Butler (ch), Nancy Law, Kay Washbourne

By-Laws & Rules of Order: L. David Suits

The Annual Meeting of the Clark Will Fund, Inc. was conducted on June 18 2009 The newly elected officers for the Conference Trustees were also elected for the Clark Will Fund.

Investments

The investment portfolio overseen by the Trustees of the Troy Annual Conference is managed by the investment counsel Orville Waite of Van Cleef, Jordon and Wood, Inc. located in Troy, NY. Orville retired at the end of 2009 and the Troy office has closed. The Investment Committee celebrated Mr. Waite's 37 years as our investment counselor and thanked him on behalf of the Troy Annual Conference for his wise counsel and stewardship of our resources. Our investment counsel is now Mr. Gary Reetz also of Van Cleef, Jordon and Wood, Inc and the office is in NYC. The committee met with Mr. Reetz in January and he will be of great help as we prepare for the allocation of assets between conferences.

In 2009 the General Fund earned \$108,354 and ended the year with a market value of \$2,938,126. The Benevolence Fund (including the Clark Will Fund) generated \$19,834 of income and was valued at the end of year at \$894,742. There is also a "Restricted Fund" in the portfolio with a marker value of \$440,387 as January 18, 2010. The market value of these funds all increased in 2009, restoring some of the 2008 loses.

The Trustee Investment Committee met quarterly with Mr. Waite to receive status reports and advice as to moves which he recommended based on his knowledge of historic, current, and potential future performance of the individual investments.

Property

The Conference Trustees monitor a number of properties and take action when necessary on such items as maintenance, sale, and legal issues. During 2009 the needs and conditions of Episcopal Residence, Conference Center, both Conference Camps, the Green Mountain Parsonage and a number of abandoned church properties were cared for. We do this through the contacts made by or with assigned Trustees. In 2009 we sold three church properties: First & St. James in Cohoes and Williamsville in Vermont. Currently we are working on the sale of three more church properties: Rotterdam Junction, Keene & Upper Jay. With the Trustees of the Wyoming Conference we will sell the Episcopal Residence in Albany which will be vacant by August 1, 2010. The Trustees funded a forest management plan at Covenant Hills Camp and repairs and replacement of kitchen equipment at the Skye Farm Camp administrator's parsonage and office. The Trustees commend the work of the Site Committees at both of our camp site for their excellent care and management of these important places of ministries.

Insurance

In conjunction with Guide One Insurance Corp. and the Ron Phelps Agency of Binghamton, NY, we offer a program of liability and casualty insurance at attractive and competitive rates. We insure all properties and buildings owned or used by the Annual Conference. We also seek to minimize the Conference's exposure to risk by helping churches and Conference agencies prevent accidents and dangerous activities wherever possible. We have appreciated the work of Ron Phelps in caring for these needs of our conference and many of our churches. A major part of his work this past year, along with Steve Butler, are issues concerning the change of conference boundaries and the impact on conference and local church property insurance. Steve has been active in the creation of a new plan for the Upper NY Conference and Ron has worked with that project as well as with the New England Conference to insure a smooth transition for our Vermont churches.

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Other activities by the Trustees

About \$35,000 of Local Church Funds managed by the Trustees were returned to the churches in late 2009.

Six Mission Funds that could be used by the Conference Board of Global Ministries were identified by the Trustees in June, 2009 in response to Petition #3 that was deferred to the Trustees by the 2008 Annual Conference Session. The funds totaled \$47,637 and are to be distributed by the CBGM by April 1, 2010.

The work of the Allocation of Assets continues as the Trustees research and identify funds and possible restrictions in their use. Although the "bottom line" is a 70-30 split of all assets between the Upper NY and the New England Conferences (as approved by the Asset Allocations committee with representation from all six conferences involved) – some specific funds will be transferred 100% to one of the conferences. For example a number of funds held by the Trustees are restricted for use in Vermont and therefore will be transferred 100% to New England. And, some restricted funds are just too small to split.

