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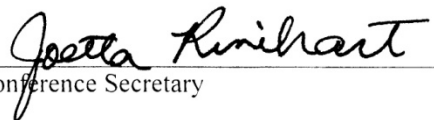
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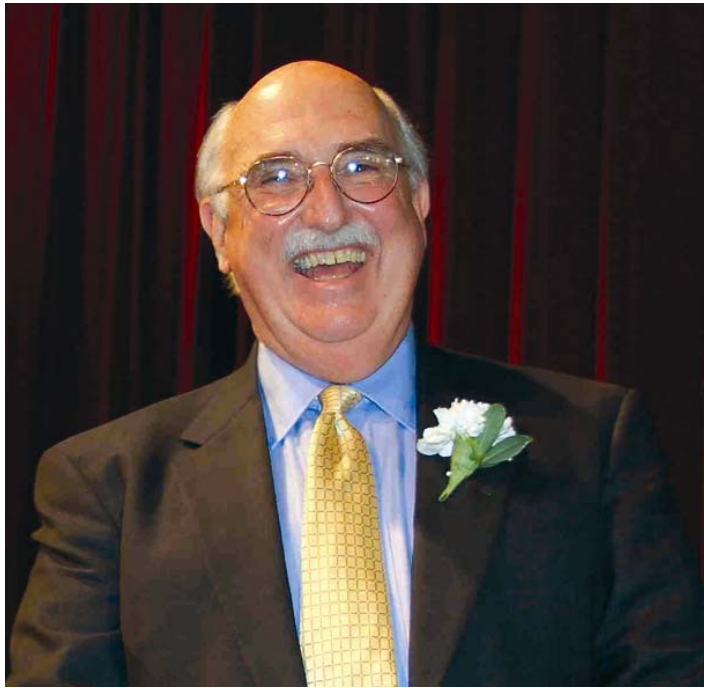
  
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Conference Secretary

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J. Lawrence McCleskey



**THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS – 2008 SEJ CONFERENCE**



**ELECTED BISHOP 2008**  
Paul L. Leeland



**RETIRING CONFERENCE SECRETARY**  
Joetta Rinehart

## **Section I. 2004-2008 QUADRENNIAL ORGANIZATION**

*(Names of clergy appear in italics)*

### **Committee on Appeals**

(Par. 2716)

#### **Principal Members**

##### Clergy:

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<i>Hanna G. Johnson</i>	AWF
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<i>Joy T. Melton</i>	NGA

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<i>Steve Rumford</i>	SGA
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##### Full-Time Local Pastor:

<i>Fredrick B. Bowman</i>	WNC
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Alan D. Groseclose, Chair	HOL
Laura J. Little	NC

#### **Alternate Members**

##### Clergy:

<i>Robert E. Whiteside</i>	MS
<i>John G. Corry</i>	TN
<i>Harry D. Durbin</i>	MEM
<i>Kenneth W. Cummings, Sr.</i>	KY

##### Alternate Full-Time Local Pastor:

<i>Robert J. Weeks</i>	VA
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Edna L. Williams	AWF
Claudette S. Bryson	NGA

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Anna Gail Workman	NC
Nathaniel L. Bishop	VA
<i>Creede M. Hinshaw</i>	SGA
Rubielee L. Addison, Chair	SC
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Laura Hardeman	NAL

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### **Council on Finance and Administration**

Bishop G. Lindsey Davis, Chair	NGA
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Roberta Blackwell	WNC
<i>Edward H. McDowell</i>	SC
Terry Muse	HOL
<i>Thomas B. Grieb</i>	KY
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James L. Branscome	VA
Dora Washington	MS
<i>Dan Johnson</i>	FL
Sharon Strother	NC
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James C. Fields	NAL

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Monty Stabler	NAL
<i>John Collett</i>	TN

##### Ex-officio:

Raúl B. Alegría	
<i>Jimmy L. Carr</i>	

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(Par. 2703)

#### **Principal Members**

##### Clergy:

<i>Stella M. Roberts</i>	HOL
<i>Samuel Johnson</i>	SC
<i>Earl Wilson, Jr.</i>	WNC
<i>Tom Grieb</i>	KY

##### Lay:

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Ellen Paris	NAL
Clark Williams	FL

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##### Clergy:

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<i>Lawson Bryant</i>	AWF
<i>Rhonda VanDyke Colby</i>	VA
<i>Shirley Gupton Lynn</i>	MEM
<i>Phil Roughton</i>	FL

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Merritt Jones	NC
Joseph Heyward	SC
Betty Ellison	NGA
Pat Meadows	NAL

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*Paul "Larry" Byars*  
Harvey L. Johnson  
Jill Hicks (Deceased)  
*William T. McClendon*  
*James C. Howell*

AWF  
NGA  
NAL  
SC  
WNC

## Program Committee 2008 Session

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Senior Bishop  
District Superintendent  
Conference Secretary  
Conference Treasurer  
Executive Director, SEJAC  
Committee on Arrangements  
United Methodist Women  
United Methodist Men  
SEJ Conference Lay Leaders  
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Nancy B. Hudson (SGA)  
John Dowell (FL)  
Ron Hardman (NAL)  
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### OFFICERS

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James Holsinger

#### Vice-President

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#### Secretary

Keith D. Boyette

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Dennis L. Blackwell  
Beth Capen  
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Susan T. Henry-Crowe  
Kyungu (Paul) Shamwange

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C. Rex Bevins

#### Alternate Lay

Solomon Christian



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 Benjamin Boni  
 Warner H. Brown, Jr.  
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 Benjamin Chamness  
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 Michael J. Coyner  
 Charles N. Crutchfield  
 G. Lindsey Davis  
 Sudarshana Devadhar  
 William W. Dew, Jr.  
 Gaspar Joao Domingos  
 Sally Dyck  
 Violet Fisher  
 Elías Galván  
 Larry M. Goodpaster  
 Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.  
 Susan W. Hassinger  
 Robert E. Hayes, Jr.  
 John Hopkins  
 Robert T. Hoshibata  
 Janice Riggle Huie  
 Joseph C. Humper  
 William W. Hutchinson  
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 Scott J. Jones  
 Hee-soo Jung  
 Benjamin A. Justo  
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 Kainda Katembo  
 Jonathan D. Keaton  
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 James R. King, Jr.  
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 Joa Somane Machado  
 Joel N. Martínez  
 Marcus Matthews  
 Kefas K. Mavula  
 Felton Edwin May  
 J. Lawrence McCleskey  
 Jane Allen Middleton  
 Eben K. Nhiwatiwa  
 Alfred L. Norris  
 Nkulu Ntanda Ntambo  
 Oystein Olsen  
 Bruce R. Ough  
 Gregory V. Palmer  
 Jeremiah J. Park  
 Edward W. Paup  
 Jose Quipungo  
 Robert C. Schnase  
 John R. Schol

Beverly Shamana  
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 Leo A. Soriano  
 Patrick Streiff  
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 Mary Ann Swenson  
 Mary Virginia Taylor  
 Solito K. Toquero  
 Hans Vaxby  
 Daniel Wandbula  
 Hope Morgan Ward  
 B. Michael Watson  
 Peter D. Weaver  
 Timothy W. Whitaker  
 D. Max Whitfield  
 William H. Willimon  
 Richard J. Wills, Jr.  
 David K. Yemba

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 George W. Bashore  
 Bruce P. Blake  
 Heinrich Bolleter  
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 Monk Bryan  
 Kenneth Carder  
 Ray W. Chamberlain  
 Wilbur W. Y. Choy  
 Roy C. Clark  
 Wayne K. Clymer  
 Emerson S. Colaw  
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 Emilio J.M. DeCarvalho  
 Jesse R. DeWitt  
 Ralph E. Dodge  
 R. Sheldon Duecker  
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 R. Kern Eutsler  
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 Walter Klaiber  
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Reverend Fitzgerald Reist

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Sandra Lackore

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(in order of their election)

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Roy C. Clark (1980).....	Retired	Joe E. Pennel, Jr. (1996).....	Retired
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R. Kern Eustler (1984).....	Retired	J. Lawrence McCleskey (1996).....	WNC
J. Lloyd Knox (1984).....	Retired	Marion M. Edwards (1996) .....	Retired
L. Bevel Jones III (1984) .....	Retired	Ray W. Chamberlain (1996).....	Retired
Ernest W. Newman (1984) .....	Retired	Larry M. Goodpaster (2000).....	AWF
Robert C. Morgan (1984).....	Retired	B. Michael Watson (2000).....	SGA
Thomas B. Stockton (1988) .....	Retired	James R. King, Jr. (2000) .....	KY/RB
H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr. (1988).....	Retired	Timothy W. Whitaker (2001) .....	FL
Richard C. Looney (1988) .....	Retired	Hope Morgan Ward (2004) .....	MS
Robert H. Spain (1988).....	Retired	William "Will" Willimon (2004).....	NAL
C. W. "Handy" Hancock (1988).....	Retired	James Swanson (2004) .....	HOL
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##### Secretary Designate

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Gipson F. "Gip" Kingry (Retired)  
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Antonius G. Barnes (Assistant Principal)  
*Jeffrey R. "Jeff" Spiller* (Pastor)  
Woods B. Lisenby (Student)  
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Dawn W. Hare (Circuit Judge)  
*Frederick Outlaw* (District Superintendent)  
Robert L. Powell  
*Rurel R. Ausley, Jr.* (Pastor)  
John F. Sherrer (Retired)  
*Timothy H. "Tim" Thompson* (Pastor)  
James H. Kyzar IV (Student)  
*Robert L. Spicer* (Pastor)  
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*Robin C. Wilson* (Pastor)  
Gene Floore (Developer)  
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*David W. Goolsby* (Auburn Wesley Foundation)  
Phillip D. Segrest (Patent Attorney)  
*Wesley H. Wachob* (Pastor)  
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*George H. Mathison* (Pastor)  
Harold L. Faulkner (Retired)

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William Hill  
*Donald Smith*  
Guthrie Childs  
*Mike Roberts*  
Joe Webb

### FLORIDA (52)

#### DELEGATES

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*David A. Dodge* (Exec. Dir. of Clergy Excellence)  
Mary Alice Massey (Civic Worker/Homemaker)  
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Jeannie C. Jacques (Adm. Asst)  
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Joyce Waldon Bright, (Teacher)  
*Dan G. Johnson* (Pastor)  
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*Robert B. Bushong* (Pastor)  
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Russ Graves (Professor)  
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Paulette T. Monroe (Substitute Teacher)  
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John L. Dowell, (Business Owner)  
*Wayne D. Wiatt* (District Superintendent)  
Jeff O. Stricklin (Student)  
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Barbara A. Stricklin (Dir. of Discipleship Min.)  
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Aggie M. Reed (Government Accountant)

*Migdalia L. Icaza-Willetts* (Pastor)  
 Pamela A. Alexander (Business Administrator)  
*Vicki R. Walker* (Pastor)  
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*E. Tracy Hunter*  
 Ellen Lyons  
*Kevin James*  
 Bud Fowler  
*Walter Monroe*  
 Eduardo Rodriguez  
*Melissa Pisco*  
 Marian Goodman  
*Lawrence (Larry)*  
 William (Bill) Fackler

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*Carol E. Wilson* (District Superintendent)  
 Del Holley (Attorney)  
*W. Randall Frye* (District Superintendent)  
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*Jerald W. Russell* (Pastor)  
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*Mark R. Flynn* (Pastor)  
 Matthew Park (Student/Youth Director)  
*Jonathan B. Jonas* (Pastor)  
 Steve Hodges (UM Missionary)  
*Lynn W. Hutton* (Music Minister)  
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*Nathan A. Malone* (Pastor)  
 James V. Ferguson (Medical Doctor)

### RESERVES

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*Pierce J. (Jack) Edwards*  
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 John D. Minton, Jr. (Circuit Court Judge)  
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 Carol Ackley (Retired Teacher)  
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 Linda U. King (Retired Teacher)  
*Kenneth W. Cummings, Sr.* (District Superintendent)  
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 John Denham (Farmer)  
*Rhoda A. Peters* (Retired)  
 Richard H. Wilson (Retired)  
*Hunn Choi* (Pastor)  
 Anne Haigler (Elementary School Administrator)  
*Jean G. Hawxhurst* (Pastor)  
 Saundra Epley (Retired)

**RESERVES**

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 Jim Sutton  
*Wayne Bishop*  
 Michael Grout

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*Gail Gaddie* (Pastor)  
 Beth Brown (Pre-school Director/Teacher)  
*Roger Hopson* (Executive Assistant to the Bishop)  
 Selena Henson (President, Wesley Homes Foundation)  
*David Comperry* (Pastor)  
 Gary Shorb (Pres. & CEO Meth Healthcare)  
*Sandra Leatherwood* (Pastor)  
 Cynthia Hopson (Assistant Gen. Secretary, GBHEM)  
*Kevin Presley* (Pastor)  
 Mike Freeman (Mike Freeman Insurance)

**RESERVES**

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 Solomon Christian  
*Anthony Anderson*  
 David R. Reed  
 John Michael Fisher

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 \*Turner Arant (Farmer)  
 David Beckley (College President)  
*William T. McAlilly* (District Superintendent)  
 David Stotts (Conference Dir. Financial Admin.)  
*Timothy C. Thompson, Sr.* (District Superintendent)  
 William C. Smallwood, Jr. (Investor)  
*Shelia R. Cumbest* (Director of Ministerial Services)  
 Sara S. Hillman (Homemaker)  
*Ginger Jones Holland* (Pastor)  
 Mary E. Ford (Teacher)  
*Mike F. Childs* (Pastor)  
 Jack Ramsey (Retired)  
*Bryan D. Collier* (Pastor)  
 Steve McAlilly (Management)  
*Mattie D. Gipson* (Pastor)  
 Phoebe A. Hathorn (Student)  
*Embra K. Jackson* (Admin. Assistant to Bishop)  
 Kiah Hitt (Self Employed)  
*Andy Ray* (Pastor)  
 Anne P. Harrington (Self Employed)  
*Warren C. Black, Jr.* (Pastor)  
 Dalton G. Garner (Retired/MSU Extension Service)  
*Sam O. Morris* (Pastor)  
 Kay B. Barksdale (Dir. of Church and Parent Relations)  
*Phillip W. Heidelberg* (District Superintendent)  
 Jack Walters (Retired)  
*Karen E. Koons* (Pastor)  
 William D. Scott, III (Associate Professor)  
*Tommy E. Artmann* (Pastor)  
 Elizabeth Cumbest (Student)  
*Victoria Sizemore-Tandy* (Pastor)

**RESERVES**

Patricia Battle  
*Fred Britton*  
 Dewey Lane  
*Giles Lindley*  
 Sarah Sanders  
*Jim Genesse*  
 Billy Keyes  
*Lisa Garvin*  
 Gay Huff

**NORTH ALABAMA (28)****DELEGATES**

\*Gloria Holt (Homemaker)  
*William B. Morgan* (Pastor)  
 Pat Meadows (Assistant US Attorney)  
*Mark Parris* (Pastor)  
 Neal Berte (Retired Educator)  
*Paul D. Hillard* (Pastor)  
 Scott Selman (Conference Treasurer)  
*Robert Sparkman, Jr.* (Pastor)  
 Carol Y. Toney (Human Resources Manager)  
 Ellen H. Harris (Retired Educator)  
*Tommy Gray* (Pastor)  
 Zachary Riddle (Certified Public Accountant)  
*Dalton B. Styes* (Pastor)  
 Heather Griffin (Student)  
*Sheryl Thornton* (Pastor)  
 Sarah Louise Smith (Nonprofit)  
*Steve West* (Pastor)  
 Jarvis Brewer (Retired)  
*Rudy Guess* (Pastor)  
 Susan Howard (Retired Educator)  
*Glenn Conner* (District Superintendent)  
 Eric C. Owens (Business Owner)  
*Andrew Wolfe* (Pastor)  
 Steve Lyles (PGA Golf Professional)  
*Robin B. Scott* (Pastor)  
 Thomas G. Webster (Student)  
*Amelia Sims*  
*Alan Head*

**RESERVES**

*Sara Cameron*  
 Charlie Carlton  
*Tim Barnes*  
 David Rollins  
*Alan Weatherly*  
 Elizabeth Perkins  
*Dale Cohen*  
 Robert Bentley  
*Kenny Baskins*  
 John Hardeman  
 Scott Stone  
 Betty Likis

**NORTH CAROLINA (40)****DELEGATES**

\**Paul L. Leeland* (Assistant to Bishop/Dir. Min. Rel.)  
 Emily D. Innes (Volunteer)  
*Beth H. Hood* (District Superintendent)  
 Cashar W. Evans, Jr. (Retired)  
 Gary W. Locklear (Missionary)  
*Carol W. Goehring* (District Superintendent)  
 Wilburn (Bill) L. Norton, Jr. (Director of Communications)  
*Robert E. Bergland* (Pastor)  
 D. Benjamin (Ben) Adams (Student)  
*Patricia H. Archer* (Pastor)  
 Laura J. Little (Retired Teacher)  
*Gray H. Southern* (District Superintendent)  
 Anna Gail Workman (Diaconal Minister/Church Admin.)  
*Albert Shuler* (Pastor)  
 Mack B. Parker (Retirement Planner)  
*Robert Carl Frazier, Jr.* (Pastor)  
 Elizabeth (Beth) M. Norris (Retired)  
*Leonard E. Fairley* (District Superintendent)  
 Steve F. Taylor (Director of Missions)  
*Won S. Namkoong* (District Superintendent)  
 Samuel D. McMillan, IV (Student)  
*David A. Banks* (Pastor)  
 Emily L. Farnell (Student)  
*Edgar A. De Jesus* (Pastor)  
 Malachi M. Wade (Student)  
*Charles M. Cook* (District Superintendent)  
 Jimmie B. Shuler (Pediatrician)  
*Paul T. Stallsworth* (Pastor)  
 Barry W. Merrill (Newspaper Publisher)  
*Samuel D. McMillan, III* (Pastor)  
 Irene A. Brownlee (Director, Academy for Leadership)  
*Timothy L. Reaves* (Pastor)  
 Patrick Mann (General Contractor)  
*Steven A. Hickle* (Pastor)  
 LaNella D. Smith (Retired)  
*Gayle C. Felton* (GBOD Writer/Consultant)  
 Laura E. Lord (Student)  
*Rosanna Panizo-Valladares*  
 Chandrakant Chitnis (Paul) (Chemist)

**RESERVES**

*Kong S. Namkung*  
 Thomas Walden  
*Edith Gleaves*  
 Annie Fairley  
*Powell Osteen*  
 Sam Isley  
*Laurie Hays Coffman*  
 Sandra D. Ray  
 Darlene Jacobs

**NORTH GEORGIA (56)****DELEGATES**

*K. Edward Tomlinson* (District Superintendent)  
 \*Lyn A. Powell (Retired)  
*Lewis Jonathan Holston* (Pastor)  
 Joe M. Whittemore (CPA)  
*B. Wiley Stephens* (Pastor)  
 Jane Finley (Retired Postmaster)  
*James C. Cantrell* (District Superintendent)  
 Henry (Hank) M. Huckaby (Retired University Admin.)  
*John A. Simmons* (Dir. Ministerial Services/Spiritual Formation)  
 Joel E. Mooneyhan (Student)  
*Jane N. Brooks* (Pastor)  
 Marget H. Sikes (Director of Special Services)  
*David B. Jones* (Pastor)  
 Joe W. Kilpatrick (CPA)  
*Jamie E. Jenkins* (Exec. Assistant to the Bishop)  
 Mathew A. Pinson (UM College Development Officer)  
*Richard D. Winn* (Pastor)  
 Matthew A. Everhart (Student)  
*Nora Colmenare Martinez* (Associate Dir. of Church Dev.)  
 Marjorie L. Kimbrough (Author)  
*Steven D. Wood* (Pastor)  
 Dianne A. Spencer (Retired)  
*Richard A. Hunter* (Pastor)  
 Richard (Dick) L. Williamson (Retired)  
*P. Alice Rogers* (Dir. Teaching Parish)  
 Jeff S. Jernigan (Construction Executive)  
*Charles W. Savage* (Pastor)  
 Tom Jackson (University VP Public Affairs)  
*Bridgette D. Young* (Associate Dean of the Chapel Religious Life, Emory University)  
 Tonya D. Murphy (Physical Therapist)  
*William (Bill) O. Britt* (Pastor)  
 Gary T. Fuller (Exec. VP COO SFCS Construction)  
*Diane H. Parrish* (Pastor)  
 Ida F. Jones (Retired)  
*Joy T. Melton* (Chief Resource Officer UMPACT)  
 Debby A. Stikes (Dir. of Discipleship)  
*Michael R. Cavin (Mike)* (District Superintendent)  
 Yooeui Sohn (Management Consultant)  
*Clay Jacobs* (District Superintendent)  
 Leon Jourolmon, III (Accountant)  
*Renita H. Thomas* (Associate Director, Office of Church Development)  
 B. Thomas Cook (Attorney)  
*Dumas B. Shelnut* (Pastor)  
 Dianne D. Traynham (Retired Patient Relations Manager)  
*David S. Naglee* (Pastor)  
 Jasper J. Russell (Retired Software Developer)  
*Michael (Mike) H. Long* (Pastor)  
 Charles D. Miller (Retired Exec.)  
*Leon E. Matthews* (Pastor)  
 Karen F. Vaughan (Adm. Services)  
*Sondra R. Jones* (Pastor)  
 Janet M. Sligar (Admin Services Dir.)  
*Jacqueline D. Rose-Tucker* (District Superintendent)  
 Sue R. Raymond (Volunteer)



*Parks E. Davis* (Dir. of Church Development)  
*Sylvia H. Moore* (Retired Registered Nurse)

## RED BIRD MISSIONARY (4)

### RESERVES

*Byron Thomas* (Pastor)  
*Evelyn Wells* (Laity)  
*Jimmy Moor* (Pastor)  
*Betty Whitten* (Laity)  
*Sharma Lewis* (Pastor)  
*Catherine White* (Laity)  
*Mary Gene Lee* (Pastor)  
*Al Rowe* (Laity)  
*Jimmy Ellison* (Pastor)

### DELEGATES

\**Charles A. Jack* (Conference Superintendent)  
*Susan Brunk* (School Nurse)  
*David C. Warden* (Pastor)  
*Charlotte Davis* (Banker)

### RESERVES

*J. Jamison Brunk*  
*Molly Jack*

**SOUTH CAROLINA (40)****DELEGATES**

\**William T. McClendon* (District Superintendent)  
*Carolyn Briscoe* (Retired Educator)  
*Stephen P. Taylor* (Pastor)  
*Joseph E. Heyward* (Retired College Administrator)  
*Katherine L. James* (Congregational Specialist)  
*Kathryn W. Scarborough* (Retired Pharmacist)  
*Frank J. Griffith, Jr.* (Pastor)  
*Liz J. Patterson* (Retired Educator/ Public Servant)  
*Ernest C. Etheredge* (District Superintendent)  
*June B. Willson* (Christian Educator)  
*Sara A. White* (District Superintendent)  
*Rubielee L. Addison* (Retired Educator)  
*Timothy J. Rogers* (Coordinator of Clergy Services)  
*Kelsey Taylor* (Student)  
*Kenneth L. Nelson* (Congregational Specialist)  
*John A. Redmond* (Fine Jewelry Broker)  
*John W. Culp* (Pastor)  
*James H. Salley* (University Administrator, Africa University)  
*Hayes T. Gainey, Jr.* (Pastor)  
*Carolyn G. Rogerson* (Retired Educator)  
*Jeannette C. Dicks* (Pastor)  
*Betty Moss McGuirt* (Christian Educator Volunteer)  
*Patricia J. Parrish* (Pastor)  
*Skyler S. Nimmons* (Sales & Marketing Coordinator)  
*David E. Nichols* (Pastor)  
*Marilyn J. Murphy* (Homemaker)  
*Susan Ulmer* (Pastor)  
*Michael Cheatham* (Freight Transportation Consul)  
*Charles L. Johnson* (District Superintendent)  
*David V. Braddon* (Retired Business Manager)  
*Kenneth B. Timmerman* (Pastor)  
*Candy Benson* (VIM)  
*Mary V. Teasley* (District Superintendent)  
*Martha F. Thompson* (Early Childhood Consultant)  
*C. E. Kanipe, Jr.* (Pastor)  
*Emily Rogers* (Student)  
*Mike B. Alexander* (Pastor)  
*Kristian S. Roof* (Student)  
*Sonia E. Ortigoza* (Congregational Specialist)  
*Jim Futrell* (Retired Banker/City County Manager)

**RESERVES**

*Delos D. Corderman*  
*Millie Nelson*  
*W. Russell Freeman*  
*William C. Smith*  
*Thomas J. Bowman*  
*Leon A. Love*  
*Lilian H. Washington*  
*Sue Owens*  
*Willie S. Teague*  
*Mark Lott*

**SOUTH GEORGIA (24)****DELEGATES**

*Hal N. Brady III* (Pastor)  
 \**Charlene R. Black* (Retired University Administrator)  
*Joseph Roberson* (Pastor)  
*William S. Hatcher* (Businessman)  
*Bob M. Moon* (Pastor)  
*Roy E. Blackwood* (Forester)  
*Michael A. McAfee, Sr.* (Pastor)  
*Sunshine Bird* (Educator)  
*Brad Brady* (District Superintendent)  
*J. Taylor Phillips* (Senior Judge, State of Georgia)  
*J. Robert Beckum* (Vice President, Magnolia Manor)  
*Steve L. Rumford* (President, Methodist Home for Children and Youth)  
*Cindy H. Autry* (Exec. Director, GA UM Commission on Higher Ed and Campus Ministry)  
*Miriam C. Hagan* (Director of Administrative Services)  
*Edwin M. Cooper, Jr.* (Pastor)  
*Gloria S. Gilmore* (Retired Tax Auditor)  
*Hugh L. Davis* (District Superintendent)  
*Mark Shelnett* (Attorney)  
*Don Adams* (District Superintendent)  
*W. Richard Shinhoster* (Businessman)  
*Jesus Ramon Hernandez, Jr.* (Pastor)  
*Lee Neal Bush* (CPA)  
*Jimmy Cason* (District Superintendent)  
*Flo Sapp Martin* (Regional Curriculum Representative)

**RESERVES**

*Marcia Cochran* (District Superintendent)  
*Gloria Morgan* (Retired Pre-school Teacher)  
*Beverly Flowers* (Pastor)  
*Matthew Martin* (Student)  
*Ronnie Wills* (District Superintendent)  
*Robert Anderson* (Retired Banker)

**TENNESSEE (20)****DELEGATES**

*Alvin Lynn Hill* (Pastor)  
 \*C. Don Ladd (Senior Financial)  
*Cathie A. Leimenstoll* (District Superintendent)  
 Joe Williams (Attorney at Law)  
*Bettye P. Lewis* (District Superintendent)  
 Betty M. Alexander (Retired College Administrator)  
*Barbara P. Garcia* (Retired)  
 Beth Morris (Director of Conference Youth & Camping Ministries)  
*John H. Collett* (District Superintendent)  
 Opal Ranson (Quality Assurance)  
*Harriet J. Bryan* (Pastor)  
 Holly S. Neal  
*Karen P. Barrineau* (Pastor)  
 Rachel Hagewood  
*Michael E. Williams* (Pastor)  
 Pat Sailors (District Secretary)  
*Max Mayo* (Pastor)  
 Andrew B. Miller (Publishing Executive)  
*Ken Murray* (Pastor)  
 Deborah H. Robinson (Dir. Miriam's Promise)

**RESERVES**

*Lisa Gwock* (Pastor)  
 Vivian Martin  
*Thomas Ward* (Pastor)  
 Jim Austin  
*Loyd Mabry* (Dir. of Connectional Ministries)  
 Gloria Watts  
*Elijah McGee* (Pastor)  
 Heather Bennett  
*Robert Lewis* (Pastor)  
 Robert Sullins

**VIRGINIA (60)****DELEGATES**

*Thomas M. Berlin* (Pastor)  
 \*Darlene V. Amon (Homemaker)  
*Bruce D. Tuttle* (District Superintendent)  
 James L. Branscome (Retired)  
*Clarence R. Brown* (Pastor)  
 Ronald L. Hardman (Retired)  
*Rhonda VanDyke Colby* (Dir. Inst for Church Professions)  
 Shirley Cauffman (Retired)  
*Brenda J. Biler* (District Superintendent)  
 Nathaniel L. Bishop (Medical Administrator)  
*Denise J. Honeycutt* (Director of Missions)  
 Betty C. Whitehurst (Retired)  
*Young Jin Cho* (District Superintendent)  
 Rex Wolf (Retired)  
*Marc D. Brown* (District Superintendent)  
 Chunhae H. Yang,  
*Beth C. Downs* (Staff, Office of Ministerial Services)  
 Susie Wolf (Homemaker)  
*Susan S. Garrett* (Retired)  
 Dorothy C. Ivey (Retired)  
*Ileana Rosas* (Pastor)  
 Ann M. Davis (Dir. Children Min.)  
*Larry Jent* (Pastor)  
 Laarni S. Bibay (Pediatrician)  
*Peter M. Moon* (Pastor)  
 Martha E. Stokes (Conference Director Lay Life/Older Adults)  
*Mary Beth Blinn* (Pastor)  
 Marshall S. Bailey (IT Director)  
*Youtha C. Hardman-Cromwell* (Wesley Theological Seminary)  
 Sandra W. Baker (Homemaker)  
*Tammy L. Estep* (District Superintendent)  
 John P. Clarke (Physician)  
*James A. Hewitt, III* (Pastor)  
 Carol A. Gaston (Retired)  
*Melissa R. Dunlap* (District Church Development)  
 Addie Haynes (Retired)  
*Theodore Smith* (Pastor)  
 Joshua King (College Student)  
*Jeffrey P. Mickle* (Pastor)  
 Adam N. Jenkins (College Student)  
*Robert C. Blinn* (Pastor)  
 Tom Miller (Retired)  
*Myrtle F. Hatcher* (District Superintendent)  
 Aldo F. Gonzalez (Realtor)  
*Stephen C. Hundley* (District Superintendent)  
 Janet W. Bracey (Executive Secretary)  
*Mark A. Miller, III* (Pastor)  
 Carol Sanger (Assistant Administrator)  
*David F. McAllister-Wilson* (Seminary President)  
 Clifford M. (Kip) Robinson, Jr. (Associate Director, VIM SEJ)  
*Steven R. Jones* (Pastor)  
 Virginia H. Harrod (College Student)  
*George H. Freeman* (General Secretary-World Council)  
 Sherri Shumate (Recreational Therapist)  
*Mark V. Ogren* (District Superintendent)

Kevin M. Sabo (Seminary Student)  
*David R. Drinkard* (District Superintendent)  
 Larry L. Baker (Retired)  
*Beth F. Givens* (Pastor)  
 Larry E. Tubbs (Retired)

### RESERVES

*Kirk Nave* (Pastor)  
 Susan Putnam  
*Ralph Rowley* (Pastor)  
 David Brown  
*Alvin Horton* (Pastor)  
 Leigha McReynolds  
*Lorenzo Hill* (Pastor)  
 Brenda Brooks  
*Richard K. Soulen* (Pastor)  
 Janice Webb  
*Kenneth Jackson* (Pastor)  
 Aimee Roberson  
*Jay Hanke* (Pastor)  
 Kendall Carter  
*Margaret Kutz* (Pastor)  
 JoAnn Liskey  
*Amanda Miller Garber* (Pastor)  
 Louise Miller

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (52)

### DELEGATES

*Thomas A. Langford III* (Pastor)  
 \*Betty Jo C. Hardy (Christian Educator)  
*Sally O. Langford* (District Superintendent)  
 John F. Howard, Jr. (College Student)  
*Arnetta E. Beverly* (Pastor)  
 Jack Young (Furniture Sales)  
*Angela Pleasants* (Pastor)  
 James C. Windham, Jr. (Attorney)  
*Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.* (Pastor)  
 Sarah E. H. McKinney (Youth Minister)  
*Kimberly T. Ingram* (Conference Dir. of Min.)  
 Amy L. Johnson (District Administrative Assistant)  
*Charles D. (Denny) White, Jr.* (Conference Secretary/Stat/Ord  
 Ministry Reg)  
 Teila V. Hand-Broadnax (Public School Educator)  
*James C. Howell* (Pastor)  
 Kimberly H. Wright (Sales Coordinator/Corp Secretary)  
*Julianne (Jan) Brittain* (Pastor)  
 Sandra L. Hieronymus (Preschool Teacher)  
*Nancy Burgin Rankin* (Director of Congregational  
 Development & Witness)  
 Sarah Kim (Public School Teacher)  
*Ashley Crowder Stanley* (District Superintendent)  
 John D. Ammons (Children's Home Executive)  
*Ronald A. (Alan) Rice, Jr.* (Pastor)  
 William E. (Willie) Greene (Retired Attorney)  
*Patricia A. Lewis* (District Superintendent)  
 Joetta F. Rinehart (SEJ Public Relations Director)  
*Abraham Kim* (Pastor)  
 M. Lynne Gilbert (Certified Public Accountant)  
*Frank H. (Duke) Ison* (District Superintendent)  
 Jennifer P. Davis (Consultant/Facilitator)  
*William C. Wyman, Jr.* (Conference Treasurer)  
 Jennifer L. Burton (CPA)  
*Mark J. Key* (Pastor)  
 Tonya A. Lanier (Paralegal)  
*Elizabeth Coppedge-Henley* (Pastor)  
 Philip D. Wingeier-Rayo (University Professor)  
*Shelly F. Webb* (College Chaplain)  
 Mildred S. Carter (Retired)  
*Percival T. Reeves* (Pastor)  
 Lazelle E. Free (Retired Teacher)  
*George E. Thompson* (District Superintendent)  
 Etta W. Marcellus (Retired)  
*Anthony E. (Andy) Lambert* (District Coordinator of Youth  
 Min & Evangelism)  
 Ann H. Aldridge (American Sign Language Interpreter)  
*Kenneth M. Lyon* (Pastor)  
 Sara M. Williams (Public School Educator)  
*Charles C. Kyker* (Pastor)  
 Robert E. Shepherd (Retired Public Administrator)  
*Earl Wilson, Jr.* (Pastor)  
 Daphne L. Strickland (Retired)  
*David H. Christy* (Pastor)  
 Kathy FitzJefferies (Social Worker)

