

1 **Board of Trustees**  
 2 **Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church**  
 3 **Meeting Minutes**

4 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held via teleconference at 7:06 p.m. on Wednesday,  
 5 April 27, 2011, pursuant to written notice to each member of the Board.

6 **Board Members Present**

7	7 Steve Butler	11 Wendy Deichmann-Edwards	15 Tom Wolfe
8	8 Debbie Byers	12 Dean Flemming	16 Sherri Mackey
9	9 Tom Clemow	13 John Jackson	
10	10 Brooke Conklin	14 Lee Mount	

17 **Board Members Excused**

18 18 Teresa Sivers  
 19 19 Cathy Stengel

20 **Board Members Absent**

21 21 Essie Harding  
 22 22 Robert Rood  
 23 23 Bill Gottschalk-Fielding

24 **Others in Attendance**

25 25 Scott DelConte

26 The President determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

27 The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2011 and March 4/5, 2011  
 28 meetings, copies of which had been previously circulated to Board members. There was one correction  
 29 of a spelling error. The President asked if there were any other corrections, there being none, the  
 30 minutes were approved as corrected.

31 **Conference Center**

32 Lee Mount and Sherri Mackey reported on the status of the new Conference Center. The Conference  
 33 and Episcopal office personnel moved Monday, April 25 and are settling in. A few follow-up items are  
 34 being completed, windows in office doors, keying and furniture for the conference room. The final cost  
 35 will be about \$20,000 below the contract price.

36 **Property Transactions**

37 Rotterdam Junction - set to close  
 38 Fosterville - contract signed, title in process  
 39 LaFargeville - contract signed, title in process  
 40 Keene - contract signed, title in process  
 41 Upper Jay - contract signed, title in process  
 42 Renseallar Falls - meaningful contract negotiations underway

1 The Buffalo Korean church sale is pending and will hopefully offset the outstanding loan. In accepting  
2 the solution proposed by the Buffalo District Methodist Church Extension Society, Inc., the UNYAC Board  
3 of Trustees do not thereby establish either policy or precedent in the matter of responding to debts  
4 incurred by other Conference entities. Rather, the Trustees view this as the best judgment of another  
5 Board whose affairs will now transfer to the NCNY Board of Trustees.

6 The Spencerport UMC parsonage is currently on the tax roles. There will be an appeal based on the  
7 possibility of a pastor being appointed in the near future.

8 The Camp Findley Hunsberger Cottage has been abandoned by the former occupants and back taxes of  
9 \$400 to \$600 are due. The Director of Camps and Conferences has been asked to provide the Trustees a  
10 detailed memo covering this situation. The President announced that, without objection, **The  
11 Conference Treasurer is authorized to pay back taxes up to \$1,000. Also, if the amount of back taxes  
12 is greater than \$1,000, the two Trustees assigned to the affected property may authorize a greater  
13 amount. The two Trustees assigned to the affected property will bring amounts they consider  
14 extraordinary to the Board for approval.**

15 There is a party interested in purchasing the John Muir Drive property. The conference is still using this  
16 property and will not be ready to sell for about 1 year.

17 The United Methodist Homes in Binghamton is very interested in purchasing the former Wyoming  
18 Conference Center. This building currently houses the former Wyoming Conference Archives which  
19 need to be relocated to the Saratoga Springs Archives and the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference  
20 Archives. Archives and History will be encouraged to act as soon as possible.

21 The West Genoa Town Supervisor is now happy with action to secure the church property.

22 The Van Etten Town Supervisor has concerns about our property there which are being addressed.

23 The Finger Lakes District Parsonage has had work done, new dish washer and gutter repair.

24 The Niagara Frontier District Parsonage is being attended to

25 As a result of the fire that destroyed their building, the Garrettsville UMC congregation has joined with  
26 the Morris UMC. Insurance proceeds amounted to about \$266,000. On the recommendation of Debbie  
27 Byers the President announced, without exception, **The vacant lot where the Garrettsville church was  
28 located will be transferred to the Morris UMC.** The disposition of the remaining insurance proceeds  
29 will be determined in consultation with the cabinet.

### 30 **Future Meetings**

31 We will have a teleconference meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p. m.

32 We will meet in Rochester on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p. m.

### 33 **Adjournment**

1 The President adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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3 Lee Mount, Secretary