In 2009 \$1,250,000 was received from the estate of Ralph Crow of Saratoga Springs for the purpose of subsidizing the costs of Retiree Health Insurance. Part of the cost of increasing the health insurance subsidy to 30% in 2008 for retiree health insurance (from 20%) has already been paid by the Ralph Crow Fund. The fund will be divided 70/30 between the two conferences on July 1, 2010. The Trustees wish to recognize the efforts of Will Chamberlin, a long-time friend of Mr. Crow and the Trustee of the Ralph Crow Trust Agreement, for his efforts in selling the Crow homestead which was the source of the funds received by the annual conference.

Also an additional \$262,000 was received for the Lottie Brown Scholarship Fund when the Rotterdam Junction UMC closed. The total in that fund is now about \$370,000.

Conference Trustees Debbie Byers and Stephen Butler have been nominated as Trustees in new Upper New York Annual Conference. The election of Trustees is expected to take place on June 19, 2010..

The 2009 audit of the Trustees accounts is expected to begin in March (2010) and the report will be available by our annual conference Session in late May.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing work of Bob Heron, our Conference Treasurer who also serves the Conference Board of Trustees and of Jim Fenimore who represents the Cabinet at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted: William A. Lasher

Q&A on Asset Allocations for the successor conferences

1. What part of Troy Conference assets will our Vermont churches “take with them” to the New England Conference?

The decision has been reached that **30%** of all Troy Conference assets will be transferred to the New England Annual Conference in mid-2010 due to the changes in conference boundaries.

2. Who made this decision and by what authority was it made?

The 2008 Discipline of The United Methodist Church does provide for this process primarily in Para. #1509. Also, the enabling resolutions adopted by the four upper New York State Annual Conferences at their 2008 Sessions empowered NewACT (the new annual conference team made up of persons from each of the conferences involved) to design and facilitate the initial plan of union.

Para. #1509 provides for a “Joint Distributing Committee” to be formed, with 3 members and 3 alternates elected by each (six) annual conference involved. The committee’s primary work is in the area of pension assets and liabilities allocations but it also did preliminary work on a new health insurance plan. The General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits provides staff support for the work of this group. The JDC has complete authority to make the final pension-related asset allocations. However, the new Health Insurance plan was recommended to NewACT for final approval.

A second group, Assets Allocation, was formed in accordance with Para. 1509.1c and on the recommendation of the General Board of Pensions & Health Benefits with representation from all the six conferences involved. Under Para. 1509.1c, Assets Allocation is empowered "to apportion or distribute equitably any other assets or property and any other liabilities or obligations." Therefore, this team's tasks include the allocation of all the other non-pension assets such as conference properties, financial assets, property insurance and camping facilities. It also has had sub groups working on legal matters, budget building for the 2nd half of 2010, apportionment formulas, and equitable compensation. The General Council on Finance & Administration provides staff support for this group.

3. How was the 30% decided?

The Troy and Wyoming conferences had the additional task of dividing up their assets because portions of each of these two conferences were not to be part of the new upper New York Conference. Both the Joint Distributing Committee and Asset Allocations charged both conferences to develop a rationale for the allocation of their assets.

In consultation with Trustees and Pension Board members from the New England Annual Conference, the Troy Conference Board of Trustees and Board of Pensions developed a recommendation to the Joint Distributing and Asset Allocations committees of a rationale for asset allocations between New England and the new conference. A ten year study of the statistical tables looked at the Troy Conference as a whole and the Vermont churches separately as to the number of churches, the average attendance, the apportionments assigned and the amount actually paid. The same was researched for World Service and Conference Benevolences. The legal counsel for the General Board of Finance & Administration suggested we give more weight to the financial data in our study. This was based on other provisions in *The Discipline* concerning ascertaining fair shares of “stake holders” when selling commonly own

property. Based on this data the 70/30 allocations rationale was recommended and was approved by both Joint Distributing Committee and Asset Allocations.

4. Is everything divided 70/30?

No. It was understood from the beginning that the “bottom line” would reflect the 70/30 allocations but some assets would go 100% to one conference or the other.

An example is conference owned property. The Trustee sub-group of Asset Allocations asked each conference to list all conference-owned property and to assign a dollar value which was to be the amount the property was insured. For Troy Conference that included our two camp sites, the Green Mountain parsonage, the conference center in Saratoga Springs, our 50% share in the Episcopal Residence, discontinued church properties, office equipment in District offices. We also were told to include the balance of the revolving loan fund and the amount still to be paid-back by local churches. We added that all up and divided the valued amount 70/30. When we assigned the Vermont properties 100% to New England and the value of the loans to be paid by Vermont local churches, we had to add some cash assets in order to reach the 70/30 split.