**RESERVES**

*L. Gregory Jones* (Duke Divinity School)  
Neffie Connie Locklear  
*Lillie M. Jones* (Pastor)  
Katherine S. Fralic  
*Joseph C. Seymour, Jr.* (Pastor)  
Michael G. Carle  
*Lowell C. McNaney* (Pastor)  
Thomas W. Wilson, Jr.  
*Katherine C. Sherrill* (Pastor)

Richard W. Strachan  
*Talbot A. Davis* (Pastor)  
Charlie L. Taylor  
*H. Donnell FitzJefferies* (Pastor)  
Charles W. Eurey,  
*Amy L. Coles* (Pastor)  
Stephen M. Noblitt



## **Chairs of Delegations (2008-2012)**

### **Alabama-West Florida**

Steve P. Furr

### **Florida**

Bill Walker

### **Holston**

*H. Eddie Fox*

### **Kentucky**

Christine G. Harman

### **Memphis**

Sandra Burnett

### **Mississippi**

Turner Arant

### **North Alabama**

Gloria Holt

### **North Carolina**

*Beth Hood*

### **North Georgia**

Lyn A. Powell

### **Red Bird**

*Charles A. Jack*

### **South Carolina**

*William T. McClendon*

### **S. Georgia**

Charlene R. Black

### **Tennessee**

C. Don Ladd

### **Virginia**

Darlene V. Amon

### **Western North Carolina**

Betty Jo C. Hardy

## 2008 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

### Nominations from the College of Bishops

(Names of clergy appear in italics)

#### Committee on Journal

Anne Travis, Chair	HOL
Anne Varner	AWF
<i>Susan Jinnett Sack</i>	KY
<i>W. David McEntire</i>	FL (Alternate)

#### Committee on Credentials

Carol Toney	NAL
<i>Kimberly Ingram</i>	WNC
<i>Barbara Garcia</i>	TN
<i>David A. Banks, Chair</i>	NC
Kiah Hitt	MS
Joyce Moore	HOL (Alternate)

#### Reference Committee

Flo Sapp Martin	SGA
Ellen Harris	NAL
<i>David C. Warden</i>	RB
<i>Steve Springer</i>	RB (Alternate)

#### Committee on Courtesies, Privileges, and Introductions

<i>Geraldine W. McClellan</i>	FL
Mildred Carter	WNC
Solomon Christian, Chair	MEM
Ron Hardman	VA
Becky Hall	HOL

#### Agenda Committee

<i>Frederick Outlaw</i>	AWF
<i>Mattie Gipson</i>	MS
<i>Migdalia Icaza-Willett</i>	FL
<i>Won Namkoong</i>	NC
John Howard, Jr.	WNC

#### Tellers

##### Chief Tellers

James H. Salley	SC
<i>Alice Rogers</i>	NGA

##### Group A Tellers

Woods Lisenby	AWF
<i>Catherine T. Price</i>	AWF
Melanie Fierbaugh	FL
<i>Dennie Humphreys</i>	FL
Joyce Moore	HOL
<i>Jean Hawxhurst</i>	HOL
Richard Wilson	KY
	KY

<i>David Comperry</i>	MEM
Selena Henson	MEM
<i>Mike Childs</i>	MS
Sara Hillman	MS
<i>Mark Parris</i>	NAL
Tom Webster	NAL
<i>Edgar De Jesus</i>	NC
Steve Taylor	NC
<i>Alice Rogers</i>	NGA
Mathew A. Pinson	NGA
<i>David Warden</i>	RB
Charlotte Davis	RB
James Salley	SC
<i>Ken Timmerman</i>	SC
<i>Joe Roberson</i>	SGA
Roy Blackwood	SGA
<i>Elijah McGee</i>	TN
Vivian Martin	TN
<i>David Drinkard</i>	VA
David Brown	VA
<i>Angela Pleasants</i>	WNC
Daphne Strickland	WNC

##### Group B Tellers

<i>Robert Spicer</i>	AWF
Beverly Maddox	AWF
<i>Marta Burke</i>	FL
Oscar Negron	FL
<i>Stella Roberts</i>	HOL
Steve Hodges	HOL
<i>Hunn Choi</i>	KY
Annie Haigler	KY
<i>Gail Gaddie</i>	MEM
Mike Freeman	MEM
<i>Mattie Gipson</i>	MS
Phoebe Hathorne	MS
<i>Paul Hillard</i>	NAL
Pat Meadows	NAL
<i>Carol Goehring</i>	NC
Duncan McMillan	NC
<i>Jacque Rose Tucker</i>	NGA
Jane Finley	NGA
<i>Jamie Brunk</i>	RB
Molly Jack	RB
<i>Sonia Ortigoza</i>	SC
Kathryn Scarborough	SC
<i>Cindy Autry</i>	SGA
Steve Rumford	SGA
<i>Lisa Gwock</i>	TN
Heather Bennett	TN
<i>Myrtle Hatcher</i>	VA
Marshall Bailey	VA
<i>David Christy</i>	WNC
Sarah Kim	WNC



## 2008 STANDING COMMITTEES

### Committees Nominated by Delegations

(Names of clergy appear in italics)

#### Episcopacy Committee (2004-2008)

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Joe Whittemore	
<b>Vice-Chairperson:</b>	<i>John Ed Mathison</i>	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Carolyn Briscoe	
<i>Mathison, John Ed</i>		AWF
Furr, Steve		AWF
<i>Acevedo, Jorge</i>		FL
Massey, Mary Alice		FL
Henderson, Jean		HOL
<i>Bowles, Al</i>		HOL
Minton, John		KY
<i>Dunnam, Maxie</i>		KY
Archer, Anita Kay		MEM
<i>Durbin, Harry</i>		MEM
Arant, Turner		MS
<i>May, Joe</i>		MS
Holt, Gloria		NAL
<i>Morgan, Bill</i>		NAL
Evans, Cashar		NC
<i>Frazier, Carl</i>		NC
<i>Holston, Jonathan</i>		NGA
Whittemore, Joe		NGA
<i>Jack, Chuck</i>		RB
Brunk, Sue		RB
Briscoe, Carolyn		SC
<i>Culp, John</i>		SC
Black, Charlene		SGA
<i>Brady, Hal</i>		SGA
<i>Walkup, Vin</i>		TN
Alexander, Betty		TN
Branscome, James		VA
<i>Berlin, Thomas</i>		VA
<i>White, Denny</i>		WNC
Young, Jack		WNC

#### Nominations Committee

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Flo Sapp Martin	
<b>Vice-Chairperson:</b>	Joe Kilpatrick	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Rex Wolf	
<i>Tim Thompson</i>		AWF
Powell, Robert L		AWF
Judith Okerson		FL
<i>Sue Haurpert- Johnson</i>		FL
Del Holley		HOL
<i>Dennie Humphreys</i>		HOL
Jeanette Westerfield		KY
<i>Jean Hawxhurst</i>		KY
Cynthia Hopson		MEM
<i>Sandra Leatherwood</i>		MEM
<i>Tommy Artman</i>		MS

Jack Ramsey	MS
<i>Rudy Guess</i>	NAL
Jarvis Brewer	NAL
Beth Norris	NC
<i>Albert Shuler</i>	NC
Joe Kilpatrick	NGA
<i>David Naglee</i>	NGA
Charlotte Davis	RB
<i>David Warden</i>	RB
<i>Charles Johnson</i>	SC
Rubielee Addison	SC
Flo Sapp Martin	SGA
<i>Michael A. McAfee, Sr.</i>	SGA
<i>Lynn Hill</i>	TN
Don Ladd	TN
<i>Susan Garrett</i>	VA
Rex Wolf	VA
Amy Johnson	WNC
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Michael Watts		KY
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<i>Carol Goehring</i>		NC
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Laura Little		NC
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Jim Futrell		SC

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<i>Bill Arnold</i>	KY
<i>Eliseo Mejia-Leiva</i>	KY
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Beth Brown	MEM
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Tom Jackson	NGA
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<i>Alice Rogers</i>	NGA
<i>Richard Hunter</i>	NGA
Molly Jack	RB
<i>Kenneth B. Timmerman</i>	SC
<i>Mary Teasley</i>	SC
Candy Benson	SC
Millie Nelson	SC
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Mark Shelnett	SGA
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Holly Neal	TN
<i>David Brown</i>	VA
<i>Youtha Hardman-Cromwell</i>	VA
Kevin Sabo	VA
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<i>Jeff Spiller</i>	AWF
Bill Hill	AWF
Beverly Maddox	AWF
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<i>Kim Goddard</i>	HOL
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John Denham	KY
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Irene Brownlee	NC
Lyn Powell	NGA
Marget Sikes	NGA
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<i>Jim Cantrell</i>	NGA
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C. Don Ladd	TN
Addie Haynes	VA
Sandra Baker	VA
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<i>Ken Carter</i>	WNC
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SGA

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(¶2703)

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At-large

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*Joe May*

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*Ed Tomlinson*

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(In Order of Their Election)

Mack B. Stokes (1972) .....	Retired	Marshall L. Meadors, Jr. (1992) .....	Retired
Paul A. Duffey (1980).....	Retired	G. Lindsey Davis, Jr. (1996).....	KY/RB
Roy C. Clark (1980).....	Retired	Joe E. Pennel, Jr. (1996).....	Retired
Carlton P. Minnick, Jr. (1980) .....	Retired	Charlene P. Kammerer (1996).....	VA
R. Kern Eustler (1984).....	Retired	J. Lawrence McCleskey (1996).....	Retired
J. Lloyd Knox (1984).....	Retired	Marion M. Edwards (1996).....	Retired
L. Bevel Jones III (1984).....	Retired	Ray W. Chamberlain (1996).....	Retired
Ernest W. Newman (1984).....	Retired	Larry M. Goodpaster (2000).....	WNC
Robert C. Morgan (1984).....	Retired	B. Michael Watson (2000).....	NGA
Thomas B. Stockton (1988).....	Retired	James R. King, Jr. (2000).....	SGA
H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr. (1988).....	Retired	Timothy W. Whitaker (2001).....	FL
Richard C. Looney (1988).....	Retired	Hope Morgan Ward (2004).....	MS
Robert H. Spain (1988).....	Retired	William "Will" Willimon (2004).....	NAL
C. W. "Handy" Hancock (1988).....	Retired	James Swanson, Sr. (2004).....	HOL
Clay F. Lee, Jr. (1988).....	Retired	Alfred "Al" Gwinn (2004).....	NC
Robert E. Fannin (1992).....	Retired	Richard "Dick" Wills, Jr. (2004).....	MEM/TN
Kenneth L. Carder (1992).....	Retired	Mary Virginia "Dindy" Taylor (2004).....	SC
William W. Morris (1992).....	Retired	Paul L. Leeland (2008).....	AWF



## **Section IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2008 SESSION**

### **Conference Program 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference July 16-19, 2008**

#### ***“Living the United Methodist Way”***

#### **First Day, July 16, 2008 – Wednesday Morning Session Bishop Lindsey Davis, North Georgia, Presiding**

9:00 AM	Processional The Sacrament of Holy Communion Celebrant and Meditation Servers – Bishops and Conference Lay Leaders	Bishop Charlene Kammerer
10:00 AM	Formal Opening of Conference for Organization Opening Prayer Roll Call by Secretary Announcement of Quorum Election of Secretarial Staff Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order Adoption of Agenda Committee on Arrangements College of Bishops Nominations Report of Committee on Episcopacy (2004-2008)	Bishop James King Joetta Rinehart Joetta Rinehart Joetta Rinehart Bishop Timothy McClendon Bishop Lindsey Davis Rubielee Addison Bishop Hope Morgan Ward Joe Whittemore
11:00 AM	A Service of Preparation Meditation – “Seeking God’s Guidance”	Bishop Larry Goodpaster
11:45 AM	First Ballot	
12:15 PM	Recess for Lunch	

#### **Wednesday Afternoon Session Bishop Charlene Kammerer, Richmond Area, Presiding**

1:30 PM	Woodlake UMC “Rock Gospel Show Choir” from Virginia	
2:00 PM	Opening Prayer Celebrating the 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Advance Report of First Ballot Hearing from any additional Nominees for Bishop Second Ballot	Lyn Powell David Malloy
3:00 PM	Teaching Session #1 “The United Methodist Way” Deep Convictions and Cultural Resistance  Ballot Results	Dr. Randy Maddox

- 3:45 PM Presentation by SEJ Connectional Table – Part 1  
Bishop Lawrence McCleskey  
Rev. Jimmy L. Carr, Executive Director  
Bishop Larry Goodpaster
- 4:30 PM Meetings of Standing Committees and Organizing Bishops  
1. Episcopacy (2004-2008) previously organized  
2. Financial Administration - Bishop Al Gwinn  
3. Conferences - Bishop Clay Lee  
4. SEJ Connectional Table – Bishop Robert Fannin  
5. Committee on Appeals – Bishop Joe Pennel
- 5:30 PM Dinner Recess

**Wednesday Evening Session**  
**Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey, Charlotte Area, Presiding**

- 7:30 PM Evening Prayer  
Ballot Results  
Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions  
Message Council of Bishops Representative  
Presentation of Spouses of Bishops  
Ballot Results  
Bishop Joe Pennel  
Bishop Richard “Dick” Wilke
- 8:00 PM Teaching Session #2  
“The United Methodist Way”  
Mission and Evangelism  
Ballot Results  
Dr. Lacey Warner  
Dr. W. Stephen Gunter  
Dr. Edgardo Colon- Emeric
- 9:15 P.M. Recess (Meetings of Standing Committees as needed)

**Second Day, July 17, 2008 – Thursday Morning Session**  
**Bishop Larry Goodpaster, Alabama-West Florida Area, Presiding**

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
Ballot Results  
Committee on Journal  
Committee on Credentials  
Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions  
The Service of Remembrance  
Tribute in Memory of:  
• Bishop L. Scott Allen by Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey  
• Bishop Earl Hunt by Bishop Richard “Dick” Looney  
• Bishop Ed Tullis by Bishop William “Will” Willimon  
• Bishop Carl Sanders by Bishop Paul A. Duffey  
• Bishop H. Ellis Finger by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder  
Bishop Marion Edwards  
Leader: Bishop Mike Watson
- 10:30 AM Recess
- Bishop Mike Watson, South Georgia Area, Presiding**
- 11:00 AM Agenda Report

Love Offering for Pages

Reports:

SEJ United Methodist Women

SEJ United Methodist Men

Nancy Bearden Hudson

Robert Dowell

Teaching Session #3

“The United Methodist Way”

Teaching and Preaching

Bishop Kenneth Carder

Announcements

12:00 Noon

Recess for Lunch

### **Thursday Afternoon Session Bishop James King, Kentucky Area, Presiding**

2:00 PM

Opening Prayer

Reports:

Connectional Table Part 2

SEJ Young People

Benji Spivey

3:00 PM

Young Adult Message

Phoebe Hathorn

United Methodist Leadership Scholars

Dr. Tommy Yow  
Dr. Chuck Ambrose

3:30 PM

Break

### **Bishop Tim Whitaker, Florida Area, Presiding**

4:00 PM

Recognition of Retiring Bishop  
Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey

Leader: Bishop James King

4:30 PM

Emory University

Ben Johnson, Chair  
Trustees of Emory University

Council of Bishops

Bishop Woodie White

Monitoring Report

5:30 PM

Dinner Recess

### **Thursday Evening Session Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Mississippi Area, Presiding**

7:30 PM

Evening Prayer

Bishop Marshall L. Meadors, Jr.

Council on Finance and Administration Part 1

Bishop Lindsey Davis

Teaching Session #4

“The United Methodist Way”

Practicing the Means of Grace - Resources

Dr. Tom Albin  
Dr. Steven Manskar

9:00 PM

Recess



**Third Day, July 18, 2008 – Friday Morning Session  
Bishop Will Willimon, Birmingham Area, Presiding**

9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Agenda Report Committee on Journal Committee on Credentials Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions	Bishop Kenneth Carder
	Plan of Organization and Rules	Dr. Timothy McClendon

**Bishop James Swanson, Holston Area, Presiding**

Connectional Table (Enabling Motions)	Bishop Lawrence McCleskey
Nominations Committee	Flo Sapp Martin

**Bishop Al Gwinn, Raleigh Area, Presiding**

Council on Finance and Administration Part 2	
Schools of Theology:	
Gammon	Dr. Walter McKelvey
Candler	Dr. Jan Love
Duke	Dr. L. Gregory Jones

**Bishop Richard Wills, Nashville Area, Presiding**

2004-2008 Committee on Episcopacy	Joe Whittemore
Katrina Report	
	Bishop Larry Goodpaster Bishop Hope Morgan Ward
Monitoring Report	
Announcements	
Lunch Recess (No Afternoon Session)	

**Friday Evening Session  
Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, Columbia Area, Presiding**

7:30 PM	Evening Prayer	Bishop Woodie White
	Musical Program VOY "Voices of Youth" from the Virginia Conference Junaluska Singers Concert	
	Report of Episcopacy Committee (2004-2008)	Joe Whittemore
9:00 PM	Area Receptions for Newly Assigned Bishops	
9:00 PM	Committee on Episcopacy (2008-2012) Organizational Meeting	Convener: Bishop Gwinn

**Fourth Day, July 19, 2008 – Saturday Morning Session**

10:00 AM

Service of Consecration of Bishops

Liturgist: Bishop Charlene Kammerer  
Sermon : Bishop Lawrence McCleskey  
Consecrating Bishop: Bishop Lindsey Davis

12:00 Noon

College of Bishops Lunch

## Daily Minutes

### 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

#### First Day – Wednesday, July 16, 2008 Wednesday Morning Session – 9:00 A.M.

**Conference Convenes:** The nineteenth session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church convened in the George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on July 16, 2008.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion:** The conference celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion began at 9:00 A.M. Musical and liturgical leadership was offered by the Reverend Doug Grove-DeJarnett. Bishop Charlene Kammerer offered the meditation and was the celebrant for the Sacrament. Bishops and Conference Lay Leaders were servers. Other worship leaders were: Bishop James R. King, Jr. and the Reverend Roger Dowdy. Kathryn Stephenson served as organist; the Reverend Ashley Calhoun was the visual artist; and Todd Peck provided the worship backdrop. Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson provided special music during the serving of communion. Worship furnishings were created at Hinton Rural Life Center from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, MS.

**Formal Opening of Conference for Organization:** Bishop Lindsey Davis, from the North Georgia Conference, presided at the opening business session beginning at 10:20 A.M. in the Stuart Auditorium. Bishop James R. King, Jr. offered the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Joetta Rinehart, Conference Secretary, called the roll with the Conference standing in silence to pay respect for the lives and ministries of those Bishops who died since the last session. The chairperson of each delegation certified that the following numbers of delegates were seated: Alabama-West Florida 28; Florida 52; Holston 28; Kentucky 28; Memphis 12; Mississippi 32; North Alabama 28; North Carolina 40; North Georgia 56; Red Bird Missionary 4; South Carolina 40; South Georgia 24; Tennessee 20; Virginia 60; and Western North Carolina 52. The total delegates for the 2008 Conference is 504.

**Quorum:** Following the roll call, Joetta Rinehart declared that there was a quorum present.

**Secretarial Staff:** Joetta Rinehart nominated the secretarial staff for the 2008 conference. The following persons were elected: Susan Dolata, Pam Moser, Sofia Adams, Roma Wyatt, Pam Naplen, Susan Yarski, and Tammy McDowell.

**Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order:** The Reverend Timothy McClendon, from the South Carolina Conference, Committee Chair, presented the report of the Committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The report was approved.

**Agenda:** Bishop Lindsey Davis presented the agenda for the 2008 Conference. The agenda was approved. Bishop Davis acknowledged the presence of monitors from the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

**Committee on Arrangements:** Rubielee Addison, from the South Carolina Conference, Committee Chair, reported on the work of the Committee on Arrangements. The conference expressed appreciation to the planning group from Lake Junaluska who helped prepare for all the logistical needs for the Jurisdictional Conference. The invitation to meet at Lake Junaluska for the 2012 conference was extended. The report was approved. (See report.)

**College of Bishops Nominations:** Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, President of the College, presented the nominations on behalf of the College. These nominees were elected. (See report.)

**Committee on Episcopacy 2004-2008:** Joe Whittemore, from the North Georgia Conference, Chair, presented the initial four reports of the current Committee. The first report sought election of those members of the committee who replaced members since the last Jurisdictional Conference. Approved. The second report recommended the number, election and moving date for Bishops. Approved. The third report recommended the approval of the character of the Bishops. Approved. Report four made recommendations about the funding of the committee's work. Approved. (See reports.)

**A Service of Preparation:** The Conference moved into a period of preparation for the election of a Bishop. Bishop Larry Goodpaster offered a meditation entitled "Seeking God's Guidance." Bishops Alfred W. Gwinn, Hope Morgan Ward, and Timothy Whitaker were liturgists. Music leadership was offered by the Reverend Doug Grove-DeJarnett and Kathryn Stephenson.

**First Ballot:** Bishop Lindsey Davis called on Joetta Rinehart to orient the delegates on the balloting process. Balloting began at 11:40.

**Lunch Recess:** The Conference went into recess for the lunch break.

### Wednesday Afternoon Pre-Session – 1:30 P.M.

**Gathering:** The “Rock Gospel Show Choir” from Woodlake United Methodist Church in the Virginia Conference presented a musical program as the conference reconvened for the afternoon session.

### Wednesday Afternoon Session – 2:00 P.M.

**Call to Order and Prayer:** Bishop Charlene Kammerer, from the Virginia Conference, presided over the afternoon session, and called the session to order. Lyn Powell, North Georgia Conference Lay Leader, opened the session with prayer. The conference sang “Blessed Assurance” led by Robert McMichael.

**Personal Privilege:** The Reverend Tom Berlin, from the Virginia Conference, asked the Conference to pray for Darlene and Ollie Amon. Mrs. Amon is a long-time delegate who was unable to attend as she is with her husband who is under Hospice care. Bishop Kammerer led the conference in prayer.

**The Advance:** David Malloy, from the General Board of Global Ministries, led the conference in recognizing the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Advance.

**Personal Privilege:** The Reverend Won Namkoong, from the North Carolina Conference, requested that the conference recognize the spouses and other family members who have supported the Episcopal nominees. Bishop Kammerer asked those family members present to stand. The conference expressed appreciation to these persons, and then she prayed for these persons.

**Ballot Results:** The results of the first ballot were announced. Ballot results: Number of Ballots cast 504, Valid Ballots 503, Needed to Elect 301. There was no election. Ballot results: Paul Leeland 117; Timothy McClendon 100; Jerald Russell 80; A. Lynn Hill 59; Arnetta Beverly 58; Randy Cooper 36; William McAlilly 29; Kenneth Carter 7; Chin Cho Young 5; Larry Jent 2; Rhonda Van Dyke Colby 2; David McIntyre 1; Denise Honeycutt 1; Jonathan Holston 1; James C. Cantrell 1; Clarence Brown 1; Joe May 1; and Deborah McLeod 1.

**Additional Nominees:** One person, the Reverend William McAlilly, from the Mississippi Conference, received enough write-in votes on the first ballot to be considered as a new nominee. Rev. McAlilly was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the delegates.

**Ballot Two:** Instructions for the second ballot were given to the delegates. The second ballot was taken at 2:40 P.M. Bishop Charlene Kammerer offered the prayer.

**Teaching Session:** In consultation with the Bishops and Conference Lay Leaders, the program committee planned teaching sessions in lieu of the Episcopal Address and the Laity Address. The first teaching session was presented by Dr. Randy Maddox on the topic, “The United Methodist Way—Deep Convictions and Cultural Resistance.”

**Ballot Results:** The results of the second ballot were announced. Ballot results: Number of Ballots cast 502, Valid Ballots 493, Needed to Elect 296. There was no election. Paul Leeland 146; Timothy McClendon 105; Jerald Russell 73; William McAlilly 54; Arnetta Beverly 47; A. Lynn Hill 36; Randy Cooper 26; Kenneth Carter 5; and Geraldine McClellan 1.

**Ballot Three:** The third ballot was taken at 3:50 P.M. Bishop Paul Duffey led in prayer.

**Connectional Table:** The Reverend Jimmy Carr, Executive Director of the Connectional Table, welcomed the conference members to Lake Junaluska. Bishop Lawrence McCleskey, President of the Connectional Table, introduced the report and called on Bishop Larry Goodpaster, who presented the recommendations regarding restructuring. The floor was opened for questions and answers.

**Strickland Motion:** Daphine Strickland, from the Western North Carolina Conference, moved to amend the proposal by removing SEJANAM from having a direct relationship with the proposed Committee on Coordination and Accountability, and rather that SEJANAM have a relationship with Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees. Debate followed. Amendment prevailed. The conference suspended action on this agenda item due to the Order of the Day.

**Standing Committees Organize:** The conference recessed to permit the organizational meetings of the Standing Committees. Bishops were assigned to convene these committees and to preside over the election of committee leadership.

**Dinner Recess:** Delegates who were not assigned to a Standing Committee were dismissed until the evening session. Committee members began their dinner recess when their individual meetings adjourned.

## Wednesday Evening Session – 7:30 P.M.

**Call to Order and Prayer:** Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey, from the Western North Carolina Conference, presided over the evening session. He reconvened the conference at 7:30 P.M. Bishop Joe Pennel offered the opening prayer.

**Ballot Results:** The results of the third ballot were announced. Ballot results: Number of Ballots cast 503, Valid Ballots 499. Needed for Election 300. There was no election. Results: Paul Leeland 184; Timothy McClendon 111; Jerald Russell 68; William McAlilly 46; Arnetta Beverly 41; Lynn Hill 27; Randy Cooper 19; Kenneth Carter 2; Geraldine McClellan 1.

**Ballot Four:** Ballot four was taken at 7:40 P.M. Bishop Bob Spain led in prayer.

**Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions:** Solomon Christian, from the Memphis Conference, presented the report of the Committee. Words of appreciation were extended to many persons who have helped to make the conference possible. Bishop Larry Goodpaster was recognized as being the President-Elect of the Council of Bishops. Two members and alternates to the Judicial Council were recognized.

**Council of Bishops Representative:** Bishop Richard Wilke made a presentation on behalf of the Council of Bishops.

**Episcopal Spouses:** Bishop McCleskey introduced the spouses of the Bishops.

**Ballot Results:** The results of the fourth ballot were announced. Number of Ballots cast 504, Valid Ballots 497, Needed to Elect 299. There was no election. Paul Leeland 211; Timothy McClendon 123; Jerald Russell 55; William McAlilly 33; Arnetta Beverly 29; Lynn Hill 24; Randy Cooper 15; Kenneth Carter 5; Deborah McLeod 1; Geraldine McClellan 1.

**Personal Privilege:** Randy Cooper asked for a personal privilege to withdraw from the election process.

**Ballot Five:** Ballot five was taken at 8:20 P.M. Bishop Richard Looney offered prayer.

**Teaching Session:** A panel consisting of Dr. Lacey Warner, Dr. W. Stephen Gunter, and Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric presented the second teaching session around the theme, "Mission and Evangelism—The United Methodist Way."

**Ballot Results:** The results of the fifth ballot were announced. Number of Ballots cast 500, Valid Ballots 492, Needed for Election 296. There was no election. Paul Leeland 254; Timothy McClendon 115; Jerald Russell 40; Arnetta Beverly 27; Lynn Hill 26; William McAlilly 26; Kenneth Carter 2; Deborah McLeod 1; Geraldine McClellan 1.

**Personal Privilege:** The Reverend William McAlilly rose for a moment of personal privilege to withdraw from the election process.

**Ballot Six:** Ballot six was taken at 9:20 P.M. Bishop Clay Lee offered the prayer.

**Evening Recess:** The conference adjourned for the evening recess. Standing Committees met as needed to conduct their work.

## Second Day – July 17, 2008 Thursday Morning Session – 9:00 A.M.

**Call to Order and Prayer:** Bishop Larry Goodpaster, from the Alabama-West Florida Conference, presided over the first half of the morning session. He reconvened the conference and called on Bishop Marion Edwards to pray.

**Ballot Results:** Results from the sixth ballot were announced. Total ballots cast: 498. Valid Ballots 493. Number needed for election 296. With 298 votes, Paul Leeland was elected Bishop. The conference congratulated Bishop-elect and Mrs. Leeland.

**Committee on Journal:** Anne Travis, from the Holston Conference, reported for the Committee, stating that the Daily Minutes are in order through Wednesday afternoon's session. Report received.

**Committee on Credentials:** The Reverend David Banks, from the North Carolina Conference, reported for the Committee. All reports received are in order. Additionally, the Committee recommends a referral to the Committee on Organization and Rules suggesting that the committee evaluate whether the administrative committees, especially the Committee on Credentials, are necessary. Report approved.

**Committee on Courtesies, Privileges, and Introductions:** The Reverend Geraldine McClellan, from the Florida Conference, reported for the Committee. The tellers, pages and musicians were recognized and appreciation offered. Report received.

**A Service of Remembrance:** Bishop Mike Watson led a service of remembrance paying tribute to the memory of Bishops and Bishop's spouses who died since the last jurisdictional conference. Liturgists were: Bishops James E. Swanson, Sr. and Mary Virginia Taylor. The Reverends Douglas Grove-DeJarnett, Roger Dowdy and Ashley Calhoun offered additional liturgical leadership. Bishops remembered were: Bishop L. Scott Allen, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Bishop Ed Tullis, Bishop Carl Sanders, and Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr. Bishop spouses remembered were: Lois Mae Sheppard Pendergrass, Mary Virginia Head Morris, Mamie Lee Ratliff Finger, Martha Ogburn Goodson, Ada Rose Yow Stokes, and Edith Laney Strawn Knox.

**Recess:** The conference enjoyed a mid-morning break.

**Reconvene:** Bishop Mike Watson, from the South Georgia Conference, reconvened the conference following the morning break. Bishop Bevel Jones led in prayer.

**Agenda Report:** The Reverend Brad Brady, Conference Secretary-Designate, reported on the adjusted agenda reflecting the fact that we will not have any further ballots.

**Personal Privileges:** Betty Whitehurst, from the Virginia Conference, asked for a personal privilege to recognize the Reverend Nick Elliott, Executive Director of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Reverend Elliott spoke briefly to the conference.

**Agenda:** The Reverend David Scotts, from the Mississippi Conference, requested that the agenda committee consider rearranging the agenda so that this evening would be a free evening for fellowship and rest.

**Courtesies:** The Reverend David Banks introduced Erin Hawkins, the General Secretary for the Commission on Religion and Race. Erin Hawkins spoke briefly to the conference on behalf of the General Secretary's Table.

**Offering:** An offering was given to help defray the costs of attending the Jurisdictional Conference of the non-residential pages who have worked here this week.

**SEJ United Methodist Women:** Nancy Bearden Hudson, President, offered the report of the United Methodist Women. The report was received. (See report.)

**SEJ United Methodist Men:** Robert Dowell, President, offered the report of the United Methodist Men. Mr. Dowell presented the John Wesley Award, the highest award presented by the UMM, to Bishop Hope Morgan Ward. Also, the G. Ross Freeman Award was presented to the Reverend William Green from the North Carolina Conference. The report was received. (See report.)

**Teaching Session Three:** Bishop Kenneth Carder presented the third teaching session on the theme, "Teaching and Preaching—The United Methodist Way."

**Announcements:** Joetta Rinehart, Secretary, made the announcements.

**Lunch Recess:** The conference adjourned for the lunch break.

### **Thursday Afternoon Session – 2:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order and Prayer:** Bishop James King, from the Louisville Area, called the session to order at 2:00 P.M. and presided over the afternoon session. Bishop King offered the afternoon prayer.

**Personal Privilege:** Joe Whittemore, Chair of the Committee on Episcopacy, took a moment to explain the timetable the committee will be following as they complete their work in preparation for announcing the assignments of Bishops for the next quadrennium.

**Connectional Table:** The proposal to restructure the Jurisdiction was taken off the table from the previous afternoon. Bishop McCleskey placed the report before the Conference for consideration and action. Questions for clarification were received. Several motions were made to amend the proposal, but those motions were not sustained by the Conference. The proposal was approved (as amended on the previous day).

**SEJ Young People:** Benji Spivey, President, presented the report of the Jurisdictional Young People's organization. The report was received. (See report.)

**Young Adult Message:** Phoebe Hathorn, from the Mississippi Conference, presented the first-ever young adult message at the Jurisdictional Conference. She was assisted by several other young adults. The report was received. (See report.)

**Request:** Kelsey Taylor, from the South Carolina Conference, requested that a room be set aside at future Jurisdictional Conferences for young people who are delegates to meet and have fellowship.

**United Methodist Leadership Scholars:** Dr. Tommy Yow and Dr. Chuck Ambrose gave an update on the Scholarship program that was launched at last quadrennium's Jurisdictional Conference.

**Afternoon Break:** The conference recessed.

**Reconvene:** Bishop Timothy Whitaker, from the Florida Annual Conference, presided for the last-half of the afternoon session.

**Recognition of Retiring Bishop:** Bishop James King led the conference in honoring Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey on his retirement. The Reverend Fred A. Stith III, a retired clergy member of the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke about the McCleskey's ministry. Delegates and guests showed their appreciation for the ministry of Bishop McCleskey. Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey responded to the conference.

**Emory University:** Bishop Lindsey Davis introduced the report of Emory University by inviting members to see a video that shared some of the scope of Emory's global impact. Ben Johnson, Chair of the Emory University Trustees, presented a report to the Jurisdictional Conference. The report was received.

