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Board of Trustees
Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held via teleconference beginning on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, pursuant to written notice to each member of the Board.

The President determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:07 p.m.

Board Members Present

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| Tom Clemow | 13 | Essie Harding | 17 | Teresa Sivers |
| Brooke Conklin | 14 | John Jackson | 18 | Tom Wolfe |
| Wendy Deichmann-Edwards | 15 | Lee Mount | | |
| | 16 | Robert Rood | | |

Board members Excused

- Steve Butler
- Debbie Byers

Board members Absent

- Dean Flemming

Others in Attendance

- Scott DelConte
- Sherri Mackey

Approval of Minutes

The President called for corrections to the minutes of the April 27, 2011, meeting which had been previously circulated to Board Members. Clarification was made concerning the Buffalo Korean Church sale and the disposal of funds from the Garrettsville UMC. With regard to the Buffalo Korean Church , In accepting the solution proposed by the Buffalo District Church Extension Society, Inc.,the UNYAC Board of Trustees do not thereby establish either policy or precedent in the matter of responding to debts incurred by other Conference entities. Rather, the Trustees view this as the best judgment of another Board whose affairs will now transfer to the NYC Board of Trustees. There were no further corrections and the President declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Annual Conference

The Trustees are not expected to make a formal report at Annual Conference. The Cabinet will

1 handle the discontinuance of churches. There was discussion as to how possible questions
2 regarding insurance should be handled. Sherri offered to prepare an insurance fact sheet.

3 **Insurance Governance Team**

4 the Board affirmed that the Insurance Governance Team should be enlarged by the addition of
5 other non-trustee members and will be re-designated a sub-committee of the Board of
6 Trustees.

7 **Former Wyoming Conference Office Building**

8 The President of the United Methodist Homes has proposed that they purchase the former
9 Wyoming Conference Office Building in Endicott pending their Board approval, inspection and
10 other reviews. Lee moved and Tom Wolfe seconded: **that the Upper New York Annual
11 Conference offer to sell the former Wyoming Conference Office Building to the United
12 Methodist Homes for \$200,000 provided that if the United Methodist Homes sells this
13 property within two years of their purchase they would split the net proceeds above the
14 purchase price (if any) with the Upper New York Annual Conference after subtracting carrying
15 costs such as insurance, maintenance, taxes, heat, snow removal, etc.** This motion was
16 adopted.

17 **Camping and Retreat Ministries Governance Team**

18 Lee Mount volunteered to join this team. The team will become active at this point. Mike
19 Huber is the point person for the conference and would like to have quarterly meetings with his
20 staff, the Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries and Trustees representatives. Lee Mount
21 will chair this team.

22 **Support for the Board of Trustees**

23 The Board of Trustees needs professional support in the areas of management of abandoned
24 and discontinued church properties and conference owned property and the management of
25 our insurance program. This support is expected to be needed for 2 to 3 years. This need
26 would best be fulfilled by a single individual.

27 Wendy moved and Essie seconded: **The Board of Trustees authorizes engaging an interim
28 property management consultant funded through sale of property and insurance proceeds
29 for two years renewable annually by mutual consent.** The motion was adopted.

30 The contract document will be prepared by Essie, Lee, Wendy and Tom Wolfe in consultation
31 with Sherri. Sherri will e-mail the standard form to the above persons. We will use the
32 standard independent contractor form with changes to scope of services.

1 **Next Meeting**

2 The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be in Rochester in the Wilmore Room in the
3 Hyatt Hotel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

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5 Lee Mount, Secretary