There are also a number of permanently restricted funds held by the Trustees, the “earnings” of which can only be used in Vermont therefore the principle and the undistributed income will be transferred 100% to the New England to be used in Vermont as the donor directed. Some restricted funds were too small to divide up so they will go to one conference or the other. However, the terms (purpose & restrictions) of all endowment funds (permanently restricted funds) have been documented and this information will be given to the Trustees of the receiving conference so that the donor(s) wishes will continued to be honored.

There are also what we call “temporary restricted” funds which means the Trustees, or the Annual Conference has assigned a purpose for the use of certain funds. They are temporary because the use of these funds can be changed by the Trustees or Annual Conference. There are also some unrestricted funds held by the Trustees. These funds will be used to reach the 70/30 “bottom line”.

It is anticipated that a final “reconciliation” will occur after June 30, 2010 in order to make a final adjustment for the allocation formula.

Not all pension assets (and liabilities) are divided 70/30. Pre-82 pension assets and liabilities are divided according to the actual pre-82 years of services by the retired clergy, active clergy and surviving spouses who will become part of the New England Conference. The General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits does these calculations.

5. How are the proceeds from the sale of the Episcopal Residence divided?

Troy Conference owns 50% of the Episcopal Residence in Albany. (The Wyoming Conference owns the other 50%) The actual “closing” on the sale of the house will occur after July 31, 2010.

Therefore 30% of the 50% Troy Conference share will go to the New England Conference and the rest (70% of the TAC share) will go to the Upper NY Annual Conference. If we sign a contract for the sale before July 1st and know what the expenses will be – we will transfer the Vermont share of the proceeds

to New England before the “closing.” However, if there is no sale pending, we will transfer 30% of TAC 50% of the asking price (minus projected expenses) to New England Conference with reconciliation after the actual sale.

6. Who are the Troy Conference persons participating in this process?

Our members on the Joint Distributing Committee are Helen Curtis, Ralph Marino and Bill Lasher (Alternates: Jack Hill & Bob Heron). Those serving on Asset Allocations Trustee sub-group were Debbie Byers, Steve Butler, Harold Shippey, David Johnston and Bill Lasher. Those on Asset Allocations: Rene Wilbur (ch), Ted Vickery, Bob Heron, Debbie Byers, Steven Unsworth & Ed Bartholomew, Jr. Troy Conference members of NewACT: Holly Nye, Kristin Dart, Yohang Chun, Evie Doyon, Scott Tyler, and Bishop Susan Hassinger.

March 24, 2010
Bill Lasher

398- United Methodist Women

We are alive and well doing God’s work! And just like the energizer bunny we keep on going. Mission work is essential and even though we are going in different directions our work for Jesus Christ is the same mission work and education for women, children and youth. We would like everyone to know that Troy Conference UMW will remain as Troy Conference until December 31st, 2010. At that time decisions will be finalized regarding redistricting and there may be changes in boundaries. In the meantime local units will continue as they are now. With that said, please contact me, Marie MacDougall, Troy Conference UMW President if you have any questions about the future. I can assure you that we have representation of UMW members giving and sharing input as the new conference emerges and as Vermont gets ready to join the New England Conference. We all feel God-lead and very positive about what is happening and what the outcome will be. God is in charge!

During 2009 we began our year with a Conference Officer Planning Meeting on January 23rd and 24th, which included the four (4) District Presidents, at Skye Farm in Warrensburg, New York. In the afternoon the SLF/SCM committee joined us for the planning of our up coming Summer Learning Fellowship School. January 25th found us in Rutland for District Officer training and counterpart training at the Rutland UMC, Rutland, Vt.

On February 26th-March 1st I went, as Assistant Dean of the 2009 Upper Atlantic Regional School to West Virginia for training in preparation for 2009 SCM. Time was spent in preparation for the 2009 regional school which would take place at Charleston University, Charleston, West Virginia.

On April 4th each Troy Conference district held their Spring UMW Meetings with a variety of mission topics being lifted up and supported.