**Council of Bishops:** Bishop Woodie White spoke briefly to the conference on behalf of the Council of Bishops.

**Monitoring Report:** Lawrence Johnson and Dawn Yelverton representing the General Commission on Religion and Race and General Commission on Status and Role of Women offered a monitoring report.

**Recess:** The conference recessed for dinner.

### **Thursday Evening Session – 7:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, from the Mississippi Conference, presided over the evening session. Bishop Jack Meadors led the conference in prayer.

**Council on Finance and Administration:** Bishop Lindsey Davis began the report by nominating Raúl B. Alegría as Treasurer. Mr. Alegría was elected for another quadrennial term. Mr. Alegría presented the budget for the next quadrennium. Several financial recommendations were offered: the 2008-2012 budget, apportionment method, and the continuation of the SEJ Special Asking for the Dam Restoration and Lake Junaluska. (See reports.) Hank Huckaby, Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, stated that their committee concurs with the budget recommendation and the apportionment method. A motion by Kathy FitzJefferies, from the Western North Carolina Conference, to amend the budget was debated, but was not sustained by the Conference.

**Tabled:** The Council on Finance and Administration report was tabled due to the Order of the Day.

**Teaching Session:** Dr. Tom Albin and Dr. Steven Manskar presented the fourth teaching session entitled, "Practicing the Means of Grace—Resources."

**Evening Recess:** The conference adjourned for evening recess.

### **Third Day – July 18, 2008 Friday Morning Session – 9:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** Bishop William Willimon, from the North Alabama Conference, presided over the morning session. Bishop Kenneth Carder offered the morning prayer.

**Agenda Report:** The Reverend Brad Brady presented a proposed agenda for the day. The agenda was received by the conference as the plan for the day.

**Holt Motion:** Gloria Holt, from the North Alabama Conference, moved that the Jurisdictional Conference instruct the Committee on Arrangements, the Planning Team, and any other Committee involved in the planning of Jurisdictional Conference to consider

reducing the number of days that the Jurisdictional Conference meets beginning with the 2012 Jurisdictional Conference; and that the per diem be adjusted to cover the actual expenses of lodging and meals using the rates charged at the Terrace and Lambuth Hotels. The motion passed.

**Committee on Journal:** Anne Travis, Chairperson, reported on the review of the Daily Minutes. The minutes are in order. The report was received.

**Committee on Courtesies, Privileges and Introductions:** Solomon Christian reported for the committee. The Committee recognized many persons involved with the hosting of Jurisdictional Conference. Additionally, the Committee invited the delegates and guests to express appreciation to Joetta Rinehart, who has served as Jurisdictional Secretary for four sessions of the Conference. Mrs. Rinehart was presented with a rocking chair as a token of appreciation.

**Rules:** The Reverend Tim McClendon, Chair, presented amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules based on action previously taken at the Conference. The rule changes were approved.

**Presiding Officer:** Bishop James Swanson, from the Holston Conference, became the presiding officer.

**Personal Privilege:** Mary Alice Massey, from the Florida Conference, requested that some adjustment in temperature be made to the room.

**Enabling Motions and Articles of Incorporation:** Bishop McCleskey presented the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation based on the new structure previously approved. The conference approved the recommendations. Bishop McCleskey presented the following enabling motion: "The Executive Committee of Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council is empowered to carry out and perform any duties required to transition into Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Directors and the Committee on Coordination and Accountability until August 31, 2008, and Bishop Lawrence McCleskey, the President of the SEJAC, shall convene the newly elected members of the Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Directors in order for it to organize by August 31, 2008." The motion was adopted.

**Nominations:** Flo Sapp Martin, from the South Georgia Conference, Chair of the Nominations Committee, offered the report of the committee. Several questions were asked of the Committee. The reports were received and persons were elected. In the reports, the Committee moved that each agency provide to the SEJ Committee and Coordination and Accountability more complete information about the gender, ethnicity, and clergy/lay status of their directors as well as their goals for racial and gender inclusivity. (See reports.)

**Presiding Officer:** Bishop Al Gwinn, from the North Carolina Conference, became the presiding officer.

**Council on Finance and Administration:** The report of the Council on Finance and Administration was removed from the Table. Tim Reeves' motion was brought back up for consideration. After debate, the motion did not prevail. Beth Morris, from the Tennessee Conference, made a motion that was debated, but not sustained. The budget for 2009-2012 was approved (see Recommendation 1). Steve Hodges, from the Holston Conference, made a motion that "each Annual Conference in the Jurisdictional Conference shall be encouraged, through initiating conference Advance Specials or similar provisions, to establish within the next year channels through which congregations and individuals can voluntarily provide financial support to each of the agencies, groups and organizations whose funding through Jurisdictional channels is being decreased or eliminated." The Council on Finance and Administration accepted this as a friendly amendment. The body accepted the motion. The Committee recommended that \$8,870,315 be apportioned. The Conference approved this amount (see Recommendation 2). The conference adopted the recommendation of the CFA Standing Committee that the Dam Restoration and Lake Junaluska Asking be based on fifty-cents per member. The Reverend Debbie McLeod, from the Florida Conference, made a motion to amend this proposal, but it was not sustained. This Asking was approved as recommended by the CFA Standing Committee (see Recommendation 3). A resolution regarding capital debt of Lake Junaluska and any current or any future debt of any of the Jurisdiction's agencies or ongoing groups was adopted (see Recommendation 4). Finally, CFA recommended that the contingency fund be capped at \$300,000 (see Recommendation 5). The entire report of the Council on Finance and Administration was adopted.

**Schools of Theology:** Representatives from three Schools of Theology reported to the Conference. Dr. Walter McKelvey represented Gammon. Dr. Jan Love reported for Candler. Dr. L. Gregory Jones represented Duke.

**Presiding Officer:** Bishop Richard Wills, from the Nashville Area, became the presiding officer.

**Committee on Episcopacy:** Joe Whittemore reported on behalf of the committee. Appreciation was expressed to those members of the Episcopacy Committee who coordinated the pre-election process. The Conference also thanked those nominees who offered themselves to service in the Church. Mr. Whittemore noted that every nominee and conference lived by the pre-election covenant.



Three reports were offered. First, the quadrennial report was received as published in the DCA. The Reverend Robert Frazier was elected to the Committee replacing Paul Leeland, who was elected a Bishop. This was approved. The final report moved the election of the 2008-2012 Committee on Episcopacy. This committee was elected.

**Katrina Report:** Bishop Larry Goodpaster, from the Alabama-West Florida Conference, and Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, from the Mississippi Conference, updated the conference on the status of recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina. A video presentation was offered. Personal testimonies were offered. Appreciation of the support and assistance given was expressed. Elizabeth Cumbest, a young adult delegate from the Mississippi Conference, sang a song as testimony to God's work through the storm recovery.

**Personal Privilege:** James Salley, from the South Carolina Conference, asked for a moment of personal privilege to update the conference on the activities of Africa University and the status of Zimbabwe.

**Monitoring Report:** Louise Adams and Lawrence Johnson offered the report of the monitoring groups. (See reports.)

**Announcements:** Joetta Rinehart made several announcements.

**Recess:** The Conference recessed until 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday Evening Session – 7:30 P.M.**

**Evening Session:** Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, from the South Carolina Conference, presided over the evening session. Bishop Woodie White offered the prayer.

**Evening Program:** Voices of Youth, a youth choir from the Virginia Conference, and the Junaluska Singers presented an evening program of music.

**Committee on Episcopacy:** Joe Whittemore, Chair, presented the final reports of the 2004-2008 Committee on Episcopacy. First, the conference voted approval to suspend the rules to allow a business item requiring twenty-four hour notice to be considered. Second, the conference approved the recommendation to allow for a third quadrennium assignment for Timothy W. Whitaker to the Florida Area. Third, the conference approved the Episcopal assignments for the next quadrennium as proposed by the Committee: Alabama-West Florida Area – Paul L. Leeland; Birmingham Area – William H. Willimon; Charlotte Area – Larry M. Goodpaster; Columbia Area – Mary Virginia Taylor; Florida Area – Timothy W. Whitaker; Holston Area – James E. Swanson, Sr.; Lexington Area – G. Lindsey Davis; Mississippi Area – Hope Morgan Ward; Nashville Area – Richard J. Wills, Jr.; North Georgia Area – B. Michael Watson; Raleigh Area – Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.; Richmond Area – Charlene P. Kammerer; and South Georgia Area – James R. King, Jr..

**Adjournment:** Bishop Taylor pronounced the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference adjourned and offered a benediction.

### **A Service of Consecration Saturday, July 19, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.**

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference consecrated Paul L. Leeland as a Bishop in the Church in a worship service beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Stuart Auditorium. Bishop Lawrence McCleskey preached. Bishop G. Lindsey Davis was the consecrating bishop assisted by Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer. Other worship leaders included: Bishop Woodie White, Charlotte Hathorn, Won S. Namkoong, Tiffania Willets, the Reverend Douglas Grove-DeJarnett, Dr. David Runner, Robert McMichael, Jarvis Wilson, the Reverend Ashley Calhoun, and the Reverend Becky Stephens.

# Presiding Officers 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Morning Session

Lindsey Davis

Afternoon Session

Charlene Hammer

Evening Session

J. Lawrence M. Cleary

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Morning Session

Layla Y. Goodwin

Afternoon Session

B. Michael Watson

Janet King

Evening Session

Timothy W. Whitaker

Helen Morgan Ward

Friday, July 18, 2008

Morning Session

L. W. Wiley

James J. Drummond Sr.

H. Brown

Evening Session

David J. Wiley Jr.

May Virginia Taylor

Lindsey Davis

Senior Bishop, College of Bishops

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Conference Secretary

## Ballot Summaries

### 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

<b>Ballot</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Valid Ballots</b>	503	493	503	504	500	493	
<b>Needed to Elect</b>	301	296	299	299	296	296	
<b>Leeland, Paul</b>	117	146	184	211	254	298	Elected
<b>McClendon, Tim</b>	100	105	111	123	115	98	
<b>Russell, Jerald</b>	80	73	68	55	40	31	
<b>Hill, A. Lynn</b>	59	36	27	24	26	30	
<b>Beverly, Arnetta</b>	58	47	41	29	27	32	
<b>Cooper, Randy</b>	36	26	19	15	W	1	
<b>McAlilly, William</b>	29	54	46	33	26	W	
<b>Carter, Kenneth</b>	7	5	2	5	2		
<b>Cho, Young Jin</b>	5					1	
<b>Jent, Larry</b>	2						
<b>Colby, Rhonda VanDyke</b>	2						
<b>McIntyre, David</b>	1						
<b>Honeycutt, Denise</b>	1						
<b>Holston, Jonathan</b>	1						
<b>Cantrell, James C.</b>	1						
<b>Brown, Clarence</b>	1						
<b>May, Joe</b>	1						
<b>McLeod, Debbie</b>	1			1	1	1	
<b>McClellan, Geraldine</b>	1	1	1	1	1		
<b>Howell, James</b>						1	

## Section V. REPORTS

### Connectional Table and Agencies Quadrennial Reports

#### Southeastern Jurisdiction Connectional Table Report

Jimmy L. Carr, Executive Director

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Connectional Table and our President, Bishop Lawrence McCleskey. I am pleased to report to the Southeastern Jurisdiction some of the actions and accomplishments at Lake Junaluska and in the jurisdiction.

I became the third person to hold the position of Executive Director of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in 2000. The Administrative Council was established in 1988 to be the umbrella organization for Lake Junaluska and the Southeastern Jurisdiction ministries which is made up of the SEJ Ministry Team at Lake Junaluska and the seven agencies. During 2004-2008 the Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council began to operate as the Southeastern Jurisdiction Connectional Table and studied for the Southeastern Jurisdiction the organization of the Jurisdiction.

We finished our capital campaign with raising \$10,600,000 over the last six (6) years and increased our donors from 2,000 to 5,500.

Since 2005 we have continued to build upon the accomplishments of the 2000-2004 quadrennium during which we renovated Shackford Hall, the Earl and Martha Wilson Children's Complex, and saved the upper end of the lake from sedimentation. The last three (3) years we have built the Bishop Joseph and Mrs. Shirley Bethea Welcome Center; renovated the campground and built the Holler Lodge; renovated the Terrace Hotel; built the new Harbin-Spears Golf Course Clubhouse; completed Inspiration Point; restored the dam; and increased the permanent endowments with endowments for Sunday Preachers; Junaluska Singers; Lay Ministry and Leadership Development.

We continued the Workplace Discipleship Program established in 2001 with two (2) goals:

- 1) to lead us toward a more diverse staff;
- 2) to allow the young adults from across the jurisdiction who work at Lake Junaluska in the summer, and the regular staff, to claim their work as ministry.

We have done this around a learning organization model and with mentors for our summer staff. I am pleased to report that over the last seven (7) years 450 young adults have been part of Workplace Discipleship, and the leadership team meets to study, worship and reflect monthly. The racial ethnic makeup of our staff was 4% when we began the Workplace Discipleship Program. It now stands at 14%. We celebrate the change and are committed to continuing to be a more diverse workplace.

We enhanced our ministry and events area. Presently the Hispanic Ministries is 1/3 time for Lake Junaluska and the Southeastern Jurisdiction. That ministry joins the existing Korean-Asian Ministries which is 1/3 time also. We established the African American Ministries area encompassing some of the existing advocacy work. We have implemented new theologically sound Wesleyan curriculum for our Ministries with Young People programs and are poised to make strides with attendance in that area. In the last two years we have had the two largest youth events ever on New Year's Eve and on Presidents Day weekends. We have strengthened the children's summer program with new curriculum, serving more children last summer, and want to expand our leadership training for children leaders. We have enhanced our summer preaching services at Stuart Auditorium with preachers and making worship a priority at Lake Junaluska. The number of Lake Junaluska Singers tours has increased, and they have served larger numbers at their concerts at Lake Junaluska and around The Church.

In the Conference and Retreat Center we established a new communications, public relations and marketing area designed to communicate to the Southeastern Jurisdiction as well as advertise the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, including our ministry events area. We have developed a new website and enhanced our e-news. Within the last 18 months we have had 70 articles in local papers, 55 stories published about SEJ ministries in national and conference papers and we have had \$5 million in sales at Lake Junaluska last year.

The Connectional Table passed the reorganization of the Southeastern Jurisdiction calling for Lake Junaluska to be an agency and become a premiere conference and retreat center and for Ministry to be moved away from apportionment support.

We see a vision that is good and positive for all involved. We believe that the Lake Junaluska Ministry Event/Promotion model offers hope to all areas of ministry as we move into the future.

We have redefined the job description of the Director of Ministry of the SEJ to Director of Ministry Events at Lake Junaluska with particular emphasis on events (old and new) at Lake Junaluska. A partnership has been established with the Alban Institute. The Alban Institute at Lake Junaluska will be the centerpiece of the new Ministers Summit that takes the place of Ministers Week. We expect great things for this partnership.

The Ministry staff continues to consider what ministry at Lake Junaluska will be for the future, considering that it has to be self-supporting by 2013. We are doing this while still supporting our SEJ groups and responsibilities. Marketing and Ministry Events are working closely to have a seamless operation and to insure the best use of space in order to serve more people at Lake Junaluska. The Conference Center is teaching persons in Ministry to write business plans and target specific groups in our church. Ministry continues to assist the conference Center in understanding the needs of The Church. All staff are celebrating their joint ministry together.

2007 began with a major financial correction with the goal of more realistic revenue projections. That was needed, not only because we had seldom been very successful in reaching revenue projections, especially in the conference center, but also because of the Organizational Task Group's recommendation that the Ministry of the future be self-supporting. The staff adjustments, realignments and cuts were difficult for the ones personally involved and also for the ones who had to expand their jobs to pick up additional work. This correction has begun to work! You will see the beginning effects as you deal with the financial reports. The staff needs to be commended for stepping forward and working as never before – filling the voids with a growing understanding of Christian hospitality. They did this through a love of Lake Junaluska and commitment to their work.

We contracted with Cornell University's Hospitality School of Management to study the operations of Lake Junaluska and survey our constituents. The report will be presented in committee during the Conference. We think this will be the foundation of continued research for the Conference and Retreat Center and ministry events. Realizing that our future will depend on good research, we started conversations with Western Carolina University about partnering with us for on-going research projects.

Lake Junaluska has been serving The Church for almost 100 years. There have been many changes and challenges during those years. From my study of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and The Church I have come to understand that the creation of Lake Junaluska became the model for most of our SEJ ministries. Persons in our past had a vision to meet a particular need in The Church; they had a passion to make the vision a reality; then they came to The Church for counsel and financial support.

That same kind of vision and passion will be needed for the years ahead. As The Church is changing so must Lake Junaluska change. A part of that change is to realize that our future will have less financial support from The Church, giving us the opportunity to continue to be creative with fundraising, events and providing Christian hospitality. Our prayer is that The Church will help us to be on a strong fiscal foundation before it totally sends us out on our own!

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Connectional Table has continued to represent the Jurisdiction in supporting and enhancing our relationship with Emory University. The Executive Committee of the Connectional Table has met twice this quadrennium at Emory and Candler School of Theology. We are pleased with the leadership of President James W. Wagner and Dean Jan Love, both of whom are committed to a strong relationship with The United Methodist Church and are striving to improve church leadership at every level of their work.

It has been a pleasure working with the Southeastern Jurisdiction Agencies. Their commitment to serving The United Methodist Church is without question as they move into the future in different relationships to the Jurisdiction. It is a pleasure to share their reports.

### **COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY**

The main focus of the Commission on Archives and History is the Heritage Center, which continues to acquire, organize, preserve, and make available the records of the jurisdiction and of Lake Junaluska.

In a staff change, Kim Boyd resigned as director of the Center at the beginning of 2007, and the Reverend Arthur Swarhout was hired as interim director. The Center is thriving under his leadership. Because of the reorganization of the jurisdiction and the uncertainty of funding, the search for a new director has not yet begun. We hope that the Search Committee, headed by Dr. A.V. Huff, will be able to begin its work soon after Jurisdictional Conference.

One of the most successful programs of the Center is the hosting of confirmation classes. Each year the Center provides training for thousands of young people from throughout the jurisdiction. In addition, drop-in visitors, researchers, and mail, telephone, and e-mail requests for information make the Heritage Center a vital and lively place.

The Center received several notable acquisitions during the quadrennium, including manuscripts of the music of the Reverend Richard Blanchard, author of the hymn "Fill My Cup"; artifacts of the life and ministry of Bishop Ed Tullis; archival records from SEMAR; and a valuable collection of materials about Lake Junaluska.

Work is being done on cataloguing and preserving the Harry Denman collection. An exhibit about him is in place at the Bethea Welcome Center.

Improvement projects have included a new climate control system and new lighting for the museum. PastPerfect museum software has improved cataloguing efficiency.

We are endeavoring to increase our endowment fund. A Friends of the Heritage Center organization is being established. The Reverend Bill Lowry is compiling a history of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, with proceeds from the sale of the book to go to the Heritage Center Endowment Fund.

We sponsored our biannual Heritage Preservation Workshops for Local Church Historians. Led by outstanding leaders in the archival field, both were well attended.

The Commission works with the SEJ Historical Society, which is open to all who are interested in history in the jurisdiction. During the quadrennium we have met in St. Simons, Charleston, Durham, and Washington, D.C., to hear scholarly papers on the heritage of the areas. The 2009 meeting will be held at Lake Junaluska in conjunction with the twentieth anniversary of the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church.

We rejoice in the challenge and the opportunity to celebrate our heritage as United Methodists.

## GULFSIDE ASSEMBLY

Gulfside represents one of the most important journeys of our time. It embodies the spirit, commitment and vision of courageous people who dared to confront the bigotry and racial discrimination within the church and society.

Originally called the Gulfside Chautauqua and Camp Meeting Ground, Gulfside was founded in 1923 by Robert E. Jones, the first African American Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the time, it was the only resort in the Gulf Region open to African American Methodists. In 1980, the United Methodist Church recognized Gulfside Assembly as a Historical Site.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, Gulfside was open year round as a multi-cultural conference, retreat and training center, specializing in national and international missions for high school and college students, summer day camp and enrichment days for children and youth, and Elderhostel programs for persons 50 years and over. Gulfside was also open to groups of 20 or more for weddings, banquets, meetings, bible study, confirmation classes, personal and spiritual retreats and business lunches. Gulfside played a critical role in the city of Waveland, the region and our nation, sponsoring programs aimed at preventing family breakdown and keeping families together in times of crisis.

Hurricane Katrina destroyed all of the Gulfside facilities and the leadership of Gulfside faces the future with optimism as they value the heritage of Gulfside and create a legacy for future generations.

Gulfside continues to provide a place where all of God's people are welcome. The Gulfside journey moved through segregation and the civil rights movement and survived devastating natural disasters. The journey continues as we have the unmitigated gall to believe Gulfside is the Mecca on the Gulf.

**VISION:** We envision a caring community where all God's people are transformed by the love of Christ. Gulfside will provide facilities and programs that further the development of ministries to the whole person through education, spiritual nurture, and family support for all ages.

**MISSION:** Gulfside is a multi-cultural conference, retreat and training center related to the United Methodist Church. The mission of Gulfside is to proclaim and embody God's kingdom as revealed through Jesus Christ.

**KEY DRIVERS:** Positive accountability, clean audits for five (5) years, paid off all indebtedness, moving with due diligence in the planning of rebuilding, through feasibility studies, marketing and other means are our key drivers.

**SPIRIT-LED:** Romans 8:28 has been adopted as our bases of our scriptural directions, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose."

**FRUITFULNESS:** Continuation of the Mission Education Travel Studies Seminar (College Tour) and Harambee Event for high school and college students are developing leadership for our youth and ensuring a stronger future for all.

**CORE BELIEFS:** We practice Christian principles and spiritual development. We value human dignity and justice for all God's people. God is central to our entire ministry.

**RADICAL HOSPITALITY:** Radical hospitality is the very core of Gulfside's ministry, historical and continuing.

**PASSIONATE WORSHIP:** Faith forming relationships, fervent prayer models and diligent study of the scriptures is who we are as an advocate of Jesus Christ.

**EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY:** Gulfside has provided for the past two years a place on Gulfside's property for the Mississippi Conference-UMCOR Disaster Response and the Amish C.A.R.E. groups at no cost to them. We are a part of and believe in the connectional system.

Through our strategic planning it will be known when all is revealed that Gulfside will be living out its faith through new adventures and risk-taking ministries and making strides toward the future of a new Gulfside. Our mission will include independent and assisted living with a ministry center that will include a distant learning module. Community services are always on our list with programs aimed at preventing family breakdown and children focused ministries.

Make your tracks to the  
Mecca On The GULF  
Plant your footsteps in the sands of time.

## HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER

The mission of Hinton Rural Life Center is to be an advocate for the **small membership church**, to assist small membership churches in becoming healthy and effective, to provide opportunities for **missional involvement**, and to be a **place of hospitality, spiritual growth, and renewal**.

Hinton continues to focus on **the core ministries** that have defined Hinton for many years. These are:

- The small membership church
- The First Parish Project and related spiritual formation ministries
- The mission volunteer experience
- The conference and retreat center
- Mutual Self Help Affordable Housing

The **small membership and rural church** focus of Hinton's ministry continues to be the primary mission and is at the center of everything we do. The Hinton staff works at all levels of the United Methodist Church – general, jurisdictional, annual conference, district and local church – to lead training and consultation events and be an advocate for small membership and rural church issues. Some of these training and consultation events take place at the local church level while many are with larger groups in district and annual conference gatherings. Some are one-day events, while many extend over several days. Hinton responds to invitations from district superintendents and other church leaders to schedule these events.

In December 2005 Hinton received a Lilly Endowment renewal grant to continue The First Parish Project. This program works with young pastors, under 35, who are serving their first assignment in a smaller membership church. Participants come from across the nation and from many different denominations. The purpose of First Parish Project is to help these young clergy leaders have a good beginning in smaller membership churches, to develop healthy patterns of colleague support as clergy leaders, and to teach them the skills needed to develop and lead healthy congregations. Hinton recruits a new class of about 20 pastors for this program each year.

Opportunities for **missional involvement** at Hinton have focused mainly on summer mission teams coming to work on new home construction and repair of existing homes in partnership with local families in western North Carolina and northern Georgia. In 2007, 51 churches from 10 annual conferences of the SEJ sent 814 youth and adult volunteers to participate in this program. (This is out of a total of 64 churches and 1004 volunteers.)

Many local churches return year after year. They tell us that the mission volunteer week at Hinton is a primary formative experience for their youth and adults. While many homes of low-income and elderly families are repaired and new homes are built, the mission volunteer program at Hinton is mostly about discipleship and spiritual formation for those who come as volunteers as well as those who invite Hinton volunteers into their homes to work.

Serving as a **place of hospitality, spiritual growth, and renewal** is also at the core of Hinton's ministry. Hinton continues implementation of the marketing plan for the conference facilities that began in late 2005. These marketing efforts resulted in a 20% increase in guest overnights for 2006 compared to 2005, and we have had a 16% growth in guest nights for 2007 compared to 2006. Building good long-term relationships with many retreat groups will be a key factor in Hinton's long-term financial strategy to pay off all indebtedness and operate on a sound financial basis in the years ahead.

The Mutual Self-Help Housing program, in partnership with USDA-Rural Development, began with the groundbreaking for the first seven houses with seven families in the summer of 2006. In early 2008 these houses were completed and construction on the next six houses began. The funding for this program comes from USDA-Rural Development and from other affordable housing grants. This program serves as a model for any United Methodist church or district that would like to begin an affordable housing program in their area.

## **INTENTIONAL GROWTH CENTER**

IGC continues to serve by carrying out our mission of "transforming leaders for shared, Christ-centered ministry." Our programs enrich and transform the lives of persons from 6<sup>th</sup> graders through senior adults. In our **57 events in 2007, we had 3,726 participants.** Also, we generated approximately **\$300,000 in lodging and meal income for the LJA Conference Center.** Participants give accolades about their experiences with us saying things like:

- "This program saved my ministry and my sanity!"
- "This workshop has given me new skills and new enthusiasm to take back to my ministry setting."
- One senior pastor reported, "since we'd begun doing the IGC Confirmation Weekends, of all the kids who went, they all continued to be and get involved with the church through high school. But of those who did NOT go to the Confirmation Weekends, none of them continued. The experience at LJA has proven to us to be a major part of the youths' spiritual growth, and something that we'll continue to do every year."

During 2007 we had increased attendance in each of our three areas of ministry: Leadership Development, Confirmation, and Older Adult events. Our increased attendance meant that our income was up, which enabled us to have a net income to help us begin 2008 in good fashion. Our Interim Ministry Training continues to serve the whole connection as we have trained over 400 Interim Ministers across the country. Also, we have been named as a recipient of the Morgan Trust.

We are honored by the recommendation of the Connectional Table at the November 2007 meeting to allow us to continue to make our strong contributions as an intact agency serving the SEJ and United Methodism. Further, we are encouraged that the Conference Lay Leaders at the same meeting requested that IGC serve the leader development needs of laity in the southeast. We will include lay leaders--conference, district, and local church--in our leader development events so that laity and clergy will be better prepared for our mutual and shared ministry.

In 2007 over 300 older adults participated in spiritual retreats through our Fall Flings, Christmas at Lambuth, and Spring Adventure. Further, our Elderhostels continue to grow. In fact, in March 2008 the director of North American Program Development of Elderhostel visited us along with the regional director for the southeast. Their reasons for visiting were several: they wanted to observe how we operate as they said they see us as a model site! Further, they asked us to expand our programming to include offerings for persons with restricted mobility and also to add a number of weeks of programming involving hiking and immersion experiences in the Smoky Mountains. We saw all these as tremendous affirmations of our effectiveness in our older adult area of our offerings.

Now in our 31<sup>st</sup> year, we are strengthening, deepening, and expanding our existing ministries as well as venturing on the cutting edge to lead in the areas of continuing education, training, coaching, and retreats to resource the leadership needs of the church.

## **SEJANAM**

### **Background**

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Agency on Native American Ministries (SEJANAM) was created and established by the 1984 Jurisdictional Conference. It became the seventh agency by action of the 1993 session of the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) Administrative Council. It is the only one of its kind throughout all the jurisdictions.

There are approximately 210,000 Native Americans within the Southeast Jurisdiction, representing approximately 100 tribes. Over 12,000 Native Americans are identified as United Methodist members. SEJANAM serves and supports 23 Native American congregations and five other ministries. Three ministries are on the Choctaw Reservation and one on the Cherokee Qualla Boundary. We have recently formed a health ministry in the Virginia Conference and we now have a Fellowship within the SC conference.



The Native American Churches and its leadership have many gifts to offer the United Methodist Church and the Church Universal. Many of the churches incorporate their traditional language and song within their worship service, such as Cherokee UMC in Cherokee, North Carolina. Five of the Native American Churches are considered urban while the remaining churches and ministries are considered rural. The largest Native American church is Prospect UMC, with membership of 950. The church is located in a rural area within North Carolina and the majority of its membership is Lumbee. The remaining churches are less than 200 in membership.

In strengthening and creating ministries, SEJANAM provides technical assistance to gain grants for ministries. Recent grants were awarded for continued congregational development of a new urban church start-up in Raleigh, North Carolina. SEJANAM has coordinated efforts to provide ecumenical relief and ministry to Native American families and communities who were victims of hurricane Katrina and Rita in the gulf region, as a means of strengthening ministries. Over \$20,000 in funds were contributed for the purchase of appliances, clothing, food and building materials. A large number of cleaning buckets and toiletry kits were donated, and hundreds of volunteer hours were shared and provided to Indian communities in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

SEJANAM networks and provides support and guidance to Conference Committees on Native American Ministry (CONAM) to assure annual conference self-determined initiatives in Native American ministry and promotion. SEJANAM also provides assistance to conferences in developing structures that advocate for increased awareness of and appreciation for Native American presence, history, and structures that address justice, equal opportunity and inclusion issues.

At the national level, SEJANAM is an ex-officio member of other structures and entities and consults and networks with them for ministry. This includes the Native American Comprehensive Plan (NACP) and the Native American International Caucus (NAIC).

### **Endowments**

Recently, SEJANAM was the vehicle in helping establish the Robert Mangum Endowment. This endowment is designated to educational scholarships with the indigenous children of Bolivia. It also provides for professional training for pastors.

Other endowments in which SEJANAM helped establish the Simeon F. Cummings Native American Endowment and the Tom and Belinda Queen Endowment. The intent of the Cummings Endowment is to provide continued funding for Native American Ministries in the southeast through SEJANAM. A goal of \$100,000 was reached and celebrated in 2007. The Tom and Belinda Queen Endowment was established in honor and recognition of Tom Queen's (Cherokee) commitment, devotion and leadership to the church, community and his people.

### **SEJANAM Mission Projects are jurisdictional, national and international**

Internationally, SEJANAM is working in Bolivia. Since 1995, major accomplishments include erecting 40 homes in the Guarani community (in the jungle), erecting a health clinic and assisting with the installation of a community water system. Recently, team members have worked to build a maternity ward and the foundation for an emergency room at the Red Cross Center. Dr. Dardo Chavez calls the community a "miracle community." Gifts in the amount of \$400,000 have been raised, with some funding given to an all girls' orphanage. In 2007 and 2008, three additional homes were constructed and medical and dental health services were provided with the Red Cross Health Clinic. Leaders from Bolivia and SEJANAM have stated that this ministry has transformed lives and impacted generations.

At the nation level, SEJANAM has sponsored Work Mission Teams for home repairs and construction in Louisiana and Alaska. Within the Southeast Jurisdiction, a tremendous amount of mission work has been provided in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida.

Other accomplishments include:

- Triad UMC and Victory UMC, both urban churches, came into existence because of efforts by SEJANAM
- A Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM) training model was developed and utilized by the Southeast Jurisdiction and other national entities
- Training of the CONAMs throughout the conferences of the SEJ for Native American awareness, programming and promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday, with offerings for Native American seminary scholarships and urban ministries
- Work, health and ministry projects with the Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia
- The Edisto Tribal and Indian Health Initiative
- Various ministry, cultural and learning events with the Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee Annual Conferences
- Gaining Choctaw clergy leadership for the Mississippi Choctaw Ministry, and
- Ministry provided to members of the Choctaw in Mississippi and the Houma Tribe of Louisiana, both stricken by devastation from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

More recently, SEJANAM has been instrumental in coordinating efforts to bring leaders together with SEMAR and Asbury Homes to discuss plans to construct a group home in the Robeson County area that would be targeted to serve Native Americans who suffer from significant cognitive impairment. In September, this dream and plans will be realized with the final construction of the group home. Moreover, as an advocate for racial and social justice, SEJANAM is a leader in efforts against racism on public radio.

### **SEJANAM Offers:**

#### An Annual Native American Ministers' and Laity Retreat

There are real needs in Native American Communities that the Native American Churches, SEJANAM, and Annual Conferences seek to address holistically. Some of the responsibilities that SEJANAM is charged with are training and providing services to Annual Conference Committees on Native American Ministries (CONAMs), strengthening and creating congregational and social ministries, and advocating for increased awareness of and appreciation for Native American presence, history, traditions and spirituality.

With programming at the heart of its ministry, SEJANAM is responsible for coordinating the Native American Ministers' Retreat and Training, an event established in 2000. The retreat provides education and teaching that is biblically and theologically centered to strengthen clergy and laity skills in addition to growth and expansion of social ministries and restoration. This event continues to grow and increased in size by 50% in 2007. Moreover, the retreat has brought in revenues of approximately \$75,000, excluding personal purchases estimated at \$5,000.