April 19th found us at mini SLF gatherings in Rutland and Albany. These were both day events emphasizing the three (3) courses offered at SLF in 2008.

June 10th UMW gathered at Jonesville UMC for UMW Day. It was a wonderful day of celebration with approximately 150 in attendance. A wonderful lunch was served by Shenendahowa UMW.

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June 29th-July 2nd found us at Charleston University in Charleston West Virginia for Upper Atlantic Regional School. This event welcomed all the Women Division Personnel, Upper Atlantic Conference UMW Officers (13 Conferences), Deans, Assistant Deans, and Youth Leaders and offered them the time to take courses, attend plenaries and have fun and fellowship. Following the school the Dean and Asst. Deans stayed on for further training.

2009 Troy Conference SLF met at the Rutland Holiday Inn, July 15th – 19th. Approximately 70 attended and took courses on “Sudan”, “Native American Survival” and Food and Faith”. Our School is cooperative with The Board of Global Ministries.

September 26 was our Spiritual Formation Gathering at Green Mountain College. This event was well attended and everyone found it uplifting as well as faith affirming.

October is the time that we have Fall UMW Meetings in each district with election of officers. Embury and Vermont Districts met on October 10th, Adirondack District with the Troy Conference team met on October 17th at the Willsboro UMC. Albany District met October 24th. The New England Conference also met on October 24th and Kay Ellis and Marie MacDougall attended and participated in the N.E. Conference UMW meeting, Kay leading music and I did the Installation of Officers. New England is ready to receive Vermont and has been very welcoming and inclusive. All Vermont UMW members are encouraged to participate in the New England UMW events and Schools of Christian Mission.

As we close out 2009 and look toward 2010, Troy Conference UMW has decided to keep our officers in place until December 31st, 2010. We will be following our normal year of events through 2010. Our planning meeting took place on January 8th & 9th. March 20th will be a District/Conference Officer Training event at the Whitehall UMC.

District UMW Spring Meetings will be in March 27th in Albany District, April 10th for Vermont, they will join with the Mission Fair at the Rutland UMC, Adirondack and Embury will be on April 17th.

Our mini SLF events will be on April 17 in So. Burlington, Vermont and April 18th at Jonesville UMC, Jonesville, NY.

Every four (4) years Women’s Division has Assembly for all those wishing to attend from around the world (8,000-10,000 women). This year it is in St. Louis, MO., April 28th-May 2nd. Troy Conference has 34 women signed up to go and we are looking forward to a fun event. The theme is “Faith, Hope and Love in Action”.

UMW Day will be at Jonesville UMC on June 12th and we are hoping to raise enough funds this year (\$8,000) to provide a water well for a community in Sudan. We know this is a big commitment but we feel it would be a wonderful legacy to leave Troy Conference with.

Regional School in preparation for Summer Learning Fellowship/School of Christian Mission will be in West Virginia at Charleston University June 28th – July 2nd.

Troy Conferences will have our SLF/SCM at the Rutland Holiday Inn, Rutland, Vt. August 6th-8th. We hope you will all give consideration to attending our last school in Troy Conference. The topics are: “Sudan”, “For the Love of God, John’s Letters” and Mission and Evangelism”.

UMW anticipates a busy year and we look forward to the new adventure that is ahead for us whether we are part of the Upper New York Conference or Vermont going to New England Conference. Our faith journey will continue and we are confident that GOD IS IN CHARGE!

I wish to personally express my gratitude to all the women who I have had the privilege of working with over the last five years as the President of Troy Conference United Methodist Women. It has been a fun and wonderful journey for me and I look forward to doing God’s work in whatever path my faith journey takes me.

Blessings to all! Marie MacDougall, President of Troy Conference UMW

400- Volunteer in Missions

2009 was another active year for Troy Conference Volunteers in Missions. Vim teams were active in Texas and Louisiana doing rebuilding following the hurricanes, and in Iowa doing rebuilding following the floods. In addition, teams were in Cuba, Ireland, Maine, North Carolina, and New Mexico. Locally, we replaced a roof for a family in need.

In addition to the actual service, 6 people were trained to be team leaders and 2 of them have led teams. The first Early Responder Team training and certification was held in the conference and 24 people were certified as Early Responders. Another Team Leader training session is scheduled for March.

Jay and Cathie attended the NEJ VIM rally in Dalton, PA. A Troy Conference VIM rally was held to celebrate what VIM has meant to Troy Conference and to envision the future as a larger conference. Participants also received some training in cultural sensitivity and safe sanctuaries issues that are important to VIM teams.

Teams are already being formed for trips to Ireland, Nicaragua, and Haiti, as well as to Salem, ME, the Gulf Coast, Iowa, and Hinton, NC.

402- Youth Report- Conference Council on Youth Ministries

This year has been a busy year for our Troy Annual Conference Council on Youth Ministries. We started with a big meeting at Cazenovia College, June 28th-30th, where the 4 Upper New York CCYMs (Troy, Western New York, Wyoming, and North Central New York) met. We had close to 100 youth in attendance, and were still able to get a lot done. We created our mission statement and planned out our year and our future together as one large CCYM. This was also a great way for all of us to get to know each other.

Our Northeast Jurisdiction Council on Youth Ministries meeting took place in Binghamton, October 2nd-3rd. Troy Conference was represented by Lillian Coletta, Aaron Moore, Maegan Lipinski, and me. Maegan also serves as the jurisdiction's youth council chair. We discussed future plans for our jurisdiction. We also discerned representatives for the upcoming Global Gathering of Young People, which will be held in Berlin, Germany this summer. This gathering happens every 4 years. Ashley Dubois, our conference's youth co-coordinator, will be traveling on that trip as one of the adult's accompanying the NEJCYM delegation.

Next, we had our last Youth Autumn Celebration. This event was held at Christ Church Glens Falls, November 6th-7th. Our theme was "Raise the Praise, Increase the Peace." This year long theme was chosen at the June meeting, and was used by all four conferences at their fall events. We had a great turn out, with about 200 youth and youth leaders present. Our special guest, Jim Trick, had everyone rocking with his music and had a moving message to share.

This past winter, Lillian Coletta, Kari Balogh, and I represented Troy Conference on the Mission of Peace trip to India. We left December 27th and returned home January 13th. It was a life-changing experience that none of us will ever forget. We visited Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mysore, and Mangalore. In each of these cities we visited churches, schools, slums, orphanages, hostels, hospitals,

and markets in order to really get to know the people of India on a personal level. We learned how Indians live differently than we do, and specifically how Christians live in India.

January 29th, our CCYM met and slept over at McKownville United Methodist Church. We discussed Youth Autumn Celebration, the Mission of Peace trip, our representation for next year's CCYM, and distributed our Youth Service Fund money. We gave funds to 4 out-of-conference and 5 in-conference groups and projects. On Saturday morning, we headed to Syracuse to meet with the youth and leaders from the other conferences that we will be joining in July. This was a one-day meeting. We discussed future Mission of Peace interviews, representation and training for next year's CCYM, this year's 4Word event, and the coming summer CCYM training retreat.

In early March, we had our second Northeast Jurisdictional Council on Youth Ministries in Binghamton. Many youth who attended the Mission of Peace trip to India were also there for a mini reunion.

This past spring, April 23-25, we had our 6th annual 4Word event where youth from Troy, Western New York, Wyoming, and North Central New York Conferences come together to celebrate fun and faith. Lively youth centered worship, fun and educational workshops, and fellowship with other youth are all a part of this event. We had over 600 youth in attendance. Our musical guest was Wayne Kerr (who was also at our Youth Autumn Celebration in 2008), and we heard sermons, testimonies, reflections, scriptures, and short-skits from our fellow youth.

The youth council has had a busy and productive year! We have been blessed with great youth and tremendous support from our local churches and our conference!