#### An Annual Native American Summer Conference

To connect and educate Native American families and leadership, SEJANAM is responsible for coordinating an annual SEJ Native American Conference at Lake Junaluska. One of the largest Native American gatherings within the United Methodist Church, this year's conference brought over 375 Native Americans from across the jurisdiction and beyond for solidarity, increased awareness, instruction, cultural exchange and modeling of ministries. This conference has brought in over \$450,000 since it began in 1989. This does not include an estimated \$30,000 of personal revenues spent at Lake Junaluska.

Other activities and accomplishments of SEJANAM, during this quadrennial, include presentations and consultations made to local churches, conferences and national meetings. In 2006 and 2007 informational packets were disseminated to 2,5000 conference participants, at all the new District Superintendents' training events, to 1,000 youth and adults at the National Youth Conference in Greensboro and to members of the General Commission on Religion and Race at their Annual meeting. Additionally, in 2007, SEJANAM was featured in New World Outlook magazine as part of its focus on Native American Ministries. As a result of this exposure, thousands were reached across the United Methodist Church.

### **Native American Room Initiative**

As part of the welcome center, there will be a room designated as the Native American room. This room will be a meeting room, with a large amount of traffic. There will be artwork on display, which will change frequently to ensure proper representation of various Native American tribes. This will be a tremendous way to foster Native American awareness, which is one of SEJANAM's objectives. The room will be the *Cummings-Queen* Room to honor and appreciate the ministries and work of Rev. Simeon Cummings and Tom Queen who made a tremendous difference to SEJANAM and other ministries within our community.

SEJANAM is honored to be a catalyst for the creation and implementation of programming that enables leadership to have a positive impact in much needed ministries. The ministries created bring awareness in many communities where native population is believed to be non-existent. SEJANAM helps these communities to be unveiled while helping them celebrate their native population and heritage.

## **SEMAR**

Over the past quadrennium, the Southeastern United Methodist Agency for Rehabilitation (SEMAR) Board of Trustees worked closely with the Administrative Council to establish a ministry that represents the mission and history of SEMAR. During this time SEMAR had the opportunity to celebrate the work and ministry of our founder, Dr. Robert Pitzer. Those of us who had the opportunity to work with Bob realize the difference one person can unknowingly make in peoples' lives. Hundreds of adults with developmental disabilities have a faith-based option because of one man's dedication. It is Bob's commitment to provide a Christ-centered program in each Conference of the Jurisdiction that refocused our ministry.

The Laurels of Junaluska, an affordable housing project, was completed this past year. The 100 unit apartment complex was developed through grants, loans, and tax credits secured by SEMAR. The completion of the project would not have been possible without the leadership of the Administrative Council and a partnership with the Givens Estates. The Laurels of Junaluska is a shining

example of God's grace and "good old" Methodist connectionalism. We invite all to visit the Laurels of Junaluska and mention it to anyone looking for affordable housing.

During this quadrennium, the Trustees worked to put SEMAR on firm footing for the future. Under the leadership of Rev. Phil Brown, SEMAR was able to avoid several financial disasters that faced them. At the end of Rev. Brown's term, SEMAR was on the path to solvency and firm footing for the future.

Looking forward, the Trustees engaged the services of Joint Management and Development, Inc. to assist in the development of a long-term plan that will ensure SEMAR's continuing support of Conference ministries that serve persons with disabilities. Mike Dyson, president of Joint Management and Development, and his staff will maintain an office at Lake Junaluska and represent SEMAR throughout the Jurisdiction. Individuals, churches, and conference agencies are encouraged to use this resource.

SEMAR will continue providing resources to the local church. Materials are available with information that include handicap accessibility audits, materials for Disability Awareness Sunday, and information on ministries within the different Conferences. The Robert M. Pitzer Award is presented annually to an individual or agency that represents the ministry Bob envisioned when he created SEMAR. It is the desire of the SEMAR Trustees to highlight those individuals that bring God's grace to persons with disabilities as well as assisting individuals with disabilities to share God's grace with us.

## UMVIM

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) began in the Southeastern Jurisdiction about thirty-five years ago as a "grassroots" movement. Rev. Tom Curtis from South Georgia was the founding Director. UMVIM has spread throughout the entire UM Church because everyone has at least one gift or talent usable for the Kingdom of Christ. In 1976, UMVIM became an agency of the SEJ.

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, many people wanted to respond with "Christian love in Action" by going through the UMVIM system. One of the unseen benefits to the storm of Katrina was the number of people that tried UMVIM. Because of Katrina response, the last two years have been the busiest ever with record numbers serving their friends and neighbors. In 2006, we had 31,000+ persons serving in short-term missions. While this has strained our resources, we are pleased to have a system in place that is tried, true, and effective.

We are an agency created for the facilitation of persons serving in mission. This means that nearly our entire budget assists in the facilitation of persons rather than supporting the missions. The positive side of this facilitation is that every \$1 spent on facilitation is multiplied thirty times. We offer information, training, protection (insurance), relationships and connection throughout the world. The staff is committed to our cause to the point that all staff members support the agency financially as they are able and the Board of Directors are encouraged to support the agency as they are able.

Other sources of funding for the education and leadership development portions come from budgeted income. Although well-trained and educated team leaders are at the heart of our program, we can never allow ourselves to become mediocre or lax. We offer two trainings per year for anyone who would like to attend. We fulfill training requests throughout the year for conferences, districts or churches; during 2007, we had ten requests for additional training. Form follows need with our education and leadership development components.

With the new protocol established between UMVIM and UMCOR, we have a competent "J" or Jurisdictional disaster team in our jurisdiction. UMVIM, SEJ sponsored a Disaster Academy in April at Merci Center in North Carolina and training in Mississippi and Tennessee. Special thanks go to Rev. Butch Huffman for heading up the "J" team and coordinating the Disaster Academy and trainings.

This year we developed a new DVD for publicity. It is an excellent piece of material and we have a number in the office for sale at cost of only \$5.00. The new brochures and the training manual have the same high quality look and branding as the DVD cover. We commend Landon Taylor and the Communications Committee. This year we developed an office process that has been needed for several years. Whenever a new need emerges for a procedure in the office it is added somewhat ad hoc and as a result, we have a group of pieces that do not always fit together in the most efficient manner. Mr. Carl Pressley, a friend of UMVIM, SEJ for many years, recently retired from Coca Cola Company and his area of expertise is Human Resources. Carl is reviewing our office procedures, practices and systems and the objective is increased efficiency through elimination of redundancies and unnecessary work.

**OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!**

# Connectional Table Restructuring Proposal

## (As Approved at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference)

### Section 1 – Background and Overview

The following report comes to the Jurisdictional Conference as a result of a lengthy period of study, reflection, revision, and amendment. Over the last six years the SEJ Administrative Council and the SEJ Connectional Table have engaged in a process of redefining the vision of the ministry of the jurisdiction, redesigning the logo, and revisiting the structure in order to find more effective ways of serving God in the world. A Visioning and Planning Committee began this process during the 2000-2004 quadrennium; an Organizational Task Group continued the work in the first half of the 2004-2008 quadrennium; and, a Transition Team created by SEJAC (renamed the SEJ Connectional Table) in 2006 finalized this report.

The 2004 Jurisdictional Conference adopted recommendations to reduce the size of SEJAC and to reorganize its divisions in order to focus more on ministry and less on the necessities of operating the facilities and property at Lake Junaluska. At the same time the 2004 Jurisdictional Conference expanded the scope of the work of the internal task force. By an overwhelming majority the delegates of that Jurisdictional Conference called for study, reflection and recommendations regarding the ministry and structure of the SEJ. The context and discussion that led to this action were around “apportionments” and “funding” within the SEJ. The names of those persons who have served, studied, and worked on these proposals during this quadrennium are included in an *addendum* at the end of this report.

In order to guide our work and keep us focused on the intent and vision of the ministry of The United Methodist Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the following statement was adopted at the November 2006 meeting of the Administrative Council:

*The primary purpose of the ministry of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church is to serve God by connecting and equipping individuals, congregations, and conferences in order to fulfill the mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

The Organizational Chart on page 50 as adopted by the SEJ Connectional Table in November 2007 provides a visual background for the narrative which follows. It is intended to offer lines of accountability and relationships of the various entities within the Southeastern Jurisdiction. It is expected that all agencies and groups in the SEJ shall be gender and racially inclusive in their ministry offerings and staffing.

### Section 2 – The Three Agencies of the Southeastern Jurisdiction

Three agencies shall be located within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction: (1) Lake Junaluska Assembly; (2) Hinton Rural Life Center; and, (3) Gulfside Assembly. Each one of these three agencies own property within the bounds of the Jurisdiction and will have its own Board of Directors that will function as *trustees* of the property and the ministry. Each Board of Directors will determine the plan of organization and structure for the work and the mission of the agency, in alignment with the SEJ Purpose statement (see above), and will follow all reporting requirements of the jurisdiction. All three agencies are to be self-supporting by the end of 2012.

In this new jurisdictional plan, each of the three agencies will have its own Executive Director. Working with the Board of Directors, this person will assist in determining and hiring the appropriate number of staff persons, along with determining the necessary position descriptions. Ultimately, each agency – through its Board of Directors – will be accountable to the Jurisdictional Conference and shall file a quadrennial report, including a budget, a business plan and a ministry plan for the coming quadrennium to be approved by the Jurisdictional Conference.

The SEJ Connectional Table has affirmed the following descriptions and visions for the purpose of these agencies:

**LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY** will become the premier United Methodist Conference and Retreat Center providing quality training events and workshops to enhance the ministry of individuals, churches, districts, and conferences. Lake Junaluska Assembly will be *holy ground* where **hospitality, creativity, and excellence** are evident in the events and activities designed to “equip the saints for the work of ministry.” (Ephesians 4:12)

**HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER** has a long history of training and providing resources for the hundreds of small membership churches across the connection. Hinton will be encouraged to continue that focus and to revisit and clarify its mission going forward.

**GULFSIDE ASSEMBLY** is engaged in a process to discern its mission into the future in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Jurisdiction is committed to providing assistance and resources for Gulfside as it determines its next path of service and ministry.

### **Section 3 – The SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability**

This newly created SEJ Committee will be assigned the task of overseeing the work and ministry of The United Methodist Church across the jurisdiction. The responsibilities and function of the committee will include:

1. Having limited power, but with authority, to act between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference on matters such as election of Trustees or Directors for entities requiring such action (e.g., Emory University Trustees and SEJ Agencies).
2. Being the legal body of the Jurisdiction and guardian of the SEJ title and logo.
3. Focusing on the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church within the Jurisdiction.
4. Coordinating and/or confirming the programs of the General Agencies within the Jurisdiction (§528).
5. Receiving regular reports from the Committee on Finance and Administration, and jurisdictional groups for mission and ministry.
6. Relating to and holding accountable groups mandated by *The Book of Discipline*, Networking Groups, Monitoring Groups, and existing groups organized and functioning within the Jurisdiction (see Section 4 below).

The membership of this committee will be fifteen (15) persons:

- 3 Bishops
- 3 Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries
- 3 Conference Lay Leaders
- 6 At-large members with expertise and for inclusiveness

All 15 members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination by the SEJ Nominating Committee in consultation with the Bishops, Directors of Connectional Ministries and Lay Leaders, to identify their representatives and ensure that each annual conference be represented on the committee.

The Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be the staff person assigned duties for and on behalf of the committee (*ex officio* membership, with voice but without vote).

The Executive Directors of the three agencies may be invited to attend meetings of the SEJ Committee for connections and information-sharing (voice but without vote).

The committee shall elect its own officers. Either a bishop or lay leader shall serve as the chairperson on a rotating basis for a two-year term. (For example, if a lay leader is chairperson for two years, a bishop will serve as vice-chairperson, with the next two year term reversed.) The secretary of the committee shall be elected by the committee for a four year term. The committee shall have an organizational meeting at a time and place determined by the President of the SEJ College of Bishops, who shall be or name the convener of the meeting.

The committee shall meet at least annually, with called meetings held as necessary. Telephone conference meetings and audio-conferencing are acceptable. A quorum will be determined by those present at a duly announced meeting.

### **Section 4 – Jurisdictional Groups for Mission and Ministry**

A number of groups, committees, and councils across the jurisdiction will be related to and accountable to the Jurisdictional Conference through the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability. These groups fall into one of four categories.

*Disciplinary Groups* – Two primary groups and/or events are mandated by *The Book of Discipline*: there “shall be” a jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History, and there “shall be” a jurisdictional Ministries with Young People Convocation. Both of these groups currently exist and will continue the work as has been determined. A system for regularly reporting, coordinating, and overseeing the work will be developed in consultation with the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

There are also jurisdictional organizations for United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. However, according to *The Book of Discipline*, these two entities are directly accountable to the Women’s Division and the General Commission on United Methodist Men, respectively.

*Monitoring Groups* – *The Book of Discipline* requires a jurisdictional organization for both the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and requires a Jurisdictional connection with these two General Commissions. Lines of accountability and oversight of their monitoring work will be through the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability. In addition, it is expected and requested that the monitoring function also be applied to SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability, both in its membership and participation.

*Networking Groups* – These informal, ad-hoc groups arise among conference leaders and staff. They share common interests, concerns, and ministry-related areas. These groups may gather periodically to benefit from interaction with peers, to develop contacts, and to exchange information. The understanding is that all Annual Conferences will be invited to participate but doing so will be

strictly voluntary. Funding for travel and expenses shall be the responsibility of each participating Annual Conference. Each Networking Group will be responsible for its own life and will have no jurisdictional staff person assigned.

*Existing, Established, On-going Groups* – Several groups, current “agencies” and organizations are providing much needed ministry, training and outreach within the jurisdiction. Four of these are currently established groups: (1) Intentional Growth Center; (2) SEJANAM; (3) SEMAR; and (4) UMVIM. In the revised organization, these will be continued and will be accountable to the Jurisdiction through the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, with the exception of SEJANAM in its redefined relationship with the Lake Junaluska Agency. Each group will continue to have their own Board of Directors and/or Advisors, which will be reviewed and approved annually by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. Each group will be self-supporting by the end of 2012, and will file annual reports on the ministry, vision, and results of their programming with the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

#### **Section 5 – SEJ Committee on Finance and Administration**

The ministry of the jurisdiction requires a unified budget with one office, which will serve as the primary place for receipts and disbursement of funds. In addition, the office will provide for performing and/or receiving and reviewing audits of the Agencies and Jurisdictional groups for mission and ministry. It will propose a quadrennial jurisdictional budget and will provide for the operations of and financial expenses for the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference.

This committee will be composed of a representative and inclusive group of fifteen (15) persons, nominated by the SEJ Nominating Committee and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference. The committee will elect its own officers at its organizational meeting which shall take place at a time determined by the President of the SEJ College of Bishops, who shall be or name the convener of the meeting. For purposes of information and sharing mutual concerns, the Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction shall make full and regular reports to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

#### **Section 6 – Conclusion and Action Steps**

We recommend that the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference adopt this plan of organization as our way of going forward in mission and ministry to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We recommend that upon adoption by the Jurisdictional Conference, the SEJ Committee on Nominations bring forward the names of the fifteen persons to serve on the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

We recommend that the SEJ Committee on Nominations receive names of directors elected by the Boards of Directors of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Hinton Rural Life Center, and Gulfside Assembly. Those directors will be considered for confirmation by the Jurisdictional Conference. Vacancies on any of these boards between Jurisdictional Conference sessions will be filled by the Agencies submitting names to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, which will act on behalf of the Jurisdictional Conference in confirming the elected board members. If names are not confirmed by the Jurisdictional Conference or the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, the Agency Board would submit other names for consideration.

We recommend that this plan of organization be implemented by September 1, 2008. The Committee on Coordination and Accountability shall meet for its organizational meeting prior to August 31, 2008 in order to complete the steps necessary for implementation.

Submitted by the SEJ Transition Team  
on behalf of the SEJ Connectional Table

#### **Addendum**

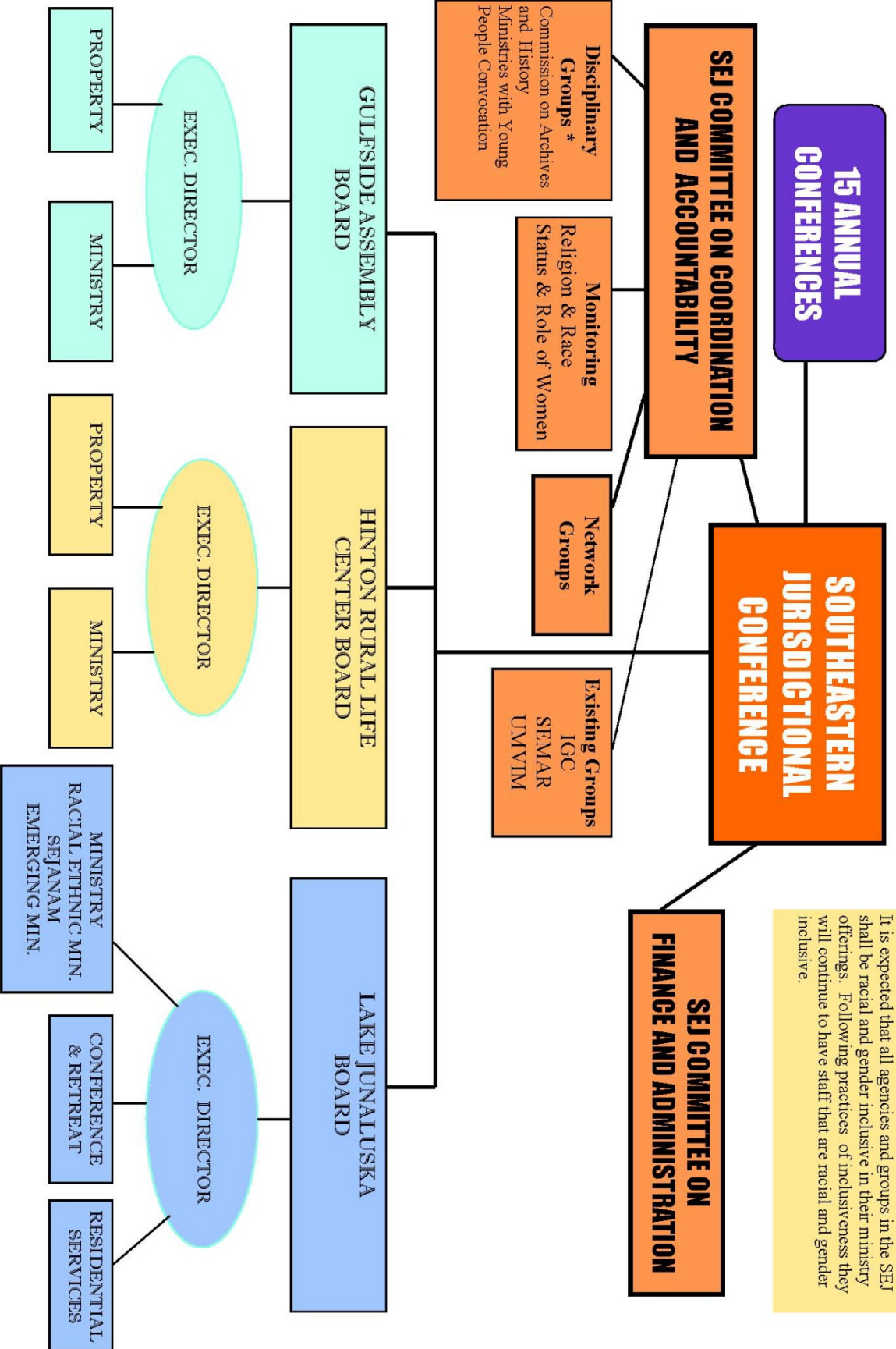
Members of the SEJAC Organizational Task Group (2004–2006)

Clarence Brown (VA), Anne Burkholder (FL), Gary Locklear (NC), Joe May (MS), Michael Stewart (NAL), Anne Travis (HOL) and Bishops Fannin and Goodpaster – Bishop Goodpaster served as chair of the OTG; Anne Travis served as secretary

Members of the SEJ Connectional Table Transition Team (2006-2008)

Bishop Lawrence McCleskey, Charles Smith, Anne Travis, Jim Trollinger, Gary Locklear, Clay Smith, Lyn Powell, Roger Hopson, Bill Walker, Bishop Robert Fannin, Mollie Stewart, Patricia Battle and Jimmy Carr – Bishop Goodpaster served as Facilitator

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It is expected that all agencies and groups in the SEJ shall be racial and gender inclusive in their ministry offerings. Following practices of inclusiveness they will continue to have staff that are racial and gender inclusive.

\*Disciplinary Groups refers to *Book of Discipline*, Paragraph 534, 535 for SEJ UMW and SEJ UMN.

## Council on Finance and Administration Report

The financial statements for the Jurisdictional Treasurer have been audited on an annual calendar basis and the financial reports follow as an attachment to this report. They reflect a faithful commitment to the ministries of the Jurisdiction with collections on apportioned funds of 81.99% in 2005, 83.78% in 2006 and 82.30% in calendar year 2007.

The Council on Finance and Administration of The Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church presents the following recommendations to the 2008 Jurisdictional Conference for action.

1. We recommend a budget (Details in Exhibit 1) for the 2009 –2012 quadrennium in the total amount of \$8,870,315 allocated as follows:

SEJ Connectional Table	\$8,051,292
Committee Expenses	157,316
Jurisdictional Conference Meeting	539,756
Contingency Fund	121,951
Total	\$8,870,315

2. We recommend that this amount be apportioned to the annual conferences allocating the proposed apportionment each year as follows per Exhibit 2. The history on SEJ Apportionments and payments on the apportionments is found in Exhibit 3.

3. We recommend the continuation of the special quadrennial asking known as: Lake Junaluska Restoration Fund and recommend a quadrennial asking of \$.50 for each member of each annual conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. These funds would be paid to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council/Connectional Table for the maintenance and restoration of the Dam and the body of water known as Lake Junaluska and for debt repayment for repairs and restoration work already incurred. The 2005 – 2007 payments by the SEJ Conferences on the SEJ Special Asking for the Lake Junaluska Dam Restoration Fund are found in Exhibit 4.

4. We recommend that all collections in excess of 82% of apportioned funds each year be held by the Jurisdiction as priority claims for Contingency Funds and Conference Funds. The annual payments to SEJ Connectional Table will be limited to 82% of the funds apportioned for their line item for that year. When the Contingency Fund reaches the amount of \$300,000 the fund will be capped at that level.

5. We recommend the election of Raúl B. Alegría as Treasurer of the Southeastern Jurisdiction for the 2009-2012 quadrennium.

This concludes our report.

Bishop G. Lindsey Davis, *Chairperson*



**Exhibit 1**

**2009 - 2012 Proposed SEJ Budget**

	2005-2008 PROJECTED	2005-2007 TOTAL	2005-2008 SEJ BUDGET 82% Collection	TOTAL	PROPOSED 2009-2012 SEJ BUDGET 82% Collection	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES</b>						
RECEIVED FROM CONFERENCES	7,140,505	5,351,523	7,095,701	8,653,295	7,273,658	8,870,315
CONFERENCE REVENUES NOT TRANSFERRED		16,657				
INTEREST EARNED	2,600	35,128	0	0	0	0
POSTAGE REVENUE	700	0	0	0	0	0
OFFERINGS	15,000	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER INCOME (REIMBURSEMENT FROM EPISCOPAL FUND)		1,157				
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,158,805</b>	<b>5,404,465</b>	<b>7,095,701</b>	<b>8,653,295</b>	<b>7,273,658</b>	<b>8,870,315</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>						
COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY	68,500	43,587	30,000	36,585	72,000	87,805
COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMIN	15,000	9,434	18,000	21,952	18,000	21,952
COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS	5,000	0	4,000	4,879	5,000	5,097
PROGRAM COMMITTEE	5,000	2,147	3,000	3,658	5,000	6,097
COMMITTEE ON RULES & REVIEW	500	0	3,000	3,658	1,000	1,219
COURT OF APPEALS	0	0	8,000	9,756	8,000	9,756
TREASURER/COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	20,000	24,390	20,000	24,390
TASK FORCE AREA	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE/OTHER EXP.</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>55,168</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>104,878</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>157,316</b>
JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE	370,000	9,162	381,000	464,634	442,599	539,756
SEJ ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL	6,527,872	4,895,878	6,546,702	7,983,783	6,602,059	8,051,282
CONTINGENCY	3,100	1,900	82,000	100,000	100,000	121,951
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,994,972</b>	<b>4,982,108</b>	<b>7,095,702</b>	<b>8,653,295</b>	<b>7,273,658</b>	<b>8,870,315</b>

**Exhibit 2****2008 SEJ Jurisdictional Conference  
Proposed 2009 -2012 Apportionments**

	TOTAL				TOTAL		%
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009-2012	2005-2008	
ALABAMA-WEST FLA	\$116,759	\$116,760	\$116,760	\$116,760	\$467,039	\$455,612	2.5%
FLORIDA	\$258,725	\$258,727	\$258,727	\$258,727	\$1,034,906	\$1,009,586	2.5%
HOLSTON	\$131,485	\$131,485	\$131,485	\$131,485	\$525,940	\$513,072	2.5%
KENTUCKY	\$108,492	\$108,492	\$108,492	\$108,493	\$433,969	\$423,352	2.5%
MEMPHIS	\$78,765	\$78,765	\$78,765	\$78,765	\$315,060	\$307,352	2.5%
MISSISSIPPI	\$129,885	\$129,886	\$129,886	\$129,886	\$519,543	\$506,832	2.5%
NORTH ALABAMA	\$130,996	\$130,996	\$130,996	\$130,996	\$523,984	\$511,164	2.5%
NORTH CAROLINA	\$153,388	\$153,388	\$153,388	\$153,391	\$613,555	\$598,544	2.5%
NORTH GEORGIA	\$257,303	\$257,305	\$257,305	\$257,305	\$1,029,218	\$1,004,037	2.5%
RED BIRD	\$309	\$311	\$311	\$311	\$1,242	\$1,212	2.5%
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$170,186	\$170,187	\$170,187	\$170,187	\$680,747	\$664,092	2.5%
SOUTH GEORGIA	\$115,206	\$115,207	\$115,207	\$115,207	\$460,827	\$449,552	2.5%
TENNESSEE	\$84,214	\$84,216	\$84,216	\$84,216	\$336,862	\$328,620	2.5%
VIRGINIA	\$250,482	\$250,482	\$250,482	\$250,482	\$1,001,928	\$977,416	2.5%
WNC	\$231,373	\$231,374	\$231,374	\$231,374	\$925,495	\$902,852	2.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,217,568</b>	<b>\$2,217,581</b>	<b>\$2,217,581</b>	<b>\$2,217,585</b>	<b>\$8,870,315</b>	<b>\$8,653,295</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

Exhibit 3

Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

2001-2004 APPORTIONMENTS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	\$104,341	\$110,720	\$111,774	\$113,903	\$440,738
FLORIDA	\$227,326	\$243,224	\$243,520	\$248,158	\$862,228
HOLSTON	\$117,500	\$124,884	\$125,870	\$128,268	\$496,522
KENTUCKY	\$96,933	\$102,980	\$103,960	\$105,838	\$409,531
MEMPHIS	\$70,387	\$74,691	\$75,402	\$76,838	\$297,318
MISSISSIPPI	\$116,071	\$123,168	\$124,340	\$125,708	\$490,287
NORTH ALABAMA	\$117,053	\$124,220	\$125,403	\$127,791	\$494,477
NORTH CAROLINA	\$137,075	\$145,455	\$145,840	\$149,636	\$587,006
NORTH GEORGIA	\$207,966	\$220,670	\$222,770	\$227,013	\$879,420
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$152,066	\$161,384	\$162,920	\$166,023	\$642,413
SOUTH GEORGIA	\$102,953	\$109,247	\$110,287	\$112,388	\$434,875
TENNESSEE	\$75,259	\$79,690	\$80,620	\$82,155	\$317,894
VIRGINIA	\$223,846	\$237,531	\$239,792	\$244,354	\$945,523
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	\$206,451	\$219,073	\$221,158	\$225,370	\$872,052
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	\$277	\$294	\$297	\$303	\$1,171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,956,544</b>	<b>\$2,075,101</b>	<b>\$2,094,853</b>	<b>\$2,134,746</b>	<b>\$8,260,244</b>

COLLECTIONS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	\$82,910	\$89,628	\$91,358	\$93,736	\$357,632
FLORIDA	\$180,986	\$185,405	\$185,664	\$204,065	\$755,120
HOLSTON	\$106,649	\$110,271	\$109,588	\$105,184	\$431,692
KENTUCKY	\$85,781	\$87,926	\$88,211	\$97,125	\$358,043
MEMPHIS	\$80,467	\$89,806	\$85,550	\$80,377	\$336,200
MISSISSIPPI	\$91,805	\$92,623	\$95,872	\$105,990	\$386,680
NORTH ALABAMA	\$76,772	\$86,318	\$80,255	\$89,088	\$332,433
NORTH CAROLINA	\$137,678	\$139,116	\$142,075	\$137,692	\$556,561
NORTH GEORGIA	\$183,693	\$205,541	\$206,772	\$203,563	\$800,569
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$132,246	\$134,358	\$137,582	\$122,646	\$526,832
SOUTH GEORGIA	\$89,272	\$99,607	\$101,169	\$106,499	\$396,537
TENNESSEE	\$86,184	\$70,324	\$70,143	\$74,461	\$281,112
VIRGINIA	\$202,084	\$219,253	\$215,254	\$220,543	\$857,174
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	\$156,467	\$197,532	\$195,987	\$187,574	\$737,560
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	\$277	\$294	\$297	\$303	\$1,171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,703,994</b>	<b>\$1,788,102</b>	<b>\$1,785,747</b>	<b>\$1,803,836</b>	<b>\$7,051,679</b>

%

	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	79.48%	80.95%	81.73%	77.90%	80.01%
FLORIDA	79.62%	78.89%	76.24%	82.23%	78.74%
HOLSTON	50.77%	88.44%	87.05%	82.00%	87.06%
KENTUCKY	88.48%	84.19%	84.93%	91.77%	90.09%
MEMPHIS	85.91%	80.07%	73.67%	78.58%	79.56%
MISSISSIPPI	79.09%	75.20%	77.10%	83.65%	78.76%
NORTH ALABAMA	65.58%	69.49%	71.97%	69.71%	69.19%
NORTH CAROLINA	100.44%	95.64%	96.75%	92.02%	96.21%
NORTH GEORGIA	93.14%	93.19%	92.82%	89.67%	92.20%
SOUTH CAROLINA	86.95%	83.25%	65.02%	73.67%	77.52%
SOUTH GEORGIA	86.71%	81.18%	81.73%	94.75%	81.09%
TENNESSEE	90.60%	88.05%	87.00%	90.63%	88.07%
VIRGINIA	90.26%	92.31%	89.78%	83.23%	90.66%
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	94.65%	90.17%	88.61%	83.23%	89.17%
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	75.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87.14%</b>	<b>86.17%</b>	<b>83.81%</b>	<b>84.60%</b>	<b>85.40%</b>

2005-2008 APPORTIONMENTS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	113,503	113,503	113,903	113,503	455,612
FLORIDA	248,158	248,158	265,112	265,112	1,026,540
HOLSTON	128,268	128,268	128,268	128,268	513,072
KENTUCKY	105,838	105,838	105,838	105,838	423,352
MEMPHIS	76,838	76,838	76,838	76,838	307,352
MISSISSIPPI	126,708	126,708	126,708	126,708	506,832
NORTH ALABAMA	127,791	127,791	127,791	127,791	511,164
NORTH CAROLINA	149,636	149,636	149,636	149,636	598,544
NORTH GEORGIA	249,470	249,470	255,627	255,627	1,009,194
SOUTH CAROLINA	166,023	166,023	166,023	166,023	664,092
SOUTH GEORGIA	112,388	112,388	112,388	112,388	449,552
TENNESSEE	82,155	82,155	82,155	82,155	328,620
VIRGINIA	244,354	244,354	244,354	244,354	977,416
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	225,370	225,370	225,370	226,442	902,552
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	303	303	303	303	1,212
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,157,203</b>	<b>2,157,203</b>	<b>2,157,203</b>	<b>2,181,686</b>	<b>8,653,295</b>

COLLECTIONS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	\$86,806	\$74,506	\$80,432	\$84,145	\$325,889
FLORIDA	\$208,566	\$199,882	\$172,507	\$172,507	\$753,462
HOLSTON	\$121,294	\$112,514	\$114,468	\$114,468	\$462,754
KENTUCKY	\$84,214	\$88,452	\$105,838	\$105,838	\$384,342
MEMPHIS	\$59,501	\$64,510	\$68,180	\$71,911	\$264,102
MISSISSIPPI	\$90,517	\$85,493	\$84,513	\$82,753	\$343,273
NORTH ALABAMA	\$89,556	\$112,189	\$87,210	\$82,985	\$352,940
NORTH CAROLINA	\$149,227	\$150,045	\$149,636	\$149,636	\$598,544
NORTH GEORGIA	\$195,534	\$227,026	\$225,537	\$225,537	\$873,634
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$112,522	\$140,163	\$141,907	\$141,907	\$536,402
SOUTH GEORGIA	\$104,664	\$104,744	\$102,978	\$102,978	\$415,364
TENNESSEE	\$75,060	\$69,761	\$68,414	\$68,414	\$281,655
VIRGINIA	\$221,058	\$215,485	\$213,508	\$213,508	\$863,559
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	\$149,465	\$141,485	\$149,925	\$145,079	\$585,959
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$1,212
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,768,795</b>	<b>\$1,807,372</b>	<b>\$1,775,387</b>	<b>\$1,775,387</b>	<b>\$6,351,524</b>

%

	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	76.21%	65.78%	70.61%	70.86%	70.86%
FLORIDA	84.05%	80.55%	80.52%	78.04%	80.61%
HOLSTON	94.56%	88.03%	89.24%	90.61%	90.61%
KENTUCKY	89.02%	83.02%	100.00%	94.01%	94.01%
MEMPHIS	77.44%	83.56%	75.72%	79.04%	79.04%
MISSISSIPPI	71.44%	73.36%	66.70%	71.17%	71.17%
NORTH ALABAMA	70.39%	67.80%	76.07%	78.09%	78.09%
NORTH CAROLINA	99.73%	100.27%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
NORTH GEORGIA	78.42%	91.00%	90.41%	86.61%	86.61%
SOUTH CAROLINA	73.80%	84.42%	85.47%	81.25%	81.25%
SOUTH GEORGIA	93.13%	83.20%	91.65%	92.68%	92.68%
TENNESSEE	91.36%	84.91%	83.27%	86.52%	86.52%
VIRGINIA	90.47%	89.91%	87.36%	89.92%	89.92%
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	96.32%	62.78%	70.95%	66.69%	72.69%
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81.89%</b>	<b>83.78%</b>	<b>82.30%</b>	<b>82.69%</b>	<b>82.69%</b>

2009-2012 APPORTIONMENTS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	116,758	116,760	116,760	116,760	467,038
FLORIDA	258,725	258,727	258,727	258,727	1,034,906
HOLSTON	131,485	131,485	131,485	131,485	525,940
KENTUCKY	108,492	108,492	108,492	108,492	433,968
MEMPHIS	78,765	78,765	78,765	78,765	315,060
MISSISSIPPI	129,885	129,885	129,886	129,886	519,542
NORTH ALABAMA	130,986	130,986	130,986	130,986	523,964
NORTH CAROLINA	153,388	153,388	153,388	153,388	613,552
NORTH GEORGIA	257,303	257,305	257,305	257,305	1,029,218
SOUTH CAROLINA	170,187	170,187	170,187	170,187	680,747
SOUTH GEORGIA	115,207	115,207	115,207	115,207	460,827
TENNESSEE	84,214	84,216	84,216	84,216	336,862
VIRGINIA	250,482	250,482	250,482	250,482	1,001,928
WESTERN NORTH CAROL	231,374	231,374	231,374	231,374	925,495
RED BIRD MISSIONARY	309	311	311	311	1,242
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,217,568</b>	<b>2,217,581</b>	<b>2,217,581</b>	<b>2,217,585</b>	<b>8,870,316</b>

**Exhibit 4**

**Southeastern Jurisdiction Special Asking for Lake Junaluska Dam Restoration  
@ .50 cents a member  
2005-2007 Payments by SEJ Conferences**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	Cumulative Amount Paid	Cumulative % Paid	QUAD GOAL	MEMBERSHIP 2004
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	\$0.00	\$14,691.76	\$17,634.73		\$32,326.49	43.80%	\$73,806	147,613
FLORIDA	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	\$55,000.00		\$135,000.00	82.75%	\$163,136	326,272
HOLSTON	\$83,857.00	\$0.00	\$568.37		\$84,425.37	100.68%	\$83,857	167,713
KENTUCKY	\$0.00	\$20,896.45	\$25,303.00		\$46,199.45	60.74%	\$76,066	152,131
MEMPHIS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,721.94		\$7,721.94	17.39%	\$44,412	88,824
MISSISSIPPI	\$60.50	\$24,341.55	\$21,940.87		\$46,342.92	48.92%	\$94,730	189,460
NORTH ALABAMA	\$10,338.36	\$15,343.42	\$10,840.40		\$36,522.18	46.93%	\$77,829	155,657
NORTH CAROLINA	\$0.00	\$27,951.54	\$39,965.03		\$67,916.57	57.67%	\$117,769	235,537
NORTH GEORGIA	\$0.00	\$50,372.73	\$49,878.52		\$100,251.25	59.38%	\$168,818	337,635
RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00		\$750.00	107.14%	\$700	1,400
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,468.29		\$22,468.29	18.59%	\$120,840	241,680
SOUTH GEORGIA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,605.50		\$1,605.50	2.31%	\$69,546	139,092
TENNESSEE	\$0.00	\$21,003.51	\$16,301.60		\$37,305.11	63.99%	\$58,297	116,593
VIRGINIA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.00%	\$170,925	341,850
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA	\$19,214.50	\$27,888.80	\$27,397.89		\$74,501.19	50.73%	\$146,868	293,735
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,470.36</b>	<b>\$282,489.76</b>	<b>\$297,376.14</b>		<b>\$693,336.26</b>	<b>47.24%</b>	<b>\$1,467,599</b>	<b>2,935,192</b>

## **Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council /SEJ Connectional Table Reports on SEJAC Operating Budget, Quadrennial Apportionment and Indebtedness**

Exhibit A – This report presents the operating budget of the SEJAC/Connectional Table from 2003 – 2008 and includes the approved 2008 SEJAC budget. This report is a summary of the revenues and expenses related to the functional departments and work areas allocated revenues. For your understanding the work areas allocated SEJ apportionment revenues are the Administrative Area (Office of the Executive Director, Administrative Council and Committees, Development, Communications and Public Relations), The Ministry Area (Ministry Team and SEJ Agencies), and Capital Improvements/Debt Service.