Kenny John, CCYM Chair



1 **RESOLUTIONS**

2 **306R-1 Resolution on Voting Membership in the Successor Conferences**

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4 **Clergy Membership – New England**

5 WHEREAS the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, meeting in July, 2008, voted a resolution
6 affirming the discernment in the May or June 2008 sessions by six conferences (the two conferences of
7 the Albany Area, the two conferences of the New York West Area, Central Pennsylvania and New
8 England), with the affirmation that the following changes in boundaries would be enacted during 2010:

- 9 1. Creating a new annual conference composed of the Pennsylvania churches of the present
10 Wyoming Conference and all the churches of the present Central Pennsylvania Conference;
11 2. Uniting the Troy churches currently located in Vermont with the New England Conference,
12 and
13 3. Creating a new annual conference composed of churches of the North Central New York,
14 Troy, Western New York, and Wyoming annual conferences located in New York State,

15 WHEREAS ¶32. **Article I.** of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2008), identifies
16 clergy membership of an annual conference as “deacons and elders in full connection, provisional
17 members, associate members, and local pastors under appointment,”

18 WHEREAS the *Definition of Clergy* in ¶141 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church
19 (2008) is “individuals who serve as commissioned ministers, deacons, elders, and local pastors under
20 appointment of a bishop (full- and part-time), who hold membership in an annual conference, and who
21 are commissioned, ordained, or licensed”,

22 WHEREAS clergy members of an annual conference appointed to churches within the new annual
23 conference boundaries will be considered to be members of the new conferences, with their
24 membership and relationships transferred between the bishops concerned according to the provisions
25 of ¶1347 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2008),

26 WHEREAS those who are in extension ministries and the retired relationship who have designated
27 charge conference relationships within the new annual conference boundaries will also have their
28 membership and relationships transferred according to the provisions of ¶1347 of The Book of Discipline
29 of the United Methodist Church (2008),

30 WHEREAS the reports of the 2010 clergy sessions of the respective annual conferences will likewise be
31 transferred to the respective conferences for ongoing covenantal connections,

32 WHEREAS Bishops Weaver and Hassinger have agreed to transfer those commissioned ministers,
33 deacons, elders, and local pastors of the respective conferences who have been appointed within the
34 state boundaries as identified in the resolution of the jurisdictional conference,

1 THEREFORE be it resolved that the transfers to New England Annual Conference, along with voting
2 rights and privileges for clergy members of the Troy Annual Conference, meeting May 22, 2010, whose
3 appointments in Vermont or New England have been announced effective beginning July 1, 2010, be in
4 effect as of June 17, 2010.

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6 **Clergy Membership – New York**

7 WHEREAS the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, meeting in July, 2008, voted a resolution
8 affirming the discernment in the May or June 2008 sessions by six conferences (the two conferences of
9 the Albany Area, the two conferences of the New York West Area, Central Pennsylvania and New
10 England), with the affirmation that the following changes in boundaries would be enacted during 2010:

- 11 1. Creating a new annual conference composed of the Pennsylvania churches of the present
12 Wyoming Conference and all the churches of the present Central Pennsylvania Conference;
- 13 2. Uniting the Troy churches currently located in Vermont with the New England Conference,
14 and
- 15 3. Creating a new annual conference composed of churches of the North Central New York,
16 Troy, Western New York, and Wyoming annual conferences located in New York State,

17 WHEREAS ¶32. **Article I.** of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2008), identifies
18 clergy membership of an annual conference as “deacons and elders in full connection, provisional
19 members, associate members, and local pastors under appointment,”

20 WHEREAS the *Definition of Clergy* in ¶141 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church
21 (2008) is “individuals who serve as commissioned ministers, deacons, elders, and local pastors under
22 appointment of a bishop (full- and part-time), who hold membership in an annual conference, and who
23 are commissioned, ordained, or licensed”,

24 WHEREAS clergy members of an annual conference appointed to churches within the new annual
25 conference boundaries will be considered to be members of the new conferences, with their
26 membership and relationships transferred between the bishops concerned according to the provisions
27 of ¶347 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2008),

28 WHEREAS those who are in extension ministries and the retired relationship who have designated
29 charge conference relationships within the new annual conference boundaries will also have their
30 membership and relationships transferred according to the provisions of ¶347 of The Book of Discipline
31 of the United Methodist Church (2008),

32 WHEREAS the reports of the 2010 clergy sessions of the respective annual conferences will likewise be
33 transferred to the respective conferences for ongoing covenantal connections,

1 WHEREAS Bishops Matthews and Hassinger have agreed to transfer those commissioned ministers,
2 deacons, elders, and local pastors of the respective conferences who have been appointed within the
3 state boundaries as identified in the resolution of the jurisdictional conference,

4 THEREFORE be it resolved that the transfers to the new Annual Conference in the Upper New York Area,
5 along with voting rights and privileges for clergy members of the Troy Annual Conference, meeting May
6 22, 2010, whose appointments in New York have been announced effective beginning July 1, 2010, be
7 in effect as of June 19, 2010.