Exhibit B – This report presents the current (2005-2008) quadrennium SEJ Apportionment allocation and the proposed SEJ Apportionment allocation for the next (2009-2012) quadrennium. The SEJAC/Connectional Table at their November 2007 meeting recommended the 2009-2012 SEJ apportionment allocation consistent with the proposed plan for reorganization being recommended for consideration by the 2008 SEJ Conference. In summary the present apportionment in place for 2008 would continue the same into 2009 and then beginning in 2010 for the Administrative Area and Ministry Area (Ministry Team and SEJ Agencies) there would be a 25% reduction each year through 2012 so that by the beginning of 2013 there would be no further SEJ Apportionment allocation to those two work areas. The amounts reduced from the Administrative and Ministry area would be reallocated to capital Improvements/Debt Service to address capital improvements and debt service needs for the SEJ at Lake Junaluska.

Exhibit C – This report presents summary information on the indebtedness related to projects at Lake Junaluska and the funding sources that have been identified or established to pay for the debt through established lender financing over time from SEJAC/Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center net operational revenues.

Raúl B. Alegría  
Treasurer and Business Manager – SEJ Administrative Council

**SEJ ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
2008 BUDGET  
2003 - 2007 Actual Revenues and Expenses**

1	EXHIBIT A						
2		Approved					
3		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
4		BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
5	<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>						
7	Total Administrative Revenues	691,525	774,745	626,573	614,641	545,929	413,437
13	Total Administrative Expenditures	1,319,694	1,443,083	1,473,953	1,337,843	1,202,022	1,146,494
14	Net Excess (Deficit)	(628,169)	(668,338)	(847,380)	(723,202)	(656,093)	(733,057)
15							
17	<b>Conference Center:</b>						
25	Total Conference Center Revenues	6,055,740	5,884,923	5,650,906	5,416,647	5,854,701	5,175,136
37	Total Conference Center Expenditures	5,633,472	5,767,810	5,567,445	5,438,735	5,539,316	5,122,379
38	Excess (Deficit)-Conference Center	422,268	117,113	83,461	(22,088)	315,385	52,757
39							
40	<b>SEJ STORES COMBINED</b>						
41	REVENUES	95,000	49,492	56,095	59,241		
42	EXPENSES	81,730	18,274	39,144	42,598		
43	EXCESS (DEFICIT) SEJ STORE	13,270	31,218	16,951	16,643		
44							
45	<b>AUXILIARY SERVICES:</b>						
46	Real Estate Leases, Commissions, Misc.	151,700	131,588	170,803	165,742	156,746	146,454
47							
48	Public Relations			1,231			
49							
50	<b>GOLF COURSE:</b>						
51	Golf Course Revenues	681,067	670,070	592,640	586,278	558,604	550,843
52	Golf Course Expenditures	553,971	562,854	587,438	539,492	472,647	477,209
53	Excess (Deficit)-Golf Course	127,096	107,216	5,202	46,786	85,957	73,634
54							
55	<b>COTTAGE RENTALS:</b>						
56	Cottage Rentals Revenues	182,800	182,296	173,255	154,628	155,919	115,876
57	Cottage Rentals Expenditures	111,880	121,572	123,548	106,740	105,857	89,292
58	Excess (Deficit)-Cottage Rentals	70,920	60,724	49,707	47,888	50,062	26,584
59							
60	Excess (Deficit)-Auxiliary Services	349,716	299,528	225,712	260,416	292,765	246,672
61							
68	<b>MINISTRY TEAM:</b>						
90	Total Ministry Revenues	1,197,614	1,094,054	1,065,072	1,056,705	1,115,644	1,044,059
112	Total Ministry Expenditures	1,170,807	1,060,247	1,061,702	1,052,537	1,142,126	1,189,874
113	Excess (Deficit)-Ministry	26,807	33,807	3,370	4,168	(26,482)	(145,815)
114							
115	<b>AGENCY:</b>						
116	Agency Revenues - Apportionments	347,499	309,422	347,488	347,466	426,229	445,699
119	Agency Expenditures	347,499	308,128	347,599	347,499	425,530	462,200
120	Excess (Deficit)-Agency	0	1,294	(111)	(33)	699	(16,501)
121							
122	<b>OTHER:</b>						
123	Supply Pastors: Duke and Emory Rev-Apport.	0	0	10,000	9,999	9,908	9,643
124	Supply Pastors: Duke and Emory Expenditures	0	0	0	9,999	9,908	9,643
125	Excess (Deficit)-Other Ministry	0	0	10,000	0	0	0
126							
135	<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET:</b>						
136	Capital Funds Revenue	400,000	299,994	401,340	399,971	397,231	389,290
137	Capital Funds Expenditures	400,000	213,281	194,552	129,076	286,544	226,205
138	Excess (Deficit)-Capital Funds	0	86,713	206,788	270,895	110,687	163,085
139							
143	<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICES:</b>						
144	Residential Services Revenues	1,324,343	1,340,761	1,257,565	1,242,404	1,174,111	1,128,495
145	Residential Services Expenditures	1,324,343	1,285,442	1,257,564	1,127,602	1,174,111	1,069,093
146	Excess (Deficit)-Residential Services	0	55,319	1	114,802	0	59,402
147							
150	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>11,127,288</b>	<b>10,732,345</b>	<b>10,351,737</b>	<b>10,053,722</b>	<b>10,395,022</b>	<b>9,418,932</b>
151	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,943,396</b>	<b>10,780,691</b>	<b>10,652,945</b>	<b>10,132,121</b>	<b>10,358,061</b>	<b>9,792,389</b>
152	Excess (Deficit)-SEJAC	183,892	(48,346)	(301,208)	(78,399)	36,961	(373,457)
153							
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## **Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference Agency Reports Summary Reports on Operating Budget**

This report presents the operating budgets of the SEJ Agencies as follows:

- Gulfside Assembly
- Heritage Center/Archives & History
- Hinton Rural Life Center
- Intentional Growth Center (IGC)
- SEMAR
- Southeastern Jurisdiction Native American Ministries (SEJANAM)
- United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)

These reports include the approved 2008 SEJ agency budget and summary reports on income and expense for prior years. This report is a summary of the revenues and expenses related to the functional departments and work areas allocated revenues.

All of the SEJ agencies have been audited and their audits reviewed annually by the Executive Director of SEJAC, Jimmy Carr.

Raúl B. Alegría, Treasurer  
Southeastern Jurisdiction

GULFSIDE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR  
 SEJ ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
 2008 BUDGET AND  
 2005 - 2007 ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	APPROVED 2008 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2005 ACTUAL
OPERATING BUDGET				
REVENUES				
APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 101,888.00	\$ 66,843.79	\$ 105,172.18	\$ 87,829.27
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 17,365.35	\$ 205,805.38	\$ 46,120.64
GULFSIDE PROGRAMS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,409.02	\$ 5,560.00	\$ 130,011.90
OTHER INCOME	\$ 110,896.00	\$ 131,716.91	\$ 92,805.80	\$ 6,077.12
INSURANCE COMPENSATION				\$ 23,318.93
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 253,584.00	\$ 238,335.07	\$ 409,333.36	\$ 293,357.86
EXPENSES				
SALARIES	\$ 96,084.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 46,217.66	\$ 149,828.35
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 18,326.34	\$ 9,168.42	\$ 40,566.14
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 56,261.01	\$ 120,081.23	\$ 102,963.37
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 223,584.00	\$ 123,087.35	\$ 175,467.31	\$ 293,357.86
CAPITAL BUDGET				
REVENUE				
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 60,595.50	\$ 192,202.18	\$ 102,285.46
INSURANCE COMPENSATION			\$ 1,119,530.00	\$ 2,819,250.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 60,595.50	\$ 1,311,732.18	\$ 2,921,535.46
EXPENSES	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 78,931.76	\$ 62,801.29	\$ 1,748,726.00

GULFSIDE ASSEMBLY HAS NO INDEBTEDNESS.

NOTE: Due to the lost of records in Hurricane Katrina, records for 2003 and 2004 are not reported.

<b>SEJ COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY and HERITAGE CENTER (Museum and Archives)</b>					
	<b>BUDGET 2008</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2007</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2006</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2005</b>	
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>					
SEJAC Operating Grant	\$ 58,490.00	\$ 58,490.00	\$ 58,490.00	\$ 58,490.00	
Yield From Endowment	[17,800@75%] 13,350.00	[16,698.29@75%] 12,523.72	[17,875@95%] 16,643.30	[8,276.79@100%] 8,276.79	
Endowment Yield to Operations	3,500.00	3,139.00	762.00	360.00	
Museum Sales and Gifts to Operations	2,500.00	4,128.19	1,876.15	1,468.94	
Service Fees, Pass-Through, etc.					
Transfers in from Restricted Funds					
Miscellaneous Operations Income					
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 77,840.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,280.91</b>	<b>\$ 77,771.45</b>	<b>\$ 68,595.73</b>	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>					
<b>Employees</b>					
Salary, Related Benefits and other costs	\$ 62,674.34	\$ 46,283.90	\$ 73,775.70	\$ 67,713.71	
<b>Program Expense</b>					
Commission on A&H Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,792.05	\$ 4,098.30	\$ 3,026.97	
Heritage Preservation Workshop-- (alternate years)		1,110.43			
Heritage Center Operations	17,800.00	16,656.73	11,977.82	8,787.17	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>80,474.34</b>	<b>62,940.63</b>	<b>85,753.52</b>	<b>76,500.88</b>	

**HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER, INC.  
REVENUES AND EXPENSES 2004-2007  
2008 BUDGET**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008</b>
SEJ Apportionments	43,806.00	38,411.00	41,105.00	39,457.00	41,000.00
Total Revenues	1,510,869.00	2,519,734.00	1,344,939.00	1,313,861.00	1,336,728.00
Total Expenditures	1,642,407.00	1,767,746.00	1,309,910.00	1,379,077.00	1,336,728.00
Net Excess (Deficit)	-131,538.00	751,988.00	35,029.00	-65,216.00	0.00

**Intentional Growth Center  
2008 Budget  
2003 - 2007 Actual Revenues and Expenses**

	Approved 2008 Budget	2007 Actual	2006 Actual	2005 Actual	2004 Actual	2003 Actual
<b><u>Income:</u></b>						
Endowments and Interest	\$83,500.00	\$15,186.88	\$17,801.42	\$23,103.50	\$20,471.30	\$15,708.66
Grants	\$72,168	\$68,168.00	\$72,168.00	\$73,343.00	\$79,001.00	\$84,000.00
Contributions	\$3,500.00	\$2,730.00	\$3,915	\$5,499.50	\$1,880.00	\$2,795.00
Program Fees	\$530,000.00	\$549,381.69	\$431,490.50	\$414,477.30	\$347,975.54	\$399,449.77
Miscellaneous	\$9,400.00	\$11,695.49	\$8,212.25	\$5,240.13	\$4,351.68	\$6,822.42
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,000.00	\$23,444.65	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$698,568.00</b>	<b>\$647,162.06</b>	<b>\$564,587.17</b>	<b>\$545,108.08</b>	<b>\$523,679.52</b>	<b>\$508,775.85</b>
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>						
Employee Program Office Administration	\$265,064.00	\$216,490.04	\$222,448.98	\$207,804.96	\$205,105.82	\$189,287.36
	\$380,279.00	\$351,793.33	\$289,345.66	\$322,865.12	\$295,826.20	\$274,304.12
	\$41,000.00	\$33,084.17	\$34,575.21	\$34,411.63	\$26,059.82	\$30,329.58
	\$12,225.00	\$9,987.08	\$7,724.01	\$6,974.89	\$5,394.25	\$4,645.63
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$698,568.00</b>	<b>\$611,354.62</b>	<b>\$554,093.86</b>	<b>\$572,056.60</b>	<b>\$532,386.09</b>	<b>\$498,566.69</b>

SEMAR, INC.  
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR  
 SEJ ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
 2008 BUDGET AND  
 2005 - 2007 ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	APPROVED 2008 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2005 ACTUAL
OPERATING BUDGET				
REVENUES				
APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 44,724.00	\$ 44,726.00	\$ 44,728.00	\$ 44,724.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 668.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 6,477.72
PROGRAMS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 63,171.55	\$ 50,441.38	\$ 80,779.53
OTHER INCOME	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 256.48	\$ 364.49	\$ 3,264.96
SEJAC LOAN				\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 53,474.00	\$ 108,822.03	\$ 96,723.87	\$ 135,246.21
EXPENSES				
SALARIES	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 34,130.33	\$ 47,559.46	\$ 6,951.45
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 3,264.00	\$ 5,734.00	\$ 10,101.00	\$ 25,045.71
PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 40,074.56	\$ 27,020.92	\$ 64,635.97
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 250.31	\$ 320.02	\$ 155,055.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,264.00	\$ 80,189.20	\$ 85,001.40	\$ 251,688.18

SEMAR is currently negotiating its debt and should be debt free by July 1, 2008

SEJANAM						
2008 Proposed Budget						
2004 - 2007 Actual Revenues and Expenses						
	Proposed 2008 Budget	2007	2006	2005	2004	
Revenues						
Contributions	\$ 53,350.00	\$ 64,895.38	\$ 74,686.14	\$ 87,925.66	\$ 87,761.69	
Grants	\$ 111,790.00	\$ 13,666.00	\$ 17,834.00	\$ 33,536.00	\$ 22,400.00	
Program Fees	\$ 112,390.00	\$ 85,039.33	\$ 95,960.69	\$ 82,389.30	\$ 111,859.88	
Endowments - Restricted Use per Donor Designation	\$ 169,321.27	\$ 169,321.27	\$ 164,274.57	\$ 150,594.63	\$ 136,458.57	
Special Projects - Restricted per Donor Designation	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 39,732.50	\$ 38,708.32	\$ 48,474.90	\$ 30,643.66	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income (excluding Endowments and Special Projects)</b>	<b>\$ 277,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 163,600.71</b>	<b>\$ 188,480.83</b>	<b>\$ 203,850.96</b>	<b>\$ 222,021.57</b>	
<b>Total Income (including Endowments and Special Projects)</b>	<b>\$ 493,351.27</b>	<b>\$ 372,654.48</b>	<b>\$ 391,463.72</b>	<b>\$ 402,920.49</b>	<b>\$ 389,123.82</b>	
(Total excludes SEJAC In-kind contribution)						
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 13,981.85	\$ 17,981.44	\$ 9,189.82	\$ 9,560.36	
Employee	\$ 97,527.65	\$ 91,694.60	\$ 102,431.73	\$ 102,531.73	\$ 88,433.11	
Office	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 7,834.51	\$ 6,064.98	\$ 4,972.89	\$ 5,865.94	
Program	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 103,346.48	\$ 88,797.62	\$ 51,316.31	\$ 37,966.25	
Endowment - Restricted Use per Donor Designation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,877.64	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 200.00	
Special Projects - Restricted Use per Donor Designation	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 37,627.62	\$ 39,976.20	\$ 50,004.68	\$ 29,578.75	
<b>Total Expenses (excluding Endowments and Special Projects)</b>	<b>\$ 190,527.65</b>	<b>\$ 216,857.44</b>	<b>\$ 215,275.77</b>	<b>\$ 168,010.75</b>	<b>\$141,825.66</b>	
<b>Total Expenses (including Endowments and Special Projects)</b>	<b>\$ 235,027.65</b>	<b>\$ 243,380.85</b>	<b>\$ 241,270.53</b>	<b>\$ 211,325.61</b>	<b>\$ 171,604.41</b>	
(Total excludes SEJAC In-kind expenses)						

	UMVIM, SEJ 2003-7 REVENUES AND EXPENSES 2008 BUDGET							BUDGET
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008	
SEJ Apportionments	73,200.00	73,200.00	48,168.00	48,168.00	48,168.00	48,168.00	48,168.00	
Total Revenues	546,956.66	696,804.51	562,010.77	417,226.35	462,492.04	475,500.00	475,500.00	
Total Expenditures	560,920.01	705,929.56	499,835.00	438,021.33	490,324.17	475,500.00	475,500.00	
Net Excess (Deficit)	-13,963.35	-9,125.05	62,175.77	-20,794.98	-30,332.13	0.00	0.00	



## Episcopal Area Reports

### ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA AREA REPORT

The last four years have stretched the people of this Annual Conference to new levels of mission outreach, continued growth, and gracious generosity. Together we have responded to the challenges of living daily as disciples of Jesus Christ and serving this present age faithfully.

Within weeks of the beginning of a new quadrennium in 2004, our area took a direct hit from powerful Hurricane Ivan. It would be only the first of five “named” storms to move through our area in eleven months. The storm known simply as Katrina was the last of those as the extreme eastern edge of that hurricane left damage and destruction in the Mobile, Alabama area. Churches and parsonages were either destroyed or sustained heavy damage; homes were lost and our people reeled from the winds, rain, and emotional harm left in the wake of these storms. In addition to the tropical storms and hurricanes, our area was also hit with a string of deadly tornadoes, taking the lives of several people, including students at the Enterprise, Alabama High School. However in the midst of these devastating storms our United Methodist people stepped up, stepped out, and led the way in rescue, recovery, and response. During these four years, churches across the area have responded in grace-filled ways to offer time, energy, and resources to assist in the rebuilding process. These storms and the resulting development of our Office of Disaster Recovery Ministries have been the context for much of what we have done during this quadrennium.

Like other areas impacted by storms such as these, we continue to be profoundly grateful for the people of The United Methodist Church. Volunteers, servants, and helpers have come from across the connection to assist in rebuilding and supporting the people of this area. In the first months following Hurricane Ivan we established, equipped, and began a fully functioning “disaster ministry office” that had existed only on paper prior to September 2004. We have been able to purchase equipment and construct a permanent storage facility that will allow us to respond quicker and with more efficiency in the future. We pray we will not have to use the equipment, but know that we are now better prepared should the occasion arise. Even as we have been in recovery mode, we have also had numerous churches send teams into other areas, notably Mississippi and Louisiana, to help in their recovery from Katrina. The city of Montgomery became a major distribution center for the American Red Cross, and many of our churches opened their doors to provide shelter, food, and hope for thousands of displaced persons. We have experienced the value of the connectional system and rejoice in the ways the Spirit of God moves us to cooperate and help one another.

While engaged in this disaster response ministry, the conference has also continued its work in the name of Jesus in a variety of ways. We have continued the amazing trend of membership growth that has been tracking upward since 1970. There have now been 30 consecutive years of growth in net membership and a 20 percent increase over the last two decades. We began this quadrennium with 147,613 members. At that time I challenged the conference to reach the 150,000 level by the end of 2008. As the preliminary numbers for 2007 have been received at this writing, we will be able to celebrate reaching that membership number one full year ahead of the goal. On January 1, 2008 our membership stood at 150,077!

During the 2000-2004 quadrennium the Annual Conference formed a partnership in mission with Ecuador and that has continued through UVMIM trips and financial support. However, as we began this last quadrennium we recognized that our mission outreach to the continent of Africa had been sporadic over the years. Therefore, we moved toward solidifying and continuing our mission relationship with Ecuador and with the Russian Initiative, but sought to expand our outreach with a partner in Africa. We have now formalized a mission partnership with the Cameroon Initiative. Four teams have traveled to that African nation, more than two dozen United Methodist churches in Cameroon have a partner church in our conference, and relationships have been birthed and nurtured over these brief three years. In addition special conference mission offerings have been received for *Hope for the Children of Africa* and for Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Liberia.

One of the highlights of our mission outreach occurred at the 2007 Annual Conference session. We announced our mission offering to be designated for the *Nothing but Nets* campaign and a goal of \$100,000 was established. If reached, it would be the largest single mission offering ever received by the conference. At the adjournment of the conference, our gift totaled more than \$220,000. It was a true celebration knowing that we had worked together to save the lives of thousands of children. It was another sign of the vitality, the generosity, and the deep commitment of the people of this area.

During this quadrennium we have planted an average of five new churches or faith communities each year. We have expanded our horizons for new communities through partnerships, second campus sites, and mother-daughter plantings. A new Director of Hispanic-Latino Ministries has helped us expand the number of Spanish-as-first-language congregations and communities, as well as developing numerous ministries through immigration clinics, health clinics, and outreach stations. We have been intentional in addressing the critical need for growing African-American churches, leaders, and members. New congregations, new worship settings, new outreach ministries, and a new contractual agreement with the On-Point Consulting firm are already showing dividends, for which we are grateful.

Since redefining and clarifying the mission and vision of our Conference in 2002, we have been living into and living with the implications for our staffing and structure. In August 2006 we were able to relocate all of our staff and offices into one building. For decades, the Office of the Resident Bishop, the Fiscal Office, and the Connectional Ministries Office had been separated by 100 miles, in two cities. We have now been able to secure space that has all our offices in one building of an office park in Montgomery. This was a significant – and emotional – step for many people across the Conference. We have been learning and benefiting from the connections and relationships of serving and working together under one roof. It has enhanced our communications and strengthened our ministries across the area. We still dream of and plan to construct a Conference Center to house all of our offices, but financially we are not yet able to begin that work.

Deborah and I are amazed that eight years have passed so quickly. We have been blessed by the people, the faith, and the gracious hospitality of this area. We rejoice in every sign of God's redeeming and transforming grace as it shows up in so many ways in our travels. Our visits with congregations, groups, and individuals convince us that this is a vibrant area and that God is richly blessing the United Methodists of this conference. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in this area. To God be the glory!

Larry M. Goodpaster  
Resident Bishop

## BIRMINGHAM AREA REPORT

At a recent Annual Conference we modified our vision statement to read: "Every church challenged and equipped to *grow more* disciples of Jesus Christ by taking risks and changing lives." The change reflects our determination to hold ourselves accountable to the Great Commission in every aspect of our Conference life.

From our vision, we have developed Four Priorities: Natural Church Development, Empowering a New Generation of Leaders, New Congregations, and Effective Leadership. We are in a process of aligning every aspect of our church life to these priorities.

Natural Church Development is a proven means of revitalizing congregations and moving them into a mission mode of life. We have trained dozens of Natural Church Development coaches and we are holding every congregation and pastor accountable to the expectation to utilize NCD. Our monitoring of our congregations that utilize NCD shows us the effectiveness of the program. For the first time in two decades we are showing growth in numbers of professions of faith and new members.

We are reorganizing our Board of Ordained Ministry and the process of ordination in order to focus on recruitment of new, young pastors. We are determined to streamline the ordination process and to be more attentive to the fruit of the process – effective pastoral leaders for the Twenty-First Century. We created a three year Residency in Ministry program to equip our newest pastors in leadership skills that are required for growing our church in the future. Faced with an aging clergy membership as well as a shortage of qualified candidates, we are moving into a posture of recruitment. We are devising means of equipping every congregation to notice, name and encourage top candidates for the ministry.

For some years our Conference has been working at establishing new communities of faith. We have led the church for a couple of years in the number of new church starts. Through a process of constant evaluation and assessment, we have reorganized our training for new church pastors and our selection of those called to serve. We are pioneering in the exploration of different models for starting new congregations, stressing the need for multi-ethnic congregations in economically marginal communities. Our success rate for new church starts is considerably above the national average. Our goal is to start a minimum of twelve new congregations each year.

We have found that the path to more effective clergy and lay leaders is through accountability. For the past three years, on our Conference website, we display graphs for every congregation showing patterns of attendance, giving, and baptisms for the past six years. Making these statistics more available for all to see has been a big step forward for us. Beginning this year we are instituting the "North Alabama Conference Dashboard" that will display weekly figures for attendance, giving, professions of faith, and baptisms. Every Monday, every congregation in the Conference will log in and report their figures for that week. District Superintendents will be able to make comparisons and to monitor every congregation's faithfulness on these bases of the "Dashboard." We believe this will be a huge step forward in accountability.

Every full time pastor who may be involved in a possible move is interviewed by a panel of three District Superintendents who get a clear picture of that pastor's productivity and strengths. Every congregation submits a statement of goals and objectives in ministry before consideration for a change in appointment. Every full time pastor who moves to a new appointment in our Conference is trained to devise a "First Ninety Day Plan" that outlines what the pastor will do in his or her first three months in a new parish. Working with the District Superintendent and the lay leadership of the congregation, the pastor will work through the Plan so a tone of transformative leadership will be engendered in the congregation. In four years of these procedures for appointments, we have not had a single appointment that we have had to change due to a poor fit.

In 2006 we reduced the number of our Districts from twelve to eight. This not only led to more efficient oversight of our churches but also gave us nearly a million dollars a year in savings that we were able to put into New Church Development.

Mainly as a result of our economy in administration, we have limited the increase in our Conference budget to about 2% per year, the smallest consecutive increases in the Conference Budget in decades.

While we continue to struggle with a comparatively low rate of apportionment participation, this past year we increased our apportionment percentage by over two percent (for a total of over 82% giving to apportionments). This meant that we raised nearly a million dollars more for ministry in 2007 when compared with 2006. Our goal is to increase our percentage of apportioned giving by 2% each year until we are at 100%.

In 2007 our Camp Sumatanga launched a 4.5 million dollar capital campaign that is ongoing.

We have conducted a Conference-wide study of United Methodist Beliefs, led by our lay leadership.

We have also had good participation from our Conference in the Katrina appeal (over half a million dollars raised), the Nothing But Nets Campaign, and the Central Conference Pension Initiative.

For the past four years we have enjoyed our beautiful new Conference Center on the campus of our Birmingham-Southern College. This 4.5 million dollar facility has been a great help to our work and has provided a wonderful cohesiveness to our Conference.

Patsy and I feel grateful to God for our first four years in the North Alabama Conference. We have learned much and look forward with eager anticipation to our next four years. Christ has given our Conference some exciting new ideas and the people and the resources to act upon those ideas. We are seeing our Conference vision become a reality in the lives of the churches in our Conference. For all this, we give thanks.

William H. Willimon  
Resident Bishop

## CHARLOTTE AREA REPORT

The Vision Statement for the Charlotte Area throughout this quadrennium has been "Follow Jesus. Make Disciples. Transform the World." Our goal has been to continue to build a conference of Christ-centered, disciple-making, transformational congregations.

Subsumed under this vision have been seven emphases: 1) Relate unchurched persons to Jesus Christ and the Church; 2) nurture unity in Christ that values diversity; 3) develop ministry with the poor and suffering; 4) initiate efforts to "shepherd the shepherds;" 5) explore and practice spiritual dimensions of stewardship; 6) support a conference mission initiative, Africa University; 7) teach biblically-based discipleship and leadership.

One of the major undertakings of the quadrennium was a Task Force on Annual Conference Reorganization, authorized by the 2006 session of the annual conference. It reported to a special session in February, 2008. Major changes in conference structure and organization were implemented, some of which will be referenced below.

Church membership in 2004 was 292,595, and at the end of 2007 it was 293,588. Worship attendance in 2004 averaged 125,833, and in 2007 it averaged 126,551.

The conference has raised over \$1,000,000 for scholarship endowment at Africa University, towards a goal of \$2,000,000, for scholarship endowment and a new building.

There are at least six major signs of hope in the conference as we look to the future.

1) At the special session in February, 2008, the body approved the creation of a new district, the Lake Norman District. The churches of this new district are virtually all experiencing growth, some dramatically so. In this action the conference has taken the bold move of preparing for the future by providing more leadership and by expecting growth of its congregations. We have reorganized our Congregational Development efforts, and our district superintendents are committed to play key roles in this area of ministry.

2) The conference is engaging in a new emphasis on wholeness and health among its clergy. An important part of this emphasis is the new Clergy Health Initiative undertaken in partnership with The Duke Endowment, the Duke Divinity School, and the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences. This is a seven-year initiative to discover base-line information about clergy health and then design means of leading clergy into healthier life-styles, in the belief that this emphasis will enrich and support the ministry of our clergy.

Another part of this emphasis on wholeness and health among our clergy also grows from the February special session. An advisory group has been appointed to oversee the development of a Covenant Peer Group program among clergy, an effort to provide support groups in covenant relationships to enrich and nurture the personal and professional lives of clergy, in community with each other. In the months ahead this advisory group will give guidance to the selection of a staff person to direct this program.

3) We have experienced over the past three years the development of a unique and unprecedented partnership involving our annual conference, the North Carolina Annual Conference, Duke Divinity School, and The Duke Endowment. The Clergy Health Initiative is part of this partnership. In addition, we are now into the second year of the Thriving Rural Communities program, involving these four entities. Each of the two annual conferences has identified four rural teaching churches in which Duke Divinity School students are placed for field education. These Rural Fellows receive scholarships provided through The Duke Endowment and The Duke Divinity School, in return for which they commit to spend 6 years in rural church ministry upon graduation. We are already seeing the excitement of rural churches and communities as they discover new possibilities for ministry.

Further, conversations involving the same entities (conferences, Duke Divinity School, and Duke Endowment) are underway to explore how we together can develop models for Hispanic-Latino ministry. An initial meeting was held recently to explore these possibilities, and participants are confident that these conversations will provide results for Hispanic-Latino ministry akin to those of the Thriving Rural Communities program.

4) There is a new African-American Initiative now in place under the direction of the conference's office of Ethnic and Justice Ministries. A Leadership Development Institute involving over 20 pastors of African American congregations has recently been completed, focusing on leadership skills and insights. Continued emphasis on congregational development in our African American churches will provide resources and leadership focused specifically on the ministry challenges and circumstances of the African American church. The goal is to grow our African American congregations, numerically and spiritually, over the next decade.

5) There is a turn-around taking place in our financial stewardship. In 2005 the Western North Carolina Conference experienced the largest decrease in giving to general church apportioned causes of any conference in American Methodism. We decreased our commitments to general church apportioned causes by over \$526,000. That tide is turning. In 2006 Western North Carolina registered the 12<sup>th</sup> largest increase in giving to apportionments of any of the 63 conferences in American Methodism. And in 2007, the latest full year of record, we registered the 4<sup>th</sup> largest increase in giving to general church apportionments of any of the 63 conferences in American Methodism. We have gone from payment of \$3,603,113 to general church apportionments in 2005 to payment of \$4,035,373 in 2007. We have increased our percentage of general church apportionment payments from 69.8% in 2005 to 74.6% in 2007. We are not yet back to the 100% that we paid for years, and that 23 annual conferences pay currently, but we are moving in the right direction. That movement is due to emphasis on stewardship from our Stewardship of Giving Task Force with support from the Western North Carolina Conference Foundation, and to stewardship training and leadership by clergy and laity across the conference.

6) The conference still utilizes a significant number of local pastors and retired pastors to serve our churches, and we give thanks for them. We also have persons from other conferences and a few from other denominations approved for service in our conference. But we have seen, over these past four years, an increasing supply of United Methodist clergy to the point that we have actually reduced our reliance on clergy of other denominations and conferences, relying more constantly on clergy from our own tradition and conference to serve as pastors of our churches. This movement signals a new sense of responsibility on the part of our congregations for their role in seeking and encouraging persons with gifts for ordained ministry in the church. We are growing our own clergy leadership.

Though there are other things that could be said, these six signs of hope are indicative of the spirit and life of the Charlotte Area at this time in its history.

As this quadrennium comes to its close, Margaret and I also mark the close of 45 years of active years of ministry. We have been privileged to serve in seven congregations, one district superintendency, and two episcopal areas. We began in the Western North Carolina Conference in 1963 and served here for 33 years. Upon election to the episcopacy, we were assigned to the South Carolina Conference. To have come back to where we began for our last assignment has been both a challenge and a privilege. We thank God for the opportunities that have been ours, and we thank the clergy and laity who have shared this journey with us for their support, collegiality, and friendship.

A friend told me not long ago of a statement he heard a pastor make to a congregation concerned about the challenges facing it. The pastor said: "If you believe the best years of this church are behind us, you will turn out to be right. But if you believe the best years are ahead of us, you will turn out to be right about that." Attitude! It's so important! And if we are going to be right in either case, then why not be right about the future!

It is *to* the future that God calls us. And it is *for* the future that God empowers us. Thanks be to God!

J. Lawrence McCleskey  
Resident Bishop

## COLUMBIA AREA REPORT

The 239,748 United Methodists in South Carolina are faithfully striving to fulfill our purpose of making disciples for Jesus Christ. During this quadrennium, the equipping and connecting of local churches for ministry has been the priority. To accomplish this purpose, coaching relationships are being established. The annual conference has focused on providing resources to assist and strengthen local churches in doing their ministry. Resourcing our local churches is gradually replacing the previous practice of offering conference-wide programs.

Each year, the annual conference has been centered around worship and mission. Through the assistance of Good News Television, we have been able to experience enhanced technology and media presentations. The location of the conference was moved to the Civic Center in Florence. More than 900 conference members engaged in hands on mission opportunities again this year. Through the generosity of the South Carolina United Methodists, the Water Project was completed to provide clean water at Old Mutare Mission in Zimbabwe. A geological study was conducted which mapped the underground water sources, a new reservoir was constructed, and the original reservoir and equipment was repaired. During the quadrennium, special mission offerings received during conference have been in excess of \$295,238. The faithful stewardship in our local churches has resulted in the increase of apportionment giving from 78.9 percent in 2004 to 86.9 percent in 2007.

In order to help our churches serve more effectively, several major transitions have occurred. During these four years, the Conference Council on Ministries officially became Connectional Ministries. In addition to the Appointive Cabinet, an Extended Cabinet has been established to provide guidance for the annual conference. The conference approved several additional staff positions. The employment of a Communications Director is enabling the conference to use media technology more effectively, to develop relationships with news media, and enhance better communications within and beyond the conference.

Six Congregational Specialists have been trained and deployed across the state. Each of these specialists is assigned to two districts and works directly with the local churches and superintendents of those districts. Without increasing the budget, additional funds have been available for Emerging Ministries because of a new funding approval process. It is anticipated that the addition of a Congregational Specialist concentrating on the African American churches will be able to address the needs of this significant constituency within our annual conference. We celebrate that there are more than 48,000 African American members in the South Carolina Conference.

Connectional Ministries and Congregational Development have worked in partnership to launch Natural Church Development as a conference-wide strategy to strengthen our churches. To date, 280 churches are engaged in self evaluation through a Natural Church Development Survey and are working to become healthier faith communities. The upcoming annual Bishop's School of Ministry is a continuing education event focusing on the eight quality characteristics of healthy churches. As a way to connect with one another, pastors and laity are being recruited and trained to serve as coaches. 85 pastors have received NCD training. Another 40 persons are engaged in Coach training through Coachnet. We believe that providing opportunities for our pastors to be involved in a coaching relationship will enhance clergy effectiveness.

Reaching new persons and establishing new faith communities is a priority for South Carolina. Four new church starts and the restart of a fifth congregation are averaging 685 new persons participating in their ministries. We are working to recruit strong congregations to parent new churches. In the fall of each year a four day Discernment Academy is held with 12 prospective church planters. Our goal is to plant six more new churches by July 1, 2010. We are committed to the development of new congregations in those areas of South Carolina where there has been significant population growth. Over the past 15 years the population of our state has grown by over 1,000,000 while our church membership has stayed virtually the same. I am grateful that our conference is committing over \$1,000,000 each year in the conference budget to fulfill this important ministry opportunity.

Rusty and I have been blessed beyond measure by the assignment to the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. It has been an inspiration to get to know and serve beside the faithful lay and clergy of this great conference. I want to express a personal word of gratitude to my Administrative Assistant, Ms. Bettye Rivers, for her dedication and the gracious way she responds to the needs of this office and the conference.

What a joy it is to have the opportunity to be in ministry in South Carolina. As I have often said, "Nothing could be finer."

Mary Virginia Taylor  
Resident Bishop

## FLORIDA AREA REPORT

The 2004-2008 quadrennium was a time of significant change in the Florida Conference.

The quadrennium began with changes that no human planned. In 2004 three major hurricanes caused widespread property damage across the state, including more than half of the local churches. Subsequent to these disasters, the Florida Conference established its office of Disaster Recovery Ministry, which continues to serve communities affected by storms and other disasters. Since the hurricanes of 2004, the Florida Conference has strengthened its risk management program with new personnel, philosophy, and strategies. Reflecting these changes, the risk management program, by which the Florida Conference provides liability and property casualty insurance for all its churches, is called Ministry Protection. However, the cost of insurance in Florida continues to be a detriment to ministry. For example, in 2007, the churches paid more than four million dollars more for insurance than they had paid in 2006.

In the midst of natural disasters in 2004 the Florida Conference initiated a plan by the Cabinet for a new organization of districts. There was a successful transition from fourteen to nine districts with new corporations and structures. Each district has a Leadership Council that provides oversight and both a Committee on New Church Development and a Committee on Congregational Transformation. Also, each year the districts pool a percentage of their income to be available for common purposes, and the district superintendents share their budget plans and agree on criteria for district personnel policies.

At the same time that the Florida Conference re-organized the districts, it also replaced the Council on Ministries with a new system featuring a Leadership Connection and staff re-organization.

There have been twenty Conference Table events to address fundamental issues facing the Florida Conference. The topics have been very diverse, ranging from conflict management to the revision of "In Defense of Creation." From one Conference Table emerged the vision for the Center for Clergy Excellence, and from another, awareness of the need to develop lay leadership. A Conference Table identified the needs of children as a common social witness of the Florida Conference, and now the Conference is part of the Florida Partnership to End Childhood Hunger.

The Conference has both an office of New Church Development and an office of Congregational Transformation. New missions are begun every year with reliance upon healthy churches being the parent of new missions. Nineteen new missions will be started in 2008, and sixteen in 2009. Most of these are ethnic missions. As new churches are begun, the Conference is also leading congregations into an intentional process of transformation, employing teaching about the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations and coaching in Re-Focus and Natural Church Development. Both offices have employed an Hispanic staff person to strengthen new church development and congregational transformation in Hispanic communities.

The Conference has approved an African American Comprehensive Plan for strengthening African American ministries, and the plan includes a new staff position in the office of Congregational Transformation.

During this quadrennium the Florida Conference has greatly strengthened its global mission. It continues its covenant with The Methodist Church in Cuba. It has signed a covenant with the Methodist Church in Haiti. The partnership with the East Angola Conference is strong and growing.

The Conference is attempting a new approach for financial advancement for capital and endowments. There is an on-going development office for the Conference in The United Methodist Foundation. In 2007 the Conference approved a campaign proposed by the Bishop's Capital Campaign Commission, *Together! Bringing Hope, Changing Lives*. Rather than to give goals to churches, major donors will be solicited with general solicitation of members to follow.

Florida is a dynamic setting of mission with a cosmopolitan population, rapid social change, and a hard secularity in major urban area such as Miami, Orlando, and Tampa. The Florida Conference continues to pray for the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit as the people called United Methodists make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Timothy W. Whitaker  
Resident Bishop

## HOLSTON AREA REPORT

In the fall of 2004 the people of the Holston Area began a prayerful quest to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit to discern what God's Vision is for us.

God envisions bold, passionate, and joyful communities of faith where the spiritual hunger to worship God and to serve Christ sets disciples on fire with Spirit-filled, risk taking love for all God's children until Holston Conference reflects the saving grace and redeeming justice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The following is a list of the many ministry settings and umbrella headings under which we are living out this exciting Vision that God has breathed into the Holston Area.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**—this area is crucial to the fulfillment of God's Vision for the Holston area. In response to this need we have been hard at work offering opportunities for developing and discovering new leaders both laity and clergy.

- Camp Discovery—an event that averages about 30 participants designed to help youth and young adults discover God's call to Ordained Ministry.
- Resurrection—this event draws about 15,000 Middle School and Senior High Youth, many answer the call to Ordained Ministry.
- Divine Rhythm—about 650 young adults from college age up to age 35 gather for worship, fellowship and learning.
- Jubilation—draws about 300 older adults for worship, learning, training in leadership and fellowship.
- Minister's Convocation—has offered practical training in justice ministries, stewardship, evangelism, self care and continues to receive high marks from our clergy.
- Camp & Retreat Ministries—draws over 5,000 children and youth. One of the outgrowths of this has been the development of youth and young adult counselors that often see ministry as a committed layperson or clergy as an option for them. We train over 100 per year.
- Large Church Initiative—was offered in March of 2007 and drew over 300 from across the SEJ and from SCJ.
- Cokesbury Pastoral Leadership Academy—offered to fifteen clergy to help develop confidence and competencies for pastoral ministry. We plan to start phase two next year.

**MISSIONS**—continue to be supported at record levels by the people of Holston.

- Annual Conference Missions Offering—has raised over \$450,000 for missions efforts in Zimbabwe, Liberia, Alaska, Brazil and Sudan.
- Hands on Mission—has generated tons of school supplies, clothing, industrial school supplies, and other items for Alaska, Zimbabwe and Liberia.
- Church & Community Workers—now number six, the most employed by any annual conference.
- Youth Service Fund—was the top giver among annual conferences for 2007 and our youth are spear heading a campaign to raise \$200,000 for the Nothing But Nets Campaign.

**CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION**—has sought to answer this need in the following ways:

- Natural Church Development—has led to the training of over 75 teams of NCD coaches now working with close to forty congregations.
- New Church Developments—are now underway in four locations with three of these being ethnic congregations and two mission situations.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES**—are underway that speak to many of the ills that plague our society such as:

- Domestic Violence Task Force—now offers training for clergy and churches and help for victims.
- Health Care Task Force—was in dialogue with the governor of Tennessee around health care for the poor and working poor and offers workshops for local congregations.
- Green Task Force—speaks to environmental issues and seeks to help churches and families live environmentally friendly lives.
- Amachi Program—is designed to connect children of incarcerated parents with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

We purchased a new office building to bring together our staff into one place and provide ourselves with a home for our ministry efforts for years to come. Our worship attendance continues to increase. Currently 11% of our clergy are under the age of 35, which gives us the largest percentage within the connection.

James E. Swanson, Sr.  
Resident Bishop

## LOUISVILLE AREA REPORT

The Louisville Area covers both the Kentucky Annual Conference and Red Bird Missionary Conference. Our conferences have emphasized the timeless values of worship, fellowship, stewardship and evangelism. We have lifted these values as essential in the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Red Bird Missionary Conference

**Our Mission:** To minister to the spiritual, physical, educational and economic needs of people and to equip them to meet their God given potential.

**Our Vision:** To see Appalachian people living in union with Jesus Christ and empowered to transform their communities.

While Red Bird Missionary Conference receives mission support, it also believes the Gospel mandate to “go into all the world” through service and mission giving. In 2008 the Advance awarded the conference for “the most significant increase of church participation in 2007 in the Southeast Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.” Apportionments were paid at 100% during each year of the quadrennium. In 2005 and 2006 conference mission offerings totaling \$30,075 were given to Wesley Camp in Latvia. In 2007 the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference received the RBMC mission offering of \$15,170. In 2008 the mission offering of \$21,500 was given to “Light at The Dumpsite” of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This is a generous accomplishment for the twenty seven churches and outreach centers and the personnel of the four mission institutions that comprise RBMC. 62% of the churches received 5-Star Giving certificates and 59% gave to all six Special Sunday offerings. Total church membership has increased during the quadrennium. Red Bird VIM teams went to several locations over three years in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Teams worked in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in 2007 and in Tennessee in 2008 to do tornado rehab work.

The conference Strategic Plan during 2004-2007 led to accomplishments in five areas: Adequate Resources for Mission, Drug Abuse Response Ministries, Training for Conference Mission Personnel, Building Self Esteem and Youth Ministry. As Red Bird Missionary Conference looks ahead, strengthening local churches, developing leaders, continuing drug abuse response ministries, and making effective disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world are the essential goals.

The sixteen clergy are organized into accountability and support groups. These are important for spiritual formation and mentoring. Candidates for ministry are being actively recruited and mentored for service in RBMC churches. The Appalachian Local Pastors School (ALPS) has become a success story among UM Course of Study Schools.

Red Bird Missionary Conference is blessed with dedicated missionaries, pastors, and laity leaders who give themselves tirelessly and unselfishly in service to Christ and his people in this part of southern Appalachia. Red Bird Missionary Conference is indeed making a difference!

### Kentucky Conference

The Kentucky Conference is made up of 152,014 members in 12 districts. During the past quadrennium we saw a net gain of 106 members. While this is not a huge number it does reverse the trend of membership loss. There were 8,798 profession of faith in the Kentucky Conference during the past four years.

The Primary Task Team identified these priorities as the conference strives to be intentional about the mission and vision of the conference. They are:

- planting new churches
- developing effective leaders, both clergy and lay
- developing vital congregations in every place
- witnessing for justice in our conference and Commonwealth
- funding our Mission Covenant Together.

In 2006 we proposed a balanced budget to the Annual Conference for 2007 which was adopted. We paid 100% of our apportionments for the first time as a merged conference.

Outreach beyond our conference has included our continued partnership with the East Africa Conference. Many Volunteer in Mission Teams have gone to Uganda and Kenya. Currently we are partnering our 12 districts with the 6 districts in Uganda for salary support for their district superintendents. Individual churches in Kentucky have partnered with local churches to provide prayer and financial support. In spring of 2008 the children’s Hope for Africa Choir was our guests. They sang in each district of the conference as well at



Annual Conference for the Mission and Ministry Night. Our offering of over \$55,000 will be shared with East Africa, Red Bird Mission and Katrina Recovery.

Our conference initially responded to Hurricane Katrina with an outpouring of supplies and money. Churches in the Kentucky Conference continue to send work teams to the Gulf Coast. The Full Cabinet and I spent a week in Pass Christian, Mississippi on one of these trips and discovered the needs are still great.

Through an initiative of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the conference has developed a clergy evaluation tool that was introduced in 2007. This was followed by a congregational assessment tool developed by the Connectional Ministries and New Church and Congregational Development Teams. Training of Staff Parish Relations Committee and clergy will continue into the next quadrennium. Opportunities for congregational assessment are also available through our Natural Church Development initiative.

Over the last four years the Louisville Area has made meaningful strides in making disciples of Jesus Christ. We constantly examined our strategy and redirected our resources for effectiveness, particularly as it relates to the local church. The love and grace of God through the people called United Methodist in Kentucky continues to impact the church for the transformation of the world and for this we give thanks.

James R. King, Jr.  
Resident Bishop

## MISSISSIPPI AREA REPORT

The Mississippi Conference celebrates God's radiant power and our place in God's unfolding providence: *Arise, shine, for your light has come!* God's light shines in darkness, God's light shines through us, God's light leads us onward.

We identified together in the fall of 2004 areas of focus for our life and ministry. We sensed the convergence of God's leading across The United Methodist Church as we embraced wellness of clergy and laity and congregations, new church development, development of spiritual leaders, racial reconciliation, ministry with the poor, ministry with children and youth, growth in stewardship of our lives and the earth and our resources, and overflowing mission in our communities and the world.

The destructive power of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, shaped us in lasting ways. 70,000 homes were destroyed in south Mississippi. 340 United Methodist Churches sustained damage, with 20 severely damaged and 7 destroyed. United Methodist places of ministry, including Gulfside Assembly, Seashore Assembly, Seashore Mission, and Moore Community House, were destroyed.

Ministry continued in amazing ways despite the destruction of ministry facilities. Three years later, 12,000 families have returned home through the efforts of The United Methodist Church. Every United Methodist Church in Mississippi continues in ministry. Over 7,000 Mississippi families live in FEMA housing. We are grateful for the partnership of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in the long, continued recovery on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

As the quadrennium draws to a close, we celebrate:

- the planting of nine new churches and the creation of a School for Congregational Development for future church planters and leaders of church renewal.
- Congregations for Children, an interfaith legislative advocacy initiative making a difference in the lives of Mississippi children.
- wellness initiatives, with accountability through the Amazing Pace pedometer program and quantifiable improvements in clergy wellness indicators.
- A2 congregational self-assessments (drawn from the qualities of Christian community founds in Acts 2:42-47) and the development of resources for congregational development and coaching developed in response to the expressed needs of congregations.
- racial reconciliation, with four "Journeys Toward the Light" spiritual pilgrimages each year to places where difficult stories of the Civil Rights Movement are told, prayers offered and reconciliation experienced.
- Chabadza partnership with the Zimbabwe Area of the United Methodist Church, partnership with the Methodist Church of South Africa, the establishment of the Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Network in Mississippi.
- a new generation of leadership in our local churches, districts and annual conference as we change to reach more people, more younger people and more diverse people.

Mike and I give thanks for the gift of our assignment to the Mississippi Area, and for the loving support and partnership of the United Methodist people of Mississippi.

Hope Morgan Ward  
Resident Bishop

## NASHVILLE AREA REPORT

The Nashville Area is composed of the Memphis and Tennessee Annual Conferences. Each Cabinet consists of seven districts. The Area has had parallel ministries and in some instances projects have been done jointly.

The Cabinets of the two Annual Conferences went to Mexico on a mission trip designed to make both Cabinets bilingual. Both Cabinets also did work as a VIM team on the coast of Mississippi. This year both Cabinets met at the same place at the same time for Spring Cabinet meetings. Each Cabinet met in separate rooms to work on appointments. During our common times as we began each day and during breaks, both Cabinets worked on possible appointments from the other Conference. This year we made nine cross Conference appointments and one cross racial appointment which was also a cross Conference appointment.

After many years, The Reverend Barbara Garcia retired as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop. We are deeply grateful for her many years of unselfish service to each of the three Bishops she assisted. The Reverend Roger Hopson was named as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop. The Reverend Hopson began his current appointment to the Episcopal office in July of 2007. Both Conferences are deeply grateful for the ministry of The Reverend Garcia and The Reverend Hopson.

The Area has focused on clergy health with many clergy living more healthy lifestyles. It is hoped better clergy health will lead to more effective leadership in our local churches and a reduction in clergy health insurance premiums.

The Area has also focused on reading through the Bible every year. Pastors and laity have been encouraged to use the Life Journal which is also on each Conference's web site.

Both Conferences are working hard to raise the level of apportionment giving. Many of our local outreach ministries are being assisted by the Area Foundation to establish endowment funds for future funding of those ministries. I am grateful for Dr. Vin Walkup and his leadership in the Area Foundation for the work he has done to move both Conference outreach ministries in the establishment of endowment funds.

The Tennessee Annual Conference has had an increase in worship and membership each of the last four years. While the Memphis Annual Conference has not shown increases in worship and membership, there is much work to reverse the trend of decline in the Memphis Annual Conference.

Plans are underway to start new churches in our urban areas of Memphis especially among the poor and the working poor. Methodist Healthcare Systems has pledged to put a wellness person with each new church start pastor. Each new church in these urban areas of Memphis will have faith and wellness as part of the beginning DNA. We are hopeful we can change the way of life among many of the poor and working poor in the city of Memphis. If this is successful, then this will be replicated in the urban areas of Nashville and other towns and cities in both Annual Conferences.

Martin College and Lambuth University continue to be outstanding centers of higher education in the Area. We are fortunate to have two such fine institutions which are so closely connected to the United Methodist Church.

While there have been many new beginnings in each Conference, there is still much to be done for each Conference to be healthy, growing and paying 100% of their apportionments. We are committed to being an Area where United Methodism is vital and growing.

Eileen and I want to express our gratitude to the Nashville Area for the hospitality and constant prayer support we have received. We feel so blessed to be among God's people called United Methodists in the Nashville Area.

Richard J Wills, Jr.  
Resident Bishop

## NORTH GEORGIA AREA REPORT

During the past four years, the North Georgia Conference has continued its steady pattern of membership growth, adding over 16,000 new members, to close 2007 with 350,087. Since 1996 we have grown by over 65,000 members to become the largest conference in the United States. 2007 realized a net gain in membership of 3,657. With the planting of seven new congregations in June 2008, the North Georgia Conference has now started 98 new churches since 1996. New Church Development and Evangelism remains our highest priority. The opportunities for inviting persons into a deep abiding relationship with Christ are abundant in the North Georgia Area. Our Church Development Office has done a magnificent job of identifying, recruiting, training, coaching and deploying clergy who have a passion to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Director of New Church Development, Dr. Parks Davis, has been a fundamental part of the overall success of our program. Under his leadership we have made major strides to reach new ethnic minorities. For example this year we will be establishing our first Vietnamese congregation in Atlanta and another strong Korean congregation in West Point, Georgia. Atlanta is an international city and the world has come to us. New Church Development has been instrumental in helping us to be good neighbors to these persons who come now to live beside us and with us.

Our Area has been privileged to launch several new mission efforts during this past quadrennium. Plans are currently being made for a Capital Fund Campaign to benefit Camp Wesley, a ministry focused primarily on children who live in the urban area, and Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center, where our United Methodist Center is located. In 2007, the Conference voted to invite a private company, Hotel Equities, to run the daily operations of our Conference and Retreat Center. Since that important move was made Simpsonwood is growing in its capacity to meet its primary mission and also proceeding toward greater financial stability. I am grateful in particular for the leadership of our Treasurer, Mr. Keith Cox, and the Board of Directors of Simpsonwood in these important efforts.

North Georgia continues to be a leader in communications and technology under the guidance of Dr. Jamie Jenkins, Executive Assistant to the Bishop. Our staff, led by Mr. Tim McDaniel, has been able to provide cutting edge web-based communications, advertising and video production enhancing the ministry of our Area. During this past General Conference over 40,000 people watched live streaming of the events over our website.

The Board of Laity, under the guidance of Ms. Lyn Powell, has made tremendous progress in the past four years, taking their own responsibilities for leadership very seriously. The Board has strengthened the laity programs throughout our Area. Their premiere lay training program called *Leadership UMC* continues to develop young adults who are now providing leadership at all levels of our Annual Conference.

North Georgia continues to be one of the strongest Annual Conferences in all of United Methodism. I am particularly thankful for the rich system of United Methodist institutions which are within the bounds of our Annual Conference, including Emory University and Candler School of Theology, Gammon Theological Seminary, Paine College, LaGrange College, Clark Atlanta University, Reinhardt College and Young Harris College. Aldersgate Homes for persons with developmental problems, the Children's Home and Murphy Harpst, which reach out to hurting children and families of our Area, Action Ministries, the Housing and Homeless Council, and Wesley Community Centers are all an integral part of our overall ministry. Wesley Woods, which is our ministry to older adults, and its relationship to Emory HealthCare, is a premier model for such institutions throughout the country.

During the past twelve years, Jennifer and I have been honored to be associated with the North Georgia Annual Conference. It has been a high privilege for me to serve here. Of my thirty years of ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, twelve of them have been in North Georgia. As we leave this Area this year, we leave with deep gratitude for all the kindness that has been shared with us. A part of our hearts will always be in the red clay of Georgia. Special thanks to my administrative assistant, Ms. Chris Selleck. Chris has served with me for the past eleven years. Her ministry to me, my family, and this conference has been wonderful evidence of God's rich grace in our lives. Special thanks also to Dr. Ed Tomlinson, who served as my Executive Assistant for eight years. Ed's support and guidance has been invaluable to me.

I pray that the years to come will see North Georgia become all that God envisions it to be. It has been a great joy to serve with the laity and clergy of this outstanding Area.

Lindsey Davis  
Resident Bishop

## RALEIGH AREA REPORT

The Apostle Paul reminds us to “live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27). This desire to have our lives reflect the Presence of Christ is manifest in an abundant and vital local church ministry. During this quadrennium, we have established 13 new congregations and have witnessed our membership grow to 237,159, an increase of 3,103 members. We continue to believe that every congregation can be a fruitful, vibrant, healthy missional and evangelistic congregation regardless of size.

Our desire to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ is also reflected in the efforts of the North Carolina Conference to pay 100% of World Service Apportionments for each year of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Congregational leadership has continued to be a primary focus of our work with local churches as we affirmed our conference mission statement, “Healthy Congregations and Effective Leaders in Every Place Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.” Toward this end the Raleigh Area has established an Academy of Leadership Excellence. The initial efforts to establish this leadership academy was led by a gift of \$1,000,000. Our Annual Conference has invited church leaders, clergy and lay, into a conversation to focus on effective leadership and healthy congregations.

The conference has also emphasized its attention to our comprehensive plan of inclusiveness, leading to the creation of a Director of Hispanic Ministries. This conference initiative is paralleled by continued support of clergy families through our Clergy Counseling and Consultation Services offered to strengthen and nurture our churches.

A new partnership has been created between the North Carolina Conference, Western North Carolina Conference, The Duke Endowment, and Duke Divinity School, as we focus attention on thriving rural churches. This partnership hopes to identify pastoral leadership dedicated to serving our rural congregations and churches of small membership. In addition, this same partnership will focus increased attention on factors that contribute to a clergy health initiative, believing that healthy clergy will be more productive in offering long term leadership to our churches.

The youth and young adults of the North Carolina Conference meet annually for their Youth Pilgrimage with more than 6,000 youth gathering each year to affirm their desire to live lives worthy of the gospel of Christ. Every congregation has moved to embrace Safe Sanctuaries in order to create safe environments for children, youth and families.

Finally, the North Carolina Conference has completed a conference-wide structure review affirming our desire to align all resources with our vision and the guidance of our Council of Bishops to be led by the Seven Pathways for ministries of transformation.

Living our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ offers much to celebrate in the common ministry shared by churches and pastors in the Raleigh Area. May we seek the power of the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to our calling and baptism. Amen.

Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.  
Resident Bishop

## RICHMOND AREA REPORT

The Virginia Conference is comprised of 18 geographical districts, from the Shenandoah mountains to the Eastern Shore, from Northern Virginia bordering Washington, D.C. to Southside bordering North Carolina, from the capital city of Richmond to the Tidewater area. United Methodists number 338,000 persons in over 1,200 churches.

The Conference continues to be guided by its vision statement: “We envision churches where all God’s people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.” We have lived into a new Common Table structure this quadrennium. Out of that leadership table came a Challenge to the Annual Conference which has been embraced- “Let’s Get Growing! More People, More Young People, More Diverse People – All for Jesus!” At the 2006 Annual Conference we adopted a goal of establishing 250 new faith communities in 30 years in Virginia. We are exploring a Conference-wide Capital Campaign to assist in reaching our goal. One of our ongoing challenges in a large, diverse Conference is to faithfully align our mission and ministry resources to live into God’s dream for us of being fruitful, multiplying disciples of Christ.

We continue to support our own Initiatives of Hope partnerships with our Methodist friends in Mozambique and Brazil. Teams from all 3 areas have gone back and forth across the globe in strengthening our relationships and partnerships. A yearly average of 295,728 in annual conference offerings over the quadrennium helps sustain our partnerships. In addition, Advance special giving in our Conference remains in the top three in the denomination.

We have organized 18 new church starts this quadrennium. Of these, 10 have been targeting ethnic populations. Of these 10, 6 are mission starts across the Conference to respond to a growing population that is highly diverse in the Commonwealth.

Our clergy and laity have been resourced by the Lewis Center for Leadership and Dr. Lovett Weems and also by GBOD staff on a contractual basis. We are blessed to have both a Stockton Academy for Evangelism and Goodson Academy for Preaching that are additional leadership resources in strengthening our skills in ministry. In addition, a Joe E. Pennel, Jr. Endowment is being developed to focus on leadership resourcing for clergy and laity.

As we continue to live into our vision, we embrace the 4 Focus Areas that have emerged for The United Methodist Church: 1) developing Christian leaders 2) creating new faith communities 3) ministry with the poor; and 4) stamping out diseases of poverty.

It is a privilege and humbling task to live and serve among Virginia United Methodists. May we continue to offer our best for the cause of Christ and the world.

Charlene P. Kammerer  
Resident Bishop

## SOUTH GEORGIA AREA REPORT

Margaret and I have been richly blessed to serve in the South Georgia Area for these last two quadrennia. We are deeply grateful to God for this holy privilege.

The South Georgia Annual Conference began this quadrennium by living into God's vision, which had been prayerfully discerned and articulated near the end of the previous quadrennium. The vision statement, "God envisions faithful, fruitful and bold congregations and ministries passionately growing mature disciples of Jesus Christ who are living vessels of the Holy Spirit's desire and miraculous power to redeem every soul and circumstance," gave focus to all our efforts.

The interventions and initiatives generated by our faithful response to God's vision are very much aligned with the **Seven Pathways** recently articulated by the Council of Bishops and embraced by the 2008 General Conference.

**Developing New Congregations and Transforming Existing Congregations:** The Office of New and Revitalized Congregational Development has completed its seventh year in existence. Currently, eight new congregations are growing and thriving in South Georgia. A ninth new congregation is being launched this summer with the appointment of a pastor to begin a new church in Statesboro, GA. Eleven churches are engaged in intentional revitalization efforts. Two groups of Natural Church Development coaches have been trained and are beginning to work with 62 additional congregations in a program jointly sponsored by the Office of Connectional Ministries and the Office of New and Revitalized Congregational Development.

**Developing Clergy and Lay Leadership:** South Georgia has used many different approaches to develop clergy and lay leaders to enhance disciple-making. A Bishop's Day Apart has been offered twice during the quadrennium. Transition workshops are now offered to clergy as they prepare to move to a new appointment. Sexual Ethics workshops and Safe Sanctuaries workshops have been offered across the conference in a effort to better prepare clergy for effective service in the Church. An annual "Pathways to a Healthy Church" event is held offering training for laity and clergy. Each year's event offers about 45-50 workshops with 500-600 leaders being better equipped to offer leadership in their local church. Other training opportunities for laity during the quadrennium included a Lay Leadership Academy, a LAOS retreat, two Black Church Summits, and many other lay speaker training opportunities. All of these events for clergy and laity have reinforced a **Wesleyan Model of Reaching and Forming Disciples**.

**Reaching and Transforming the Lives of a New Generation of Children:** South Georgia has long been known for having a dynamic ministry with children and youth. The conference-sponsored camping program has grown tremendously during the past quadrennium. In addition to the summer camps, the Office of Connectional Ministries has sponsored two Confirmation retreats each year that supplements the confirmation experience young people receive in their local churches. In the last quadrennium over 2,600 young people have been guided toward professing their faith in Jesus Christ through these retreats.

**Eliminating Poverty in Community with the Poor:** The South Georgia Annual Conference has many local church ministries creatively working in community with the poor to eliminate poverty and transform their lives. Additionally, our mission agencies connect with many people living whose life circumstances are shaped by poverty. Simple, loving and generous gestures offered through living vessels are being used by God in ways that redeem souls and circumstances. Globally, a partnership has been solidified with the East Africa Annual Conference during this quadrennium. The benefits of genuinely being in community and in partnership has benefited both East Africa and South Georgia in untold ways. Our economic abundance has helped raise the level of care for fragile children. Their spiritual abundance has helped increase our faith in the Living God.

**Expanding Racial Ethnic Ministries:** Over the last quadrennium, South Georgia has increased its racial ethnic ministries. The growing Latino population has presented need and opportunity to expand our outreach to the Hispanic community. Currently, South Georgia has 17 mission congregations spread across our Annual Conference. Our African-American congregations have had

opportunities for enrichment by engaging in two Black Church Summits for leadership development. These conference-sponsored summits were in addition to the participation of several congregations in the Strengthening the Black Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our Korean congregations have experienced the challenges of ministering to their second and third generations which were born in the United States. These efforts have been enhanced by the conference's support of, and encouragement to participate in, the retreats and training events sponsored by the jurisdiction.