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9 **Lay Membership**

10 WHEREAS the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, meeting in July, 2008, voted a resolution
11 affirming the discernment in the May or June 2008 sessions by six conferences (the two conferences of
12 the Albany Area, the two conferences of the New York West Area, Central Pennsylvania and New
13 England), with the affirmation that the following changes in boundaries would be enacted during 2010:

- 14 1. Creating a new annual conference composed of the Pennsylvania churches of the present
15 Wyoming Conference and all the churches of the present Central Pennsylvania Conference;
- 16 2. Uniting the Troy churches currently located in Vermont with the New England Conference,
17 and
- 18 3. Creating a new annual conference composed of churches of the North Central New York,
19 Troy, Western New York, and Wyoming annual conferences located in New York State,

20 WHEREAS ¶32. **Article I.** of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2008), identifies lay
21 membership of an annual conference as “professing lay members elected by each charge, the diaconal
22 ministers, the active deaconesses, and home missionaries under Episcopal appointment within the
23 bounds of the annual conference, the conference president of United Methodist Women, the
24 conference president of United Methodist Men, the conference lay leader, district lay leaders, the
25 conference director of Lay Speaking Ministries, conference secretary of Global Ministries (if lay) the
26 president of equivalent officer of the conference young adult organization, the president of the
27 conference youth organization, the chair of the annual conference college student organization, and
28 one young persons between the ages of twelve (12) and seventeen (17) and one young persons
29 between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) from each district”,

30 WHEREAS it is recognized that, by the action of the separate annual conferences in 2008 and the
31 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in July 2008, congregations will be transferred into the new
32 annual conferences;

33 WHEREAS lay members have been duly elected by their respective charge conferences or district
34 conferences or annual conferences,

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1 THEREFORE be it resolved that lay members of the May 2010 Troy Annual Conference from churches
2 located in Vermont be transferred into the New England Annual Conference, and lay members of the
3 May 2010 Troy Annual Conference from churches located in New York be transferred into the new
4 Annual Conference in the Upper New York Area, and that they be given voting rights and privileges at
5 the respective uniting conferences in June 2010;

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that lay equalizing members of the May 2010 Troy Annual Conference from
7 churches located in Vermont be recognized as lay equalizing members of the New England conference
8 June 17-19, 2010; and lay equalizing members of May 2010 Troy Annual Conference from churches
9 located in New York be recognized as lay equalizing members of the new annual conference in the
10 Upper New York Area for the uniting conference on June 19; and that all these be recognized as
11 equalizing members until new formulas for equalization be developed for the new conferences,
12 effective by January 1, 2011



334R-1 Global Ministries: 2010 Conference Offering Resolution

Whereas the 2004 General Conference of the United Methodist Church established the United Methodist Global Aids Fund (GAF) to provide our churches a tangible way to respond to the global AIDS crisis,

And whereas public concern raised by disasters deemed ore newsworthy by our media tend to gather more interest than the long, slow destruction caused to individuals, families and communities by AIDS,

And whereas AIDS is a truly global disease impacting all of the human family and with those in poorer communities impacted even more due to the expense of prevention and treatment,

And whereas the Global AIDS Fund (GAF) provides grants to support programs which complete at least one of the following goals:

1. Promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention by education and information.
2. Encourage behavior modification.
3. Providing voluntary testing and counseling.
4. Providing treatment of people with AIDS.
5. Supporting home-based care for people living with HIV/AIDS.
6. Caring for orphans and vulnerable children.