South Georgia's pursuit of God's vision has generated many signs of fruitfulness. We give thanks to God for giving us the opportunity to serve and the ability to discern where souls and circumstances are being redeemed. Each experience stimulates and expands our faith, and invites all of us to trust and serve with greater boldness.

B. Michael Watson  
Resident Bishop

# Committee on Episcopacy Report

## Report No. 1

**Subject:** Episcopacy Committee Members

Number of Members of Committee: 26  
 Number Present When Action Was Taken: 26  
 Number Voting for the Report: 26  
 Number Voting Against the Report: 0  
 Number Abstaining: 0

Since the 2004 session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference there have arisen four vacancies in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Committee on Episcopacy. In accordance with Paragraph 522.1 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), the conference delegations involved have nominated persons to fill those vacancies. We therefore submit the following persons for your election as members of the committee, with service to continue through this 2008 Jurisdictional Conference:

- Thomas M. Berlin, Virginia Conference, replacing James C. Logan, who resigned on June 27, 2007,
- Paul L. Leeland, North Carolina Conference, replacing Sam Wynn, who resigned on June 29, 2008,
- James L. Branscome, Virginia Conference, replacing Darlene Amon, who resigned on July 3, 2008, and
- Sue Brunk, Red Bird Conference, replacing Joyce Sizemore, who resigned on July 15, 2008.

## Report No. 2

**Subject:** Election of Bishops

Number of Members of Committee: 30  
 Number Present When Action Was Taken: 30  
 Number Voting for the Report: 30  
 Number Voting Against the Report: 0  
 Number Abstaining: 0

Paragraph 522.3d of *The Book of Discipline* (2004) places upon the jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy the responsibility of determining the number of effective bishops eligible for assignment. We have determined that the current number of active bishops in the Southeastern Jurisdiction—thirteen—is within the limits prescribed by Paragraph 405.2.

We note, in accordance with Paragraph 409.1, that one of the active bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction—Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey—has elected to retire at this session of the jurisdictional conference under the provisions of Calendar Item #184 enacted April 28, 2008 by General Conference even though he has not reached the new age specified for mandatory retirement. No additional active bishops have notified the Council of Bishops of their intention to voluntarily retire at the end of the current quadrennium in accordance with Paragraph 409.2.

We further note that the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops and the Committee on Episcopacy voted not to request a fourteenth bishop for the upcoming quadrennium, and that under the provisions of Calendar Item #790 enacted April 29, 2008 by General Conference a fourteenth bishop will continue to be an option for our jurisdiction in 2012.

We therefore recommend that one (1) bishop be elected by the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and, in conformity with Paragraph 406.2b, that an elder be declared elected a bishop when that elder has received the votes of 60% of the delegates casting valid ballots in the jurisdictional conference.

We further recommend that September 1, 2008 be established as the date newly assigned bishops should be in their new areas with each outgoing bishop coordinating with the incoming bishop a date for moving.

### Report No. 3

**Subject:** Passage of Character of Bishops

Number of Members of Committee: 30  
 Number Present When Action Was Taken: 30  
 Number Voting for the Report: 30  
 Number Voting Against the Report: 0  
 Number Abstaining: 0

In accordance with the responsibilities of the Committee on Episcopacy as set forth in Paragraph 522.3a of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), the committee has reviewed the work of the effective and retired bishops of the jurisdiction, recommends the assignment of all active bishops for the 2009-2012 quadrennium, and approves with appreciation their work and official administration.

### Report No. 4

**Subject:** Funding of Committee

Number of Members of Committee: 30  
 Number Present When Action Was Taken: 29  
 Number Voting for the Report: 29  
 Number Voting Against the Report: 0  
 Number Abstaining: 0

In accordance with Paragraph 522.2 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), we move that the jurisdictional conference provide funding for the work of the jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy on the basis of the actual expenses for the functioning of the committee, taking into account the additional functions of the committee as outlined in the committee's report to the jurisdictional conference.

### Report No. 5

**Subject:** Official Report to the Jurisdictional Conference

You will find our official report to the next Committee on Episcopacy through the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference on pages 66 through 68 of the Advance Edition A & B of the Daily Christian Advocate.

We hope you have digested our report well. There have been several important initiatives during the quadrennium. We especially wish to express our appreciation to the College of Bishops for their individual support for the new Episcopal leadership evaluation process, which was initiated by conversations with the College.

Bishop we offer this report to the conference.

### Report No. 6

**Subject:** Replacement of Members

Number of Members of Committee: 29  
 Number Present When Action Was Taken: 29  
 Number Voting for the Report: 29  
 Number Voting Against the Report: 0  
 Number Abstaining: 0

Inasmuch as Paul L. Leeland, a member of the presently constituted jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, has been elected to the episcopacy, we submit the name of Robert Carl Frazier, Jr., nominee of the North Carolina Conference delegation, for your election as a member of the committee to serve through the adjournment of this 2008 Jurisdictional Conference.



## Report No. 7

**Part I - Subject:** Suspension of the Rules:

Bishop, in order to proceed with the assignment of bishops I call for suspension of Rule #36 which requires information to be in the hands of delegates 24 hours prior to a vote:

**Part II - Subject:** Return of Bishop for third quadrennium:

Number of Members of Committee: 30  
 Number Present When Action Was Taken: 30  
 Number Voting for the Recommendation: 29  
 Number Voting Against the Recommendation: 0  
 Number Abstaining: 1

The Committee on Episcopacy asked for approval of the following recommendation. This action required a 2/3 vote of the committee and will require approval of a 2/3 vote from the body of delegates:

*In the best interest of the jurisdiction the Committee on Episcopacy recommends the return of Bishop TIMOTHY W. WHITAKER to the FLORIDA Area for a third quadrennium.*

**Part III - Subject:** Assignment of Bishops

In accordance with the responsibilities of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy as set forth in Paragraph 522.3b of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), we make the following recommendations for the assignments of the active bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction for the 2008-2012 quadrennium, with boundaries as arranged by the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction and effected by the jurisdictional conference in conformity with Paragraphs 50 and 40 of the Constitution of the church:

Alabama-West Florida Area .....	Bishop <b>PAUL L. LEELAND</b>
Birmingham Area.....	Bishop <b>WILLIAM H. WILLIMON</b>
Charlotte Area .....	Bishop <b>LARRY M. GOODPASTER</b>
Columbia Area .....	Bishop <b>MARY VIRGINIA TAYLOR</b>
Florida Area .....	Bishop <b>TIMOTHY W. WHITAKER</b>
Holston Area .....	Bishop <b>JAMES E. SWANSON, SR.</b>
Louisville Area.....	Bishop <b>G. LINDSEY DAVIS</b>
Mississippi Area.....	Bishop <b>HOPE MORGAN WARD</b>
Nashville Area .....	Bishop <b>RICHARD J. WILLS, JR.</b>
North Georgia Area.....	Bishop <b>B. MICHAEL WATSON</b>
Raleigh Area .....	Bishop <b>ALFRED W. GWINN, JR.</b>
Richmond Area.....	Bishop <b>CHARLENE P. KAMMERER</b>
South Georgia Area.....	Bishop <b>JAMES R. KING, JR.</b>

## Report No. 8

**Subject:** Report of Newly Elected Officers

The newly elected officers of the 2008-2012 Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy are as follows:

Chairperson:	John Ed Mathison, Alabama West Florida Conference
Vice Chairperson:	Gloria Holt, North Alabama Conference
Secretary:	Tom Berlin, Virginia Conference

For the 2004-2008 Committee:  
 Joe M. Whittemore, Chairperson  
 John Ed Mathison, Vice-Chairperson  
 Carolyn Briscoe, Secretary

## **Report of Monitors**

### **Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Daily Christian Advocate Monitoring Ministry Team Report Wednesday, July 16, 2008**

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the General Commission on Religion and Race have teamed up this year to monitor the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

You may be wondering what monitoring is all about. Monitoring is a ministry of observation and reflection and an opportunity for the jurisdiction to consider whether or not it is making decisions and demonstrating that it is an inclusive body of Christ. It's like a check-up to see just how well we might be doing or if we may need to make some lifestyle changes to improve our spiritual health.

There are certain signs of spiritual health that the Monitoring Team looks for during its work. It looks to see if there is racial and gender justice and equity in the worship, plenary and committee life of the jurisdictional conference. The team considers such factors as the language, tone of voice used toward others, gender and racial ethnic representation and recognition of speakers during the proceedings.

During the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference, we have some good news to report about the health of our conference. Our delegation is 58% female, 42% male and 21% racial ethnic persons. We celebrate that the episcopal candidates were present and engaged at the orientation meeting of the ethnic racial delegates on Tuesday evening. They responded freely to questions posed, and all but one stayed throughout the meeting. The Nominations Committee has expressed a clear commitment to racial and gender inclusiveness on boards and agencies. During the opening worship service and the organizational session, there was broad representation across gender and racial ethnic lines.

However, there are some signs of less than ideal health that raises some concerns for this team. Our first concern is that there has been a lack of information that would have allowed for better preparation for the Jurisdictional Conference among our racial ethnic constituencies. Consequently, our racial ethnic brothers and sisters have not felt fully included in the workings and planning of the conference.

There is also a lack of understanding why gender and racial ethnic classification are important to making the church more inclusive. It is not just about skin color or blood relationship, but it is most importantly about lived experience that can inform and enhance the life of the church. For example, the struggles that racial ethnic persons have experienced in our society as a result of their race or ethnicity is an important source of information that the church must have than those who have not been discriminated against because of their race cannot express.

While we celebrate the fact that many annual conference delegations have made great strides in becoming more inclusive, the overall make-up of jurisdictional delegates continues to be largely white and male with a noticeable absence of Native American, Asian, Pacific Islanders and Hispanic delegates.

Generally, it seems that so far our Jurisdictional Conference is proceeding along fairly well. However, we definitely need to pay attention to the symptoms that threaten our health before the situation gets worse and further weaken this expression of the body of Christ.

### **Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Monitoring Ministry Report Daily Christian Advocate Thursday, July 17, 2008**

Today we continue our check up of the spiritual health of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. We continue to detect some signs of spiritual health among us. We celebrate the inclusion of two inspiring African-American musicians to provide music for the conference; however, we find it troubling that their names were not listed in the worship guide for the morning service. The Tellers and Pages have been inclusive. Recognition was giving to young adults in the delegation. Consistent with General Conference practice,

monitors were permitted to be within the bar of the jurisdictional conference. This helps provide more accurate monitoring. We also celebrate that time was granted on the agenda for oral monitoring reports. We thank those who assisted in making this possible.

However, after more careful examination, the Monitoring Ministry Team has discovered some signs that indicate that there may be more cause for concern than the Monitoring Ministry Team first realized. In yesterday's report, the Monitoring Ministry Team noted that among the delegation 58% are female, 42% male and 20.5% ethnic persons. But upon closer analysis of the ethnic make-up of our delegates, the Team discovered that there are 15.5% African Americans, 1.8% Asians, 2% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Native American and .2% Pacific Islanders. There is still much work to do to insure that our church is fully inclusive.

Another troubling discovery during the proceedings of the Jurisdictional Conference is the lack of racial ethnic representation on stage. Racial ethnic representation has been very lacking in the Teaching Moments presentations. During the plenary sessions, there has been very little racial ethnic participation among those presiding.

If we are to become the fully inclusive church that God has called us to be, we will have to be more attentive and intentional in fulfilling our Lord's mandate to welcome all into the family of God.

## **Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Monitoring Ministry Oral Report Friday, July 18, 2008**

Bishops, brothers and sisters of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Christ and gave us the ministry of Reconciliation that God was reconciling the world to Christ, not counting our sins against us and committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, be reconciled to God...So that in Christ we might become one in Christ" (II Corinthians 5:17-22).

We are part of the SEJ monitoring ministry team. We represent the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. We are located at the side of the stage on the floor and have some located in the back of the delegation seating. Will those helping us monitor please stand?

Monitoring is a ministry of observations and reflection and an opportunity for the jurisdiction to consider whether or not it is making decisions and demonstrating that it is an inclusive body of Christ. We would like to remind those who are stepping up to the microphones to be heard, to state your name, whether you are clergy or lay, and the conference you are representing. This helps us in our efforts.

We would like to lift up that in several of the standing jurisdictional conference committees there was an intentional effort being made to have gender, ethnicity, and age diversity within the elections of officers. However within the nominations sent for these committees from the annual conferences and college of bishops, there seem to be a lack of diversity.

We lift up that several delegates within committees are concerned and are asking for feedback on how our monitoring is going. We are pleased that the jurisdiction realizes that inclusiveness does count – we are all part of God's kingdom.

We express concerns that the worship services in general have not been fully inclusive. There is concern that there is not much diversity among those on the platform.

The actual conference delegations have made progress with gender inclusiveness, 58% male to 42% female respectively. However in the 20.5% of the ethnicities being represented, 1.8% are Asians, 2% are Hispanic/Latino, 1% Native Americans, .2% Pacific Islanders, and 15.5% African Americans. This indicates that we are making progress to be inclusive; however we must continue to be intentional in becoming more inclusive so that all members of our church feel truly welcome and heard.

Please look at the *Daily Christian Advocate* for our monitoring reports in more detail. We are available for you within our jurisdiction and in our respective annual conferences.

We thank you for the opportunity to not only be in this ministry but to share with you our joys and concerns.

# Nominations Committee Report

## Definition of Acronyms Used

AWF = Alabama-West Florida	Asterisk * = Incumbent
FL = Florida	LW = Lay Woman
HOL = Holston	LM = Lay Man
KY = Kentucky	CW = Clergy Woman
MEM = Memphis	CM = Clergy Man
MS = Mississippi	WA = White Anglo
NAL = North Alabama	AF = African American
NC = North Carolina	HA = Hispanic American
NGA = North Georgia	NA = Native American
RB = Red Bird Missionary	AS = Asian American
SC = South Carolina	HAIT = Haitian
SGA = South Georgia	OA = Older Adult
TN = Tennessee	Y = Youth
VA = Virginia	YA = Young Adult
WNC = Western North Carolina	PD = Person with Disabilities

## Report 1

### CONNECTIONAL TABLE

David Beckley	MS/AF/LM
Charlene Black*	SGA/WA/LW/OA
Eddie Fox*	HOL/WA/CM/OA
Andy Langford	WNC/WA/CM/PD
Tim McClendon*	SC/NA/CM
Deborah A. McLeod*	FL/WA/CW
Joe Whittemore*	NGA/WA/LM/OA/PD

### GENERAL BOARD CHURCH & SOCIETY

Pshon Barrett	MS/WA /LM/PD
Tamara Brown*	KY/AF/CW(DEAC)
John A. Denmark	FL/WA/LM
Ernest Etheredge	SC/AF/CM
Emily Farnell	NC/WA/LW/YA
Gary Fuller	NGA/WA/LM/OA
Steve Furr*	AWF/WA/LM
James Howell	WNC/WA/CM
Dot Ivey	VA/WA/LW/OA
Jonathan Jonas*	HOL/WA/CM
Mark Parris	NAL/WA/CM
Chuck Savage	NGA/AF/CM

### BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Betty Alexander*	TN/WA/LW/OA/PD
Sharon Austin	FLA/AF/CW
Jane Finley	NGA/WA/LW
Becky Hall*	HOL/WA/LW
Christine Harman*	KY/WA/LW
Katherine James	SC/WA/CW(DEAC)
Robbie Lowry*	NC/NA/LM
Joe May*	MS/AF/CM
Lyn Powell*	NGA/WA/LW
Robin Wilson	AWF/WA/CW
Chunhae Yang	VA/AS/LW/OA

### BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Turner Arant*	MS/WA /LM/OA
Michael Grout	KY/HA/LM/YA
Jonathan Holston	NGA/AF/CM
Gloria Holt*	NAL/WA/LW/OA
Denise Honeycutt*	VA/WA/CW
Bob Lockaby*	HOL/WA/LM
John Redmond*	SC/WA/LM
Bob Shepherd	WNC/WA/LM/OA

### Elected by Women's Division

Lisa D. Archer	MEM/WA/LW
Carol A. Gaston	VA/NA/LW
Gloria Gilmore	SGA/AF/LW
Earlene H. Gladney	MEM/WA/LW
Francis Lynn Hamric	AWF/WA/LW
Nancy E. Bearden-Hudson	SGA/WA/LW
Emily Deans Innes	NC/WA/LW
Tonya Davis Murphy	NGA/AF/LW
Marie Judith Pierre-Okerson	FL/HAIT/LW
Grace S. Pyen	NGA/AS/LW
Jeanette L. Westerfield	KY/WA/LW

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Beth Downs	VA/WA/CW(DEACON)
Regina Henderson	NC/AF/CW
Hank Huckaby	NGA/WA/LM
Bettye Lewis	TN/AF/CW
Nora Madan	FL/HA/LW
Joe Roberson	SGA/AF/CM
Robert Spicer*	AWF/AF/CM
Dick Williamson	NGA/WA/LM

**BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS**

Dawn Hare	AWF/WA/LW
Joe Heyward*	SC/AF/LM/OA
Paul Nessler	FL/WA/LM
Minnis Ridenour	VA/WA/LM/OA
Gray Southern	NC/WA/CM
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Ed Tomlinson	NGA/WA/CM

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Betty Moss McGuirt*	SC/WA/LW/OA
Susie Wolf*	VA/WA/LW/OA

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**Class of 2020**

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**COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

A.V. Huff, Jr.	SC/WA/CM/OA
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Marshall Bailey	VA/WA/LM/Y
Martha Folsom	WNC/WA/LW/PD
Bill Norton*	NC/WA/LM
Shane Stanford	MS/WA//CM/PD

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Sarah McKinney	WNC/WA/LW
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Michelle Thorne	VA/WA/LW/YA

**COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE**

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Jennifer Davis	WNC/AF/LW
Gregory Duncan	VA/AF/LM
Roger Hopson*	MEM/AF/CM
James Howze	WNC/AF/LM/YA
Revelle Lawson	RB/WA/LW

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN**

Karen Dial	RB/WA/CW
Laarni Bibay*	VA/AS/LW
Roy Blackwood	SGA/WA/LM
Annie Fairley*	NC/AF/LW/OA
Debbie Wallace-Padgett*	KY/WA/CW
Donna Strickland Smith	WNC/NA/CW
Dianne Spencer*	NGA/AF/LW

**COMMISSION ON UNITED METHODIST MEN**

(Elected by another agency)

L.W. Smith	SC/WA/LM
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**DIVISION ON MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Jeannie Jacques	FL/HAITIAN/LW
Molly McEntire	FL/WA/LW/YA

**GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

(These persons were elected by General Conference upon nomination by the Bishops)

Hal N. Brady III	SGA/WA/CM/OA
Lynn Hill	TN/WA/CM
Reggie D. Holder	NAL/WA/LM
Stephen C. Hundley	VA/WA/CM
Clarece Y. Nash	MEM/AF/LW
Emily M. Rogers	SC/WA/LW/YA
Wiley B. Stephens	NGA/WA/CM
David Stotts	MS/WA/LM
Daniel H. Taylor	HOL/AF/CM
James C. Windham, Jr.	WNC/WA/LM
Jane M. Zody	FL/WA/LF/YA

**National Council on Churches of Christ in the USA General Board**  
(for use by the NCC Nominations Pool)

¶2401.3 *The United Methodist representatives to ecumenical organization... shall be selected by the Council of Bishops from nominations reviewed by the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Such representatives shall be inclusive in terms of gender, race and ethnicity, age, persons with disabilities, and region. Representatives shall reflect consideration of balances required both by the United Methodist Church and the respective ecumenical organization. Consideration shall be given to persons named to jurisdictional and central conference pools (See ¶705.1b,c).*

Robert Amundsen, Jr	RB/WA/CM	Jeff Jernigan	NGA/WA/LM
Phylliss Anderson	MS/NA/LW	Matthew Kleckner	FLA/WA/LM/Y
Patricia Archer	NC/WA/CW	Adam McKee III	HOL/AF/CM
Will Archer	NC/WA/LM/Y	Duncan McMillan	NC/WA/LM/YA
Jorge Aros	KY/NA/HA/LM	Christopher McNeill	FLA/WA/CM
Charles Brockwell	KY/WA/CM/OA	Kate Meachem	HOL/WA/LW
Jane Brooks	NGA/WA/CW	Charles Miller	NGA/WA/LM
Beth Brown	MEM/WA/LW	Kennard Murray	TN/AF/CM
Luz M. Cano	NGA/HA/LW	Michael Nelson	VA/WA/CM
Laurie Hayes Coffman	NC/WA/CW	Liz J. Patterson	SC/WA/LW/OA
Angela Hardy Cross	HOL/AF/CW	Clarenda Phillips	KY/AF/CW
Wayne Davis	TN/WA/CM	Ida Powell	VA/WA/LW/OA/PD
Fred Dearing	HOL/WA/CM	Wylheme Ragland	NAL/AF/LM
Edgar De Jesus	NC/AS/CM	Alice Rogers	NGA/WA/CW
Keith Enders	TN/WA/LM	Jeanne Rouse	NC/WA/LW/OA
Gail Gaddie	MEM/WA/CW/OA	Jimmie Shuler	NC/AF/LW
Daniel Garrett	VA/WA/CM/OA	Charles Michael Smith	NC/WA/CM/OA
Lisa Garvin	MS/WA/CW	Becky Stephens	HOL/WA/CW
Columbus Gilmore	SGA/AF/LM/OA	David Stierle	KY/WA/LM
Hyeon S. Hong	TN/AS/CM	Timothy Thompson	MS/AF/CM
Sam Isley	NC/WA/LM	Ramon Torres III	HOL/HA/CM
Frank Ison	WNC/WA/CM	George Weaver	AWFL/NA/CM/OA
Molly Jack	RB/WA/LW/YA	Paul Whalen	KY/WA/LM
A. Clark Jenkins	HOL/AF/CM		

## Report 2

### SEJ COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### Bishops

Bishop Al Gwinn	NC/WA/CM
Bishop James King	SGA/AF/CM
Bishop Richard Wills	MEM/WA/CM

#### Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries

Loyd Mabry	TN/WA/CM
Beth Fogle-Miller	FL/WA/CW
Anne Travis	HOL/WA/LW

#### Conference Lay Leaders

Shirley Cauffman	VA/WA/LW
Ellen Harris	NAL/WA/LW
Joe Heyward	SC/AF/LM

#### At-Large Members

John Denham	KY/WA/LM
Phoebe Hathorn	MS/WA/LW/YA
Herzen Andone	NGA/CM/AS
Ronnie Strunk	RB/WA/LM/PD
Edna Williams	AWFL/AF/LW/OA
Philip Wingeier-Rayo	WNC/HA/LM

## Report 3

### AGENCY TRUSTEES

#### GULFSIDE ASSEMBLY DIRECTORS

##### Southeast Jurisdiction

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James Davis	MEM/AF/CM
Ora Franklin	MS/AF/LW/YA
Michael W. Freeman	NAL/AF/CM
Marcell A. Johnson	NAL/AF/CM
Jerry Mitchell	MS/WA/CM
Alan Rice	WNC/WA/CM
Sidney Rushing	MS/AF/LM
Vera Thomas	MS/AF/LW
Bishop Hope Morgan Ward	MS/WA/CW
George Washington	MS/AF/LM
Geraldine Wright	NAL/AF/LW

##### South Central Jurisdiction

Kathleen Astorga	LA/AF/LW
Eva Baham	LA/AF/LW
Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe	TX/AF/CM
Eleanor Colvin	TX/AF/LW
Michael Griffin	LA/AF/LM
Vincent Harris	TX/AF/CM
Bishop Janice Huie	TX/WA/CW
Bishop William Hutchinson	LA/WA/CM
Chester Jones	AR/AF/CM
Joe Ragston	TX/AF/LM
Elisha Stansell	TX/AF/CM
Cheryl Thompson	LA/AF/LW

##### North Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Linda Lee	WI/AF/CW
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##### Northeast Jurisdiction

Abraham Carey	NJ/AF/CM
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##### BMCR Representative

Pamela J. Crosby	___/AF/LW
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#### HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### Annual Conference Representatives

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Florida	Geraldine McClellan	(African American)
Holston	Annette Warren	(African American)
Kentucky	Kenneth Cummings	(African American)
Memphis	John Holt	
Mississippi	Jerry Mitchell	
North Alabama	Jerry Gordon	
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North Georgia	Byron Thomas	(African American)
Red Bird	Steve Springer	
South Carolina	Marion Crooks	
South Georgia	Brenda Iglehart Eddings	(African American)
Tennessee	Michael Williams	

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 Western North Carolina Esther Manchester

**Hinton Larger Community**

Rufus Stark  
 Bideaux

**At Large**

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 Charlotte McDaniel  
 Rose Mincey  
 Jeff Stuerman

**Ex Officio**

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President/Chief Executive Officer	Clay Smith
Waynesville District Superintendent	Al Ward

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Vice Chair for Assessment	George Johnson
Vice Chair for Planning and Resource	Jerry Mitchell
Secretary	Theresa Waldroup
Treasurer	Byron Thomas
At Large	Geraldine McClellan
Chair, Nominating Committee	Brenda Brooks
President, Friends of Hinton	Jeff Stuerman
President/CEO	Clay Smith

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John Collett	Don Mosley
Frank Furman	Ken M. Partin
Bill Gattis	Joe Roberson
Dr. Joe Heyward	Patricia Rogers
Bobby Ray Hicks	Martha Rovira
Brenda B. Hook	John Russell
Susan Jenkins	Kathryn Scarborough
Renee Jones	Mary Francis Tucker
Robby Lowry	Margie Turbyfill

**Three Bishops**

Bishop James Swanson (Holston)  
 Bishop Larry Goodpaster (Western North Carolina)  
 Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor (South Carolina)

**Foundation Chair**

Bishop Al Gwinn

**Junaluska Assembly Community Council Chair**

Ron Clauser

**Ex-officio Members (voice without vote)**

Junaluska Associates Chair: Ernie Porter;  
 Junaluskans Chair: Mary Funderburk;  
 Lake Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization Chair: Dr. Don Stanton



## **2008 Nominations Committee Supplemental Reports**

### **Report 4**

“The 2008 Nominations Committee moves that each agency provide to the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability more complete information about the gender, ethnicity, and clergy/lay status of their directors as well as their goals for racial and gender inclusivity.”

--This motion was approved by the SEJ Conference as part of the Nominations Committee Report.

### **Report 5**

“The 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Nominations Committee recommends that the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order review Standing Rules applicable to nominations in light of the Plan of Organization adopted by the 2008 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The Nominations Committee needs specific guidance with respect to its responsibilities to those groups and agencies identified in the Plan of Organization. It is further recommended that this review include consultation with the Executive Committee of the 2008 SEJ Nominations Committee for the detail necessary to perform the tasks of the Nominations Committee.”

--This motion was approved by the SEJ Conference as part of the Nominations Committee Report.

**Section VI. HISTORICAL MATERIAL****SESSIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
First	Municipal Auditorium Asheville, NC	May 22-27, 1940	Lud H. Estes
Second	Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA	June 22-26, 1944	Lud H. Estes
Third	Township Auditorium Columbia, SC	June 30-July 4, 1948	Lud H. Estes
Fourth	American Legion Auditorium Roanoke, VA	June 25-29, 1952	Lud H. Estes
Fifth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 11-15, 1956	Lud H. Estes
Sixth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 13-17, 1960	Don A. Cooke
Seventh	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 8-12, 1964	Charles D. White
Eighth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 24-28, 1968	W. Carleton Wilson
Ninth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 11-16, 1972	Charles D. White
Tenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 13-15, 1976	Charles D. White
Eleventh	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 15-19, 1980	Alvis A. Waite, Jr.
Twelfth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 17-22, 1984	Alvis A. Waite, Jr.
Thirteenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 12-16, 1988	Alvis A. Waite, Jr.
Fourteenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 14-18, 1992	Charles D. White, Jr.
Fifteenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 16-19, 1996	Charles D. White, Jr.
Sixteenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 12-15, 2000	Joetta F. Rinehart
Seventeenth Special Session	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	February 26-28, 2001	Joetta F. Rinehart
Eighteenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 14-17, 2004	Joetta F. Rinehart
Nineteenth	George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC	July 16-19, 2008	Joetta F. Rinehart

## **Section VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER 2008** (As Amended)

In keeping with the responsibilities of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Division V, Section 4(1), the committee has conducted an assessment of the standing rules of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, and received suggested changes to the rules. There is a proposal submitted by the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy that codifies our current practice of Episcopal election. Another proposal comes from the SEJ Transition Team on behalf of the SEJ Connectional Table (formerly known as Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council (SEJAC) that reflects the action of the 2004 Jurisdictional Conference which called for a reorganization of SEJAC and the creation of a Committee on Coordination and Accountability. This proposal will be acted upon as part of the presentation by the SEJ Connectional Table.

In this document, the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order has approved the changes or additions that are in **bold** while ~~striking through~~ items to be deleted. Without notation, the committee has included editorial changes in harmony with *The Book of Discipline*, 2004.

A major task for our committee each quadrennium is that of proposing the number, names, and areas of responsibility of the standing committees of the upcoming conference. We have followed the committee arrangement as established in 2000, which we believe allows the conference to do its business effectively and creatively. These proposals will be found in Division V, Section 5. We have continued to provide for four committees to deal with such matters as the episcopacy in the jurisdiction, as required by the *Discipline*: Annual Conference boundaries; journals; the budgets of the jurisdiction; and the operation and ministries of the Jurisdictional Connectional Table and the agencies that relate to it, including Emory University, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Gulfside Assembly, Hinton Rural Life Center, the Intentional Growth Center, SEJANAM, SEMAR, and UMVIM. In keeping with the plan of 2000, the secretary of the conference will continue to conduct training for chairpersons of standing committees, the place and time to be announced. Those persons not assigned to a committee will be free to use the allotted time at their discretion.

We have again asked the secretary to publish in the advance *Daily Christian Advocate* the texts of all petitions received by the publication deadline, so long as it is practical with regard to space and financial implications.

### **PLAN OF ORGANIZATION**

#### **I. OPENING SESSION**

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church shall assemble according to the provisions of the 2004 *Book of Discipline* (§ 24) and the law of the Church at a place within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

##### **A. Presiding Bishop**

Following the administration of Holy Communion by the bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the conference shall be called to order by the senior effective bishop, who shall preside during the first session of the same. Should he/she be absent, the effective bishop next in order of election shall perform these duties.

##### **B. Seating of Special Groups**

Members of the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church residing within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be seated on the platform of the Jurisdictional Conference and allowed the same Per Diem and travel as elected delegates, and they shall be without vote.

The general or executive secretaries of the general boards and agencies of the church who are members of the annual conferences within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and who are not elected members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be seated within the area of the conference and shall have the privileges of the floor on matters affecting the interests of their boards and agencies, but without vote, and at the expense of their respective boards and agencies.

##### **C. Roll Call and Order of Business**

The following order of business shall be observed:

1. The secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall call the roll in the following manner:
  - a. The names of the bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and of the delegates-elect of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference who have died since the adjournment of the preceding Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
  - b. The names of the bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

- c. The roll of delegates shall be called by annual conferences. The chairperson of each delegation shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the secretary and published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Any reserve seated in the place of a regular delegate by his/her Annual Conference shall meet the requirements set forth in the 2004 *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church (§ 32, 33, 34, 513). Delegates, including reserves, when the latter are substituted for a delegate or delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election. All delegates arriving after the opening roll call shall be reported by the chairperson of the delegation to the Committee on Credentials in order to be properly enrolled.
2. A majority of the whole number of delegates elected to the Jurisdictional Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (§ 517, 2004 *Discipline*). At the conclusion of the roll call, the secretary shall announce whether or not a quorum is present.
3. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, prepared by the Committee on Plan of Organization, shall be submitted to the conference for its action and determination.
4. The College of Bishops shall present a nomination from the clergy or laity membership of the United Methodist Church within the Southeastern Jurisdiction for secretary designate. Other nominations shall be permitted from the floor. The time of election shall be scheduled by the Agenda Committee. The election, if there are two or more nominees, shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast being required for an election. The secretary designate shall assume the responsibilities of the office of secretary as soon after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference as all work in connection with the session, including the preparation, printing, and mailing of the journal, has been completed. The exact date of the transfer or responsibility to the secretary designate shall be determined by the College of Bishops, but shall not be later than six (6) months after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference.
5. The College of Bishops shall present nominations for the administrative committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to them, for election by the conference.
6. Election of Bishop(s) (2004 *Discipline*, § 27.2).
7. Election of Committee on Episcopacy (2004 *Discipline*, § 48).
8. Election of the Committee on Appeals (2004 *Discipline*, §2716.1).
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

## II. EPISCOPAL MESSAGE

The hearing of the quadrennial message of the College of Bishops shall be set by the College of Bishops and the program Committee.

## III. LAITY ADDRESS

A Laity Address shall be prepared for each quadrennial session of the conference by a committee of the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Lay Leaders appointed by the president of said Association. The address shall be presented at a time set by the Committee on Laity and the Program Committee.

## IV. PRESIDING OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAL STAFF

- A. The effective bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall preside over the sessions of the conference in the order of their election.
- B. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference as elected shall serve as herein provided.
- C. The conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the secretary, such assistant secretaries from the clergy or laity membership of the United Methodist Church within the Southeastern Jurisdiction, as it may deem wise.
- D. If in the interim of the Quadrennial Sessions of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the office of secretary shall for any reason be vacated, the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall elect a successor.

## V. COMMITTEES

### A. The SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability

This newly created SEJ Committee will be assigned the task of overseeing the work and ministry of the United Methodist Church across the jurisdiction. The responsibilities and function of the committee will include:

1. Having limited power, but with authority, to act between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference on matters such as the election of Trustees or Directors for entities requiring such action (e.g., Emory University Trustees and SEJ Agencies)
2. Being the legal body of the Jurisdiction and guardian of the SEJ title and logo
3. Focusing on the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church within the Jurisdiction
4. Coordinating and/or confirming the program of the General Agencies within the Jurisdiction (§ 528)
5. Receiving regular reports from the Committee on Finance and Administration and jurisdictional groups for mission and ministry
6. Relating to and holding accountable groups mandated by *The Book of Discipline*, Networking Groups, Monitoring Groups, and Existing Groups organized and functioning within the Jurisdiction (See below, “Definitions”)

The membership of this committee will be fifteen (15) persons:

- 3 Bishops
- 3 Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries
- 3 Conference Lay Leaders
- 6 At-large members with expertise and for inclusiveness

All 15 members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination by the SEJ Nominating Committee in consultation with the Bishops, Directors of Connectional Ministries and Lay Leaders, to identify their representatives and ensure that each annual conference be represented on the committee.

The Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be the staff person assigned duties for and on behalf of the committee (*ex officio* membership, with voice but without vote).

The Executive Director of the three agencies may be invited to attend meetings of the SEJ Committee for connections and information-sharing (voice but without vote).

The Committee shall elect its own officers. Either a bishop or lay leader shall serve as the chairperson on a rotating basis for a two-year term. (For example, if a lay leader is chairperson for two years, a bishop will serve as vice-chairperson, with the next two-year term reversed.) The secretary of the committee shall have an organizational meeting at a time and place determined by the President of the SEJ College of Bishops, who shall be or name the convener of the meeting.

The committee shall meet at least annually, with called meetings held as necessary. Telephone conference meetings and audio-conferencing are acceptable. A quorum will be determined by those present at a duly announced meeting.

### Definitions

A number of groups, committees, and councils across the jurisdiction will be related to and accountable to the Jurisdictional Conference through the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability. These groups fall into one of four categories.

**Disciplinary Groups** – Two primary groups and/or events are mandated by *The Book of Discipline*: there “shall be” a jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History, and there “shall be” a jurisdictional Ministries with Young People Convocation. Both these groups currently exist and will continue the work as has been determined. A system for regularly reporting, coordinating, and overseeing the work will be developed in consultation with the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

There are also jurisdictional organizations for United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. However, according to *The Book of Discipline*, these two entities are directly accountable to the Women’s Division and the General Commission on United Methodist Men, respectively.

**Monitoring Groups** – *The Book of Discipline* requires a jurisdictional organization for both the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and requires a Jurisdictional connection with these two General Commissions. Lines of accountability and oversight of their monitoring work will be through the SEJ Committee on Coordination and

Accountability. In addition, it is expected and requested that the monitoring function also be applied to SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability, both in its membership and participation.

**Networking Groups** – These informal, ad-hoc groups arise among conference leaders and staff. They share common interests, concerns, and ministry-related areas. These groups may gather periodically to benefit from interaction with peers, to develop contacts, and to exchange information. The understanding is that all Annual Conferences will be invited to participate but doing so will be strictly voluntary. Funding for travel and expenses shall be the responsibility of each participating Annual Conference. Each Networking Group will be responsible for its own life and will have no jurisdictional staff persons assigned.

**Existing, Established, On-going Groups** – Several groups, current “agencies” and organizations are providing much needed ministry, training and outreach within the jurisdiction. Four of these are currently established groups: (1) Intentional Growth Center; (2) SEJANAM; (3) SEMAR; and (4) UVMIM. In the revised organization, these will be continued and will be accountable to the Jurisdiction through the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, with the exception of SEJANAM in its redefined relationship with the Lake Junaluska Agency. They will continue to have their own Board of Directors and/or Advisors, which will be reviewed and approved annually by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. Each group will be self-supporting by 2012, and will file annual reports on the ministry, vision, and results of their programming with the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

#### B. The SEJ Committee on Finance and Administration

1. The ministry of the jurisdiction requires a unified budget with one office, which will serve as the primary place for receipts and disbursement of funds. In addition, the office will provide for performing and receiving audits of the Agencies and Jurisdictional groups for mission and ministry. It will propose a quadrennial jurisdictional budget and will provide for the operations and financial expenses for the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference.
2. This committee will be composed of a representative and inclusive group of fifteen (15) persons, nominated by the SEJ Nominating Committee and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference. The committee will elect its own officers at its organizational meeting which will take place at a time determined by the President of the SEJ College of Bishops, who shall be or name the convener of the meeting. For the purpose of information and sharing mutual concerns, the Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction shall make full and regular reports to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.
  - a. There shall be a Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Committee on Finance and Administration, consisting of fifteen (15) members and constitutes as follows: One bishop, one representative from each Episcopal area, and two members at large, to be elected by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference on Nomination of the College of Bishops. The composition of the Committee shall be seven laity representatives and six clergy representatives, exclusive of the bishop. If additional episcopal areas should be formed the proportion of laity representatives and clergy representatives shall be maintained as nearly as possible according to this formula. It is recommended that considerations of ethnic background, the place of both men and women, the place of adults and youth, former denominational affiliation, and ability and experience be recognized. Members of the Committee shall take office upon adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference electing them and shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference and until their successors are duly elected. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the College of Bishops.
  - b. The Committee, when elected, shall elect from its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recording secretary, and it shall nominate to the Jurisdictional Conference currently in session a treasurer who, on being duly elected by the conference, shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. If for any reason the office of treasurer shall become vacant during the interim of the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the Committee shall elect a treasurer, following due consultation with the College of Bishops. The Committee may at any time remove the treasurer from office for cause.
  - c. The Committee shall have general oversight of all funds included in the Jurisdictional Conference budget. The treasurer shall render to the officers of the Committee an annual statement of receipts and expenditures at the end of each fiscal year and a quadrennial report to each succeeding quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference covering in detail receipts and expenditures for the quadrennium preceding. The treasurer shall furnish a suitable bond of a surety company of recognized standing and in an amount fixed by the Committee.
  - d. The Committee shall meet on the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members thereof.
  - e. No member or employee of any Jurisdictional board or agency, or any trustee or employee of any institution which is a beneficiary of the Jurisdictional Conference budget, shall be eligible for membership on the Committee. This provision does not apply to bishops. The expense of the Committee shall be paid out of the Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund.

- f. It shall be the duty of the Committee to make a careful study of the expense of administration and the causes that may properly be included in the annual Jurisdictional Conference budget, and to recommend to each succeeding quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference for its action and determination an annual budget, showing the share of each Annual Conference in the total. The budget as adopted shall be the annual Jurisdictional Conference budget for the ensuing quadrennium, and the apportionment to each Annual Conference as finally determined by the Jurisdictional Conference shall be its annual share in the said budget. Only such items as are distinctly related to the work of the jurisdiction shall be included in the Jurisdictional budget. The treasurer shall transmit annually to the chairperson of each Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration, and to the resident bishop of each Annual Conference, not less than sixty days prior to the regular annual meeting of each Annual Conference, a statement of the amount apportioned such Annual Conference for Jurisdictional causes. The Annual Conference shall apportion the same among the charges of the conference in such manner as it may determine. The Annual Conference treasurer shall remit each month to the treasurer of the jurisdiction the amount on hand for Jurisdictional causes.
- g. The fiscal year of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall be January 1 through December 31. All accounts of the Committee on Finance and Administration shall be kept accordingly.
- h. The Committee on Finance and Administration shall give authority to its treasurer to borrow funds from any reputable bank or trust company to meet any obligation of the Jurisdictional Conference duly authorized in the regular annual budget of the conference; provided, the outstanding indebtedness shall at no time exceed twenty-five percent of the annual budget.
- i. Should any urgent and pressing need arise that had not been anticipated in fixing the jurisdictional budget, and should the same in the judgment of the Committee constitute an emergency, the Committee on Finance and Administration may alter the percentage allowance to any or all agencies or causes receiving funds from Jurisdictional Conference apportionments, or may increase the apportionments to the several annual conferences of the jurisdiction to meet the emergency; provided, such action must be approved by a three-fourths vote of the Committee.
- j. The Committee shall include in the proposed Jurisdictional budget recommended to the Jurisdictional Conference for its actions and determination the following items:
  - 1) The Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund, which shall provide for the expense of the quadrennial meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference or any called meetings of the same, expense incurred in the preparation of such meeting, and the expense of the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration, including the treasurer's office.
  - 2) The Jurisdictional Operating Fund, which shall make provision for the expense of the central office and for the expense of meetings of the Committee and its committees. Items in the Administrative Committee budget for salaries and other administrative costs shall be a prior claim against the jurisdictional fund each month.
  - 3) Other items which in the judgment of the Committee should be included in the annual Jurisdictional Operating Fund.

#### C. Nominating Committee

There shall be a committee of thirty persons who will serve as a Nominating Committee to consider nominations for the general boards and agencies, including the Connectional Table. There shall be two from each conference, one of whom shall be a laity delegate and one of whom shall be a clergy delegate, elected to this committee by the Annual Conference delegation. No member of this committee shall be nominated by this committee for service as a member of any agency; this provision shall not apply to the Red Bird Missionary Conference. At least two weeks prior to the conference, the members of the Nominating Committee shall be provided with:

- 1. A list of the names of the persons being offered by each Annual Conference to the Jurisdictional pool for consideration as members of the respective program boards, commissions, councils, and agencies. These shall be listed by categories on a form prescribed by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary. Each person's ethnic background shall be indicated (e.g., Native American, Asian, African-American, etc.). An asterisk shall be placed by the name of any person who is an incumbent and who is eligible for re-election, together with the name of the agency on which he/she is serving.
- 2. A recommendation of procedure to be followed by the Nominating Committee.
- 3. A reminder that the Nominating Committee shall not only seek to maintain insofar as possible the recommendations of the 2004 *Discipline* for having one-third representation each of clergy, lay women, and lay men on general church agencies, with attention given to including youth, young adults, older adults, racial and ethnic persons, persons with handicapping conditions, and persons from small-membership churches, but that these same provisions shall be applicable to the total number of nominations made from each Annual Conference to the agencies of the general church.

4. A list of the total number of nominees to which each Annual Conference is entitled to the agencies of the general church other than those which the *Discipline* specifically mandates. These numbers shall correspond to the percentage of members, rounded off to the nearest whole, which each Annual Conference has of the total members of the jurisdiction; notwithstanding the above, the Red Bird Missionary Conference shall be represented in the nominations. In compiling this list, the following nominations shall not be included: those which come from recommendation of the United Methodist Women for the General Board of Global Ministries, those for the National Council of Churches, and those which come from another agency or group and are only reported by the Nominating Committee. The information from the annual conferences shall be in the hands of the Jurisdictional Conference secretary no later than June 20. Preference sheets and biographical data for prospective nominees shall be brought to the first meeting of the committee by the members of the committee from the respective conferences. The Nominating Committee shall be convened for organizational purposes at the site of the conference by the president of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction at 9:00 AM two days prior to the opening of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Per Diem expenses for the Nominating Committee shall be provided for the extra days. Nominations shall be in the hands of the conference twelve hours before being presented for election.

#### D. Administrative Committees

Nominations to the administrative committees shall be printed in the first edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

1. **Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order**  
There shall be a committee of five, known as the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, of which the secretary and treasurer of the conference shall be ex-officio members. To this committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (see Rule 42). This committee shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in their judgment are necessary, shall present them to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for consideration and final action. Any recommendation by the committee as to the organization of the standing committees, their names, number, and responsibilities (except the Committee on the Episcopacy) shall be transmitted to the secretary prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference. The secretary shall notify the head of each delegation the standing committees as recommended by the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order so that delegates may make their choice of committee assignments. The committee shall have the authority to consult with various persons and agencies in the exercise of this authority. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the preceding Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, thus adopted and published in the journal, shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order until they have been altered or amended by the action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
2. **Committee on Journal**  
There shall be a committee of three, known as the Committee on Journal, which shall daily examine the record of the secretary and report its findings to the conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the journal, which has been approved, shall be reported to the conference for correction.
3. **Committee on Credentials**  
There shall be a committee of five, known as the Committee on Credentials. To this committee the chairpersons of the respective Annual Conference delegations shall report the names of absent delegates and of available reserve delegates to be substituted for said absences. This committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the conference with recommendations as to seating of reserves, if such are available. No reserve delegate shall be seated except by action of the conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this committee; provided that reserve delegates reported by the chairpersons of the respective Annual Conference delegations as submitted at the opening session shall be seated without the action of this committee; provided, further, such substitutions shall be reported to this committee for review and report to the conference. All changes in the personnel of the seated delegates of the Annual Conference delegations shall be reported to this committee on blanks provided by the secretary. Per Diem allowances shall be paid on the basis of the report to this committee.
4. **Reference Committee**  
There shall be a Reference Committee comprised of the secretary, an assistant secretary designated by the secretary, and three others. This committee shall receive all petitions dealing with the regular business of the conference and, after ascertaining that they meet the requirements herein specified, shall distribute them among the several committees according to their respective responsibilities. The Reference Committee may withdraw an item after having assigned it to a committee, either upon request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author or authors thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the conference, if desired. This committee shall publish each day in the *Daily Christian Advocate* a list of the communications it has referred to the several standing committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. Prior to the conference, the secretary of the conference shall make tentative referrals of all petitions properly received, subject to final approval by the conference upon the recommendations of this committee. Such tentative referrals of petitions received before the publication



deadline for the advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* shall be listed in that edition. No petition shall be assigned by the Reference Committee to any Jurisdictional Conference committee unless it comes from some organization, clergy person, or member of The United Methodist Church and contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin. All petitions shall be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject. All petitions requiring funding shall be so designated and the amount to be specified. These petitions shall be referred to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration for recommendation and action. Not more than one petition should be presented on a single sheet of paper. All petitions shall be in the hands of the secretary of the conference no later than fourteen days prior to the opening of the conference.

5. Committee on Courtesies, Privileges, and Introductions

There shall be a committee of five known as the Committee on Courtesies, Privileges, and Introductions, having the following duties, and responsibilities:

- a. To consider, as presented to it by members of the conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege and decide whether they are such or not, and if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the conference that they be heard. NOTE: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this committee may be presented immediately to the conference as provided in Rule 9.
- b. To arrange for the extending of the courtesies of the conference to any to whom they may be due.
- c. To prepare, with due regard to brevity, and present to the conference for its actions such complimentary resolutions as occasion may demand.

6. Agenda Committee

There shall be a committee of five, known as the Agenda Committee. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to see that all items of business required by the *Discipline* of the church are brought to the attention of the Jurisdictional Conference. Any consideration, proposal, resolution, or communication which does not clearly refer to the business of the Jurisdictional Conference, as prescribed in the *Discipline*, or concerning which the Reference Committee may be in doubt, shall be referred to the Agenda Committee, which shall determine whether or not it shall be presented to the conference and also whether it shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The Agenda Committee shall report to the Jurisdictional Conference the disposition made of all matters, which have been referred to the Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consult with the Committee of Chairpersons regarding the inclusion of standing committee reports on the agenda of the conference.

7. Committee on Arrangements

There shall be a committee of six, known as the Committee on Arrangements. This committee shall make arrangements for the meeting of the session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, including the necessary details that have heretofore been referred to this committee, all in accordance with the actions of this conference and the law of the Church. The secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the treasurer of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Administration Fund shall be ex-officio members of the committee.

8. Committee on Appeals

There shall be a Committee on Appeals elected in accordance with ¶ 2716.1 of the 2004 *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church.

9. Committee on Chairpersons

The chairpersons of the several standing committees shall be constituted a committee known as the Committee of Chairpersons, to which shall be referred any inter-committee disagreement or difficulty, and which shall arrange through the Agenda Committee for the presentation of committee reports to the conference in such order as to expedite the business, in accordance with Rule 31. The secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairpersons.

10. Tellers

There shall be a committee of sixty to act as tellers for the purpose of reporting the ballots ordered by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The committee shall be composed of two clergy and two laity delegates from each of the annual conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The committee shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have reserve tellers in such number as the College of Bishops deems proper.

11. Program Committee

There shall be a Jurisdictional Conference Program Committee composed of one bishop, who shall be chairperson; a district superintendent serving under and designated by the bishop; the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference; the treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference; the executive director of the Jurisdictional Connectional Table/Committee on Coordination and Accountability; the chairperson of the Committee on Arrangements; the president of the jurisdiction United Methodist

Women; the president of the jurisdiction United Methodist Men; and the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders and three (3) others who may be selected to insure inclusivity. The bishop serving on this committee shall be selected in the order of seniority from the effective bishops of the jurisdiction. The duties of the committee shall be to arrange the program for the Jurisdictional Conference, other than that covered by the Plan of Organization. It shall be established policy of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to have a program that will present to the conference a challenge on behalf of the work of the church in its worldwide mission.

#### E. Standing Committees

At the site of the Jurisdictional Conference the following standing committees will have the following duties:

##### 1. Episcopacy

The sitting Committee on Episcopacy shall report to the conference the church membership statistics of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the number of bishops to which the Jurisdiction is entitled on the basis of church membership and shall recommend to the conference the number of bishops to be elected and the process and manner of their election (cf. Rule 17). The committee shall perform such other duties as are set forth in ¶ 522, ¶ 407.1 of the 2004 *Discipline*.

##### 2. Financial Administration

This committee shall consider matters relating to the work and concerns of the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration and relating to pensions and publications. The budget and any financial proposals prepared by the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration shall be submitted to this committee for study and review. Thereafter, when the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration presents its report to the Jurisdictional Conference for action, the committee shall present its recommendations and may propose amendments.

##### 3. Conferences

This committee shall consider matters relating to annual conferences not made the responsibility of any other committee. In addition, all matters pertaining to the boundaries and names of the annual conferences within the Jurisdiction shall be referred to this committee.

##### 4. SEJ Connectional Table

This committee shall consider matters relating to the mission, ministries, organization, and membership of the Connectional Table/Committee on Coordination and Accountability of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Attention will be given to the agencies and Lake Junaluska Assembly. A unified report will be given to the Jurisdictional Conference. To do its work, the committee shall divide into the following sub-committees:

###### a. Jurisdictional Ministry

The subcommittee shall consider the various ministries including the agencies of the Jurisdiction in order to affect the direction for the future. It shall concern itself with nominations of agency boards to be elected by the conference.

###### b. Lake Junaluska

The subcommittee shall consider matters relating to administration, operation, and fiscal affairs of Lake Junaluska Assembly and Atkins House (Intentional Growth Center).

Each standing committee shall consider all petitions and proposals referred to it and shall report its actions thereon to the Jurisdictional Conference in the manner provided herein. In addition to consideration of matters referred to it, each standing committee is encouraged to initiate new proposals within the framework of its area of concern, which will advance the work and mission of the church in the jurisdiction.

#### F. Membership of Committees

1. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan of Organization or ordered by the conference, the membership of all committees shall be constituted by the election of the conference on nomination of the College of Bishops.
2. The membership of Standing Committee No. 1, Episcopacy, shall consist of one clergy and one lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference from each Annual Conference elected by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination of their respective Annual Conference delegations (¶ 522.1, 2004 *Discipline*).
3. In determining the memberships of the Standing Committees No. 2, Financial Administration; No. 3, Conferences; No. 4, SEJ Connectional Table, each Annual Conference delegation shall place on each committee 10% of its total number of delegates, rounded to the nearest whole number, as calculated by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference, provided that each delegation shall be entitled to place at least two members on each of these three committees. Each delegation shall divide its aggregate membership on these three committees as equally as possible between clergy and lay delegates.

4. An Annual Conference delegation having an insufficient number of delegates to place at least one delegate on each standing committee shall have the right to place its members on standing committees as it deems appropriate, provided that it shall have membership on Standing Committee No. 1, Episcopacy, as provided by the *Discipline*.

#### G. Meetings of Committees

1. For Organization

Standing Committee No. 1, Episcopacy, shall have been organized at the previous quadrennial session. Standing Committees No. 2 and No. 4, inclusive, shall meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference session as the Program Committee shall determine. In accordance with ¶ 522.1 of the 2004 *Discipline*, the Committee on Episcopacy for the coming quadrennium shall be convened for organizational purposes by the president of the College of Bishops at the close of the quadrennial session of the conference. A bishop appointed by the College of Bishops and an assistant secretary appointed by the College of Bishops and an assistant secretary appointed by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall serve, respectively as chairperson and secretary to effect an organization in each of the standing committees. The first person named on each of all other committees shall act as convener, except that the secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairpersons. Each committee shall elect by ballot a permanent chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary, after nominations from the floor for these respective officers. The assistant secretary appointed for the organization of each of the standing committees shall report, as soon as possible, to the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference the officers elected. In case of all other committees, the secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the secretary of the conference.

2. Regular Meetings

- a. The standing committees shall meet each day with leave of the conference at a time designated by the chairperson of the committee, until the work of the committee is completed.
- b. All other committees shall meet at such times as they may themselves respectively determine.

3. Quorum for Committee Meetings

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all committees.

#### H. Financial Implications

Any petitions or proposals from Administrative and Standing Committees, organizations or individuals requiring funding shall be submitted to the Committee on Finance and Administration (CF & A) for study and recommendations prior to consideration by the SEJ Conference. Submissions shall be made no later than 6:00 PM of the day prior to the CF & A report.

### VI. DELEGATES' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

- A. The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with principal and reserve delegates for their Per Diem allowance.
- B. Travel expense for delegates to the conference shall be reimbursed as directed by the conference upon recommendation of the Committee on Arrangements. The total travel expense shall be payable to the principal delegate if he/she be present and seated. If during the session of the conference a reserve is seated in his/her place, he/she shall adjust the travel expense with such reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

### VII. SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION CONNECTIONAL TABLE

There shall be a Southeastern Jurisdictional Connectional Table organized consistently with ¶ 528 in *The 2004 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, accountable to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, and governed in accordance with the Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council by-laws. [Editors note: *The 2008 Conference voted to restructure effective September 1, 2008. The Connectional Table will be replaced by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, which is described above in A. V. 1.*]

## RULES OF ORDER

### I. DAILY SCHEDULE

**Rule 1.** The following shall be the order for the Jurisdictional Conference, Sunday excepted:

- (1) Devotional service under the direction of the Program Committee.
- (2) Morning – Conference business.
- (3) Afternoon – Devotions, committee meetings, and plenary session as deemed necessary.
- (4) Evening – Conference business – Each session of the Jurisdictional Conference shall begin with a period of worship.

**Rule 2.** After the worship, the daily sessions of the conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies, Privileges, and Introductions.
- (3) Report of other administrative and special committees.
- (4) Calendar.
- (5) Non-concurrent calendar.
- (6) Report of other administrative and special committees.
- (7) Calendar.
- (8) Non-concurrent calendar.
- (9) Balloting as needed.
- (10) Miscellaneous business.

### II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

**Rule 3.** The bishop presiding shall be legal chairperson of the Jurisdictional Conference. He/she shall decide points of order raised by the members as he/she deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject to an appeal to the conference by any member without debate; except that the chairperson and the appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of his/her position. A tie vote in the case of an appeal shall sustain the chair. When any member raises a point of order, he/she shall cite by number the rule he/she adjudges to have been violated. The members of any special committee shall be named by the bishop presiding when the committee is ordered, unless otherwise directed by the conference.

**Rule 4.** When the chairperson stands in his/her place and calls the conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

### III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

**Rule 5. Attendance and Seating Reserves.** No member unless hindered by sickness or otherwise, from being present shall be absent himself/herself from the sessions of the conference without permission of the conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the chairperson of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials. No reserve delegates shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by the conference, except at the first session of the conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Division V, Section 4, Sub-section (3).

**Rule 6. Directions for Securing the Floor.** When a delegate desires to speak to the conference, he/she shall arise at his/her seat, respectfully address the presiding officer, and, after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform or to the nearest microphone, where, *before speaking*, he/she shall state his/her name and the Annual Conference from which he/she comes.

**Rule 7. Interrupting the Speaker.** No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

**Rule 8. Speaking More Than Once.** No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his/her time shall be extended by the conference, except as provided in Rule 39. This ten-minute limit may be reduced by a majority vote of the conference at any time, and for any period of duration.

**Rule 9. Question of High Privilege.** A member claiming the floor at any time for what he/she believes is a very urgent question of high privilege shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, as if it be adjudged by the chair to be such he/she may proceed at his/her pleasure, or until the chair judges that he/she has exhausted the privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Division V: Committees, Section 4, Sub-section (5a)).

**Rule 10. Voting Area of Conference.** Only delegates within the area of the conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put shall vote, except such as have been excused for special reasons by the conference.

**Rule 11. Method of Voting.** Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the conference. An “Aye” and “No” vote by ballot, and also a count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one third of the members present and voting. No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken, or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote, or an “Aye” and “No” vote. (Rule 26(2)). When a count vote is ordered, the count shall be made by the chairperson of the delegation, who shall report to the secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference the number of those in the delegation voting for and voting against a motion or a report.

**Rule 12. Division of Question.** Before a vote is taken, any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he/she indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is an objection the chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

#### IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

**Rule 13. Motion for Adoption of Reports and Resolutions Unnecessary.** Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof, or a resolution signed by two or more members of the conference shall be presented to the conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the conference without the formality of a motion to adopt and a second thereto.

**Rule 14. Required Forms for Reports, Resolutions, Motions, and Amendments.** All resolutions and committee reports shall be presented in triplicate, and when requested by the secretary, motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

**Rule 15. Reading of Reports and Resolutions.** All resolutions, committee reports, and communications of the conference shall be read by the secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 36.

**Rule 16. Alteration of Motions, Etc.** When a motion is made and seconded and stated by the chair, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is made or is published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, it shall be deemed in possession of the conference and may not be altered except by action of the conference (see Rule 35). Introductory, accompanying or explanatory, material shall not be subject to debate or amendment, nor be considered to have been acted upon by the conference upon adoption of the motion or proposal itself, unless accompanied by a specific motion that such material is included in the action of the conference.

#### **Rule 17. Episcopal Election Process**

- (1) The sitting Committee on Episcopacy has oversight of the election process for that quadrennium.
- (2) An elder is elected a bishop when that elder has received the votes of 60% of the delegates casting valid ballots in the jurisdictional conference.

**Rule 18. Non-debatable Motions.** The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the conference finally.
- (2) To suspend a rule or rules or any provisions of the Rules of Order.
- (3) To lie on the table, except as provided in Rule 39.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the previous question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the orders of the day.

**Rule 19. Rights of the Main Question.** The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of, except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

**Rule 20. Precedence of Secondary Motions.** If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending, the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

- (1) To fix the time to which the conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To raise a question of privilege.

- (5) To call for the orders of the day.
- (6) To lie on the table.
- (7) To order the previous question.
- (8) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (9) To postpone to a given time.
- (10) To refer.
- (11) To amend or substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment).
- (12) To postpone indefinitely.

**Rule 21. Tabling Related Motions.** No motion, which adheres to another motion, or has another adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

**Rule 22. Referring a Section of Report.** It shall be in order for the conference to refer to a committee a section or part of a report or resolution which is before the conference for consideration or any amendment offered thereunto.

**Rule 23. Procedure for Consideration of Substitutes.** When a resolution or committee report is properly before the conference for consideration and action (even if amendments thereto are pending), a substitute therefore may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the resolution or report under consideration. The motion to substitute may not be considered or put, however, until the original report or resolution is perfected, including consideration of any action on any amendment to it, which may have been offered. The conference may terminate this perfecting process by ordering the previous question on the motion to adopt the report or resolution. If this were done, the vote shall immediately be taken on any amendments to the report or resolution then pending, but the vote shall not be taken on the adoption of the report or resolution or on making the substitution until the substitute is also perfected. The main question, report, or resolution having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time by ordering the previous question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute. After this, without further debate or amendment, the vote shall be taken on the motion to adopt, if the previous question thereon was ordered as above indicated as being allowable, or if it was ordered later. In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of the main question or the substitute, or both, the time to be consumed in presenting, considering, and acting on amendments may be limited by action or the conference. If this is done, the previous question may not be put on the adoption of the report or resolution, or making the proposed substitution, until two members (including the chairperson of the committee presenting the report and the member presenting the substitute, if the pending question is the adoption of a report of a committee) shall have spoken on each side of the proposal to substitute or shall have spoken on each side of the proposal to substitute or adopt, as the case may be, after the motions to amend, if there be any, have been acted upon, if there be those who desire to speak.

**Rule 24. Previous Question (see Rules 18(5), 23, 25, 39).** When any member moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), he/she shall indicate to what he/she intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he/she does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken without debate and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate, except as provided in Rule 39.

**Rule 25. Unlawful Motion after Speech.** It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

**Rule 26. Exceptions to Majority Vote.** A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) A tie vote sustains the chair, if an appeal is made from his/her decision (Rule 3).
- (2) One third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for an "Aye" and "No" vote or a count vote (Rule 11).
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend or amend a rule or rules or any provision of the Rules of Order (Rules 41, 42); to sustain a motion for the previous question (Rule 24); to set aside a motion for the previous question (Rule 24); to set aside a special order; to consider a special order before the time therefore; or any motion whose adoption would limit debate.

**Rule 27. Reconsideration.** A motion to reconsider an action of the conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion proposed for reconsideration is non-debatable, then the motion under reconsideration may not be debated.

**Rule 28. Calendar: Regular, Non-Concurrent.** The secretary shall keep a chronological record of orders of the day and reports of committees (see Rule 34), and this record shall be called the calendar, and the matters of business placed in it shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of the conference an item is taken up out of its order. Standing committee reports recommending

non-concurrence shall be kept upon a separate calendar to be taken up when the regular calendar is exhausted, or at the pleasure of the conference, except when a minority presents a report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the regular calendar.

**Rule 29. Motion to Adjourn in Order, Except.** The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the previous question has been ordered and action there under is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When a motion to fix the time to which the conference shall adjourn is pending. The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the conference.

## V. COMMITTEES: DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

**Rule 30. Reference Committee to Allocate the Episcopal Message and the Report of the Jurisdictional Connectional Table/Committee on Coordination and Accountability.** The Reference Committee shall allocate the Episcopal Message and the report of the Jurisdictional Connectional Table/Committee on Coordination and Accountability to appropriate committees dealing with the matters germane thereto. The adoption of the report of the Reference Committee shall be notification to those appropriate committees, which have a report on the Episcopal Message and the report of the Jurisdictional Connectional Table/Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

**Rule 31. Preparation and Presentation of Committee Reports.** Every committee of the Jurisdictional Conference is hereby authorized to delegate to the chairperson and secretary of the committee the duty of preparing and presenting to the Jurisdictional Conference the action taken by the committee on any given subject, and every committee is authorized to grant to a minority of the committee the right to draft and to present to the Jurisdictional Conference a minority report without reading the same before the full committee, providing the substance of the said minority report has been stated to the committee.

**Rule 32. Duties and Prerogatives of Committees.** When a petition or resolution or any such item is referred to one of the several standing committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committee reports on resolutions, petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by the numbers they bear, respectively, in the published manner. When a committee ascertains that another committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject, which the former is also considering, it shall proceed to arrange for a conference of representatives from the respective committees in order to settle the question at issue. If by this process agreement as to location of responsibility cannot be reached; the matter shall be referred to the Committee of Chairpersons.

**Rule 33. Alterations in Restrictive Rules.** Reports from committees and all other papers which propose an alteration in the restrictive rules of the church shall state that alteration proposed to be made, and the form of the motion shall be: "Will the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference recommend to the General and Annual Conferences the change indicated above?"

**Rule 34. Standing Committees Report to Secretary.** At the close of each day's meeting, the chairpersons and secretaries of the several standing committees shall provide the secretary of the conference with copies in triplicate of all reports adopted by their respective committees for presentation to the conference. The secretary shall enter said reports on the calendar in the order in which they reach him/her and shall furnish the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* with one copy of each of the said reports for publication in the next day's issue.

**Rule 35. Published Reports in Possession of Conference.** A report of any committee signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof shall be regarded as in possession of the conference on the next day after its first appearance in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and in order for consideration at the pleasure of the conference. The same rule shall apply to a report of a minority of any committee signed by one tenth of the members of the committee or by ten members thereof (see Rule 17 and Rule 23).

**Rule 36. Preparation and Printing of Reports.** All committee reports shall be presented to the secretary of the conference in triplicate on paper provided for that purpose and bearing at the top the name of the committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for and against the report, and the number not voting. Reports of the standing committees shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the conference, and they shall not be read unless by its order. Reports of minorities of committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for committee reports shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what committee the respective minorities belong and for what report or reports, by serial numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

**Rule 37. Committee on Chairperson Not in Harmony with Report.** When a chairperson of a committee is not in harmony with a report adopted by the committee, it shall be his/her duty to state the fact to the committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent the committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the chairperson in relation to such report.

**Rule 38. Presentation of Report of Minority.** A member selected by the signers of a minority report of a committee to present the same shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the chairperson in the presentation of the regular (majority) report of the committee, except that he/she may not present said minority report until the majority report has been presented and shall then offer it as a substitute therefore, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution, the member presenting the minority report shall speak first and the chairperson last (see Rule 23).

**Rule 39. Speakers For and Against.** When the report of a committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to ascertain, when he/she recognizes a member of the conference, on which side he/she proposed to speak, and he/she shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof. Except for non-debatable motions, no report shall be adopted or question relation to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal, provided this right is claimed before the chairperson or duly authorized member representing the committee's report, or the minority report if there be such, is presented to close the debate. When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the chairperson and/or duly authorized member or members presenting the committee's report (and the minority report, if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken. This right of the chairperson and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of five minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, to lay on the table, or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration, provided that this five minute limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a committee.