And whereas the Global AIDS fund monetary goal of \$8million was based on trying to receive one dollar for every member of the United Methodist Church,

And whereas our Bishop, Susan W. Hassinger, has had a career demonstrating passion for our denomination's global mission and agreed to extend her ministry with us these last two years as we worked toward transition,

Therefore be it resolved that the 2010 Annual Conference show its concern for those struggling with AIDS and those working with them by designating the 2010 Conference Offering to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (Advance #982345),

And be it further resolved that we encourage our Lay and Clergy members to ask their congregations to collect offerings before Annual Conference with the stated goal of meeting the one dollar per member target set by the denomination and bringing those offering to the annual conference session,

And be it further resolved that this year's offering be dedicated to this work as a final thank-you to our Bishop for her faithfulness to Troy Annual Conference during the final two years of becoming something new.

Submitted by Troy Annual Conference Board of Global Ministries

366R-1 – Conference Board of Pensions

The Conference Board of Pensions recommends that the 2010 Session of the Troy Annual Conference approve the transfer of \$15,000 to the Central Conference Pension Initiative from the CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS RESERVE FUND.

1 **Petition 1: Support for Albany United Methodist Society and RISSE**

2 Whereas the Albany United Methodist Society (AUMS) is the primary Troy Annual Conference
3 outreach to and with a needy inner-city African American community, and

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5 Whereas the Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (UMC) Inc. (RISSE) is the
6 primary Troy Annual Conference outreach to and with Refugees from Africa, Burma and other
7 countries, and

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9 Whereas both of these outreach programs focus on providing necessary services to children in
10 need, and

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12 Whereas funding for outreach ministries has been previously approved at the 2009 Troy Annual
13 Conference meeting for the entire year of 2010, and

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15 Whereas the Troy Annual Conference has already assessed local churches for funding outreach
16 ministries for the entire year of 2010.

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18 Be it therefore resolved that the Troy Annual Conference shall recommend to the new
19 conference continued annual funding for the Albany United Methodist Society (AUMS) and for
20 the Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus Inc. (RISSE) through the entire year of
21 2011, at the very least.

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Church Closing Resolutions

Declaration of Abandonment, North Hoosick United Methodist Church

WHEREAS North Hoosick United Methodist Church, located in Rensselaer County, NY, formed in 1828, has had a long history serving the needs of the people of North Hoosick;

WHEREAS the members of this congregation, following faithful efforts to support the ministry of this congregation along with their pastor, Phil Garippa, have determined that the costs of their properties overwhelm their ability to maintain them and have therefore decided to abandon the same,

WHEREAS Embury District Superintendent, Rev. Janice McClary Rowell, has recommended abandonment status for the congregation, transfer of members to neighboring United Methodist congregations of their choosing, and the sale of the property , with proceeds to pay outstanding bills and to be used for congregational development,

WHEREAS the consent to discontinue has been granted by the district board of church location and building on March 23,2010, and by Bishop Susan Hassinger and a vote of the Troy Conference district superintendents on March 24,2010, and, and all proper disciplinary requirements met (Book of Discipline paragraph 2548.3);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Troy Conference affirm the abandonment status of the North Hoosick United Methodist Church and that the Troy Conference Board of Trustees, and that they be authorized to make decisions regarding the future use or sale of the property.

Declaration of Abandonment of the Tomhannock United Methodist Church Valley Falls, New York

WHEREAS the Tomhannock United Methodist Church, located at 97 Tomhannock Road, Valley Falls, Rennselaer County, New York, has been part of a long history of United Methodism in the area, beginning in 1796. The first mention of women’s work in the Conference was in this congregation in 1811.

WHEREAS the members of this congregation, following faithful efforts to support the ministry of the congregation, have determined that the property can no longer used, kept or maintained by its membership as a place of divine worship and other purposes for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS the district superintendent , Rev. Janice McClary Rowell, has recommended abandonment status of the Tomhannock United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to nearby United Methodist Churches; and

WHEREAS the superintendent has recommended that responsibility for the property be transferred to the Troy Annual Conference or its successor; and

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WHEREAS the consent to abandon has been voted on March 23, 2010 the district board of church location and building and on March 24, 2010 and by Bishop Susan Hassinger and a majority of the district superintendents, and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Book of Discipline paragraph 2548.3 the Troy Conference Trustees assumed control of the properties of the Tomhannock United Methodist Church on May 15, 2010;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Troy Annual Conference affirm the abandonment status of the Tomhannock United Methodist Church, and that the Conference Trustees be authorized to make decisions regarding the future use or sale of the property.