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THE EPISCOPACY



“Bishops are elders in full connection who are elected from the elders and set apart for a ministry of general oversight and supervision (§401). As followers of Jesus Christ called to servant leadership, bishops are authorized to guard the faith, order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline of the Church; to seek and be a sign of the unity of the faith; to exercise the discipline of the whole Church; to supervise and support the Church’s life, work, and mission throughout the world; and to lead all persons entrusted to their oversight in worship, in the celebration of the sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world. Bishops carry a primary responsibility to support and encourage the ministry of all Christians. They share with other bishops in the supervision of the whole Church, encouraging and supporting all baptized people in their exercising of their gifts and ministries, praying for them, and proclaiming and interpreting to them the gospel of Christ. Bishops are to be prophetic voices and courageous leaders in the cause of justice for all people. Bishops are also authorized to appoint ordained clergy to their responsibilities, consecrate, ordain, and commission persons in ministry to the Church and world.” (§404.1, *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*)

BISHOPS ELECTED by NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

1940-2008

Year	Site of Conference	Those Elected
1940	Chicago, IL	None
1944	Minneapolis, MN	Schuyler Edward Garth Charles W. Brashares
1948	Indianapolis, IN	Richard Campbell Raines Marshall Russell Read Hazen G. Werner
1952	Milwaukee, WI	Frances Gerald Ensley E.E. Voight D. Stanley Coors
1956	Des Moines, IA ¹	None
1960	Grand Rapids, MI	Ralph Taylor Alton Edward Ronald Garrison T. Otto Nall
1964	Cleveland, OH	Thomas M. Pryor James S. Thomas ²
Ellsworth Loder		Dwight

¹ 1956 was the first jurisdictional conference at which women were eligible to be elected to the episcopacy. None was elected.

² Daytona Beach, Florida was the site of the Central Jurisdiction meeting where Bishop Thomas was elected. He was assigned to the Iowa Area.

		Frances Enmer Kearns Lance Webb
1968	Peoria, IL	Paul Arthur Washburn ³ Arthur James Armstrong
1972	Indianapolis, IN	Wayne K. Clymer Jesse Robert DeWitt
1976	Sioux Falls, SD	Leroy Charles Hodapp Edsel Albert Ammons
1980	Dayton, OH	Edwin Charles Boulton Emerson Stephen Colaw Marjorie Swank Matthews ⁴
1984	Duluth, MN	Woodie W. White David J. Lawson Reuben Phillip Job Judith Craig
1988	DeKalb, IL	R. Sheldon Duecker Sharon A. Brown Christopher William B. Lewis
1992	Adrian, MI	Donald Arthur Ott Charles Wesley Jordan Sharon Zimmerman Rader

³ Bishop Washburn was elected at the Uniting Conference in Dallas at the last General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren; he was assigned to the Minneapolis Area at the Peoria Conference.

⁴ Marjorie Matthews' election marked the first time a woman had been elected to the episcopacy in the United Methodist Church. She was assigned to the Wisconsin Area.

1996	Fort Wayne, IN	C. Joseph Sprague Jonathan D. Keaton John L. Hopkins Michael J. Coyner
2000	Middleton, WI	Gregory Vaughn Palmer Linda Lee Bruce Robert Ough
2004	Davenport, IA	Hee-Soo Jung Deborah Lieder Kieseey Sally Dyck
2008	Grand Rapids, MI	Julius Calvin Trimble

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**STATE OF THE CHURCH
THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**BISHOP JOHN L. HOPKINS
JULY 17, 2008**

It has been 40 years since the formation of The United Methodist Church with the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Churches along with the end of the Central Jurisdiction. As I prepared for this address, I have been asking whether we have been 40 years in the Promised Land, or have we been wandering in the wilderness that long!

The Book of Numbers begins with the nation of Israel camped at the foot of Mount Sinai. They had received God's laws and were preparing to move. A census was taken, the people were set apart for God, and they were being spiritually and physically prepared to receive their inheritance. Then the complaining began—first over food, then Moses' authority.

When they arrived at Kadesh, spies were sent into Canaan to check out the land—one spy from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Ten returned with fearful stories of giants. Only Caleb and Joshua encouraged them to "go up at once and occupy" the land. Listen to Numbers 13:30-33.

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we." So they brought to the Israelites an unfavorable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. There we saw the

Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim); and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

The minority report fell on deaf ears and the majority decided to go back to Egypt. Because of their unbelief, God declared that the present generation would not live to see the Promised Land. Thus 40 years of wandering in the wilderness began. This was long enough to wait for the old generation to die off and to see if the new generation could faithfully obey God.

Currently, we are in a time of great change—actually a crisis—in the Midwest. We are on the edge of something new. The spies are making some scary, unfavorable reports. And we must decide how to move forward in faith. I’m not just talking about a crisis in the church. We may be one of the more stable forces around. I am talking about a crisis that is affecting small rural towns, county seats, and large cities across our jurisdiction. And this crisis is globalization and the rapid change it is causing in the Midwestern economy. Unless our church changes to keep up with the changes affecting our region, we will fall behind in our capacity to “spread scriptural holiness and reform the nation” and God will find other means to reach those in the midst of this crisis.

The Italian philosopher, Antonio Gramsci described the crisis of an era as when “the old is dying and the new cannot be born.” Richard C. Longworth, in his new book, *Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism*, writes, “The Midwestern crisis is just the opposite. The future is already here, but the past refuses to die. The good news is that globalization is new and can be shaped. The bad news is that the Midwest is already behind.”⁵ We have lamented the passing of the golden era, but have not embraced the changes that are needed. He reminds us that, “nostalgia is

⁵ Richard C. Longworth, *Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism* (Bloomsbury USA, New York, NY, 2008), 15.

the flip side of denial.”⁶ Could this also be true of the church? That the future is already here, but the past refuses to die?

Richard Longworth grew up in Boone, Iowa and is a fellow at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. He is an economist and was an award-winning foreign correspondent and senior writer at the *Chicago Tribune*. He was twice a Pulitzer Prize finalist. His 2008 book, *Caught in the Middle*, was referred to me by The Reverend Darryl Fairchild from West Ohio who said it captured the world he lives in around Dayton. When I purchased a copy, I was amazed to see that he defines the Midwest as we define our North Central Jurisdiction with minor differences.

I have always believed that leaders define reality, celebrate momentum, and hold up a shared vision. Much of this address will focus on the economic realities facing our region. These realities may be hard to hear, but I want you to listen closely. Behind the numbers and stories there are people who are struggling. I want to honor them and give them hope.

I will draw heavily from *Caught in the Middle* even when I have some arguments with the author. He helps define reality—the context—in which we do our ministries. However, let me say outright that I do not believe in economic determinism and have great hope for what God will do in the Midwest. My desire is to start a conversation with you about the future of The United Methodist movement in our jurisdiction and our willingness to change in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In 2005, Tom Friedman, the New York Times columnist, wrote about the effects of globalization in his best seller, *The World is Flat*.⁷ Friedman described how global communications has established a new level playing field where anyone anywhere can compete on an equal basis with anyone in

⁶ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 15.

⁷ Thomas L Friedman, *The World is Flat* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005)

the world. Longworth contends that Friedman's metaphor misses the crucial point that this new world isn't really flat—it is made up of peaks and valleys with global winners and global losers.⁸ Many of our small towns are losing

"Galesburg, Illinois, the home of Carl Sandburg, is a town of thirty-three thousand that had a place in the industrial era but may not have one in the global age. In 2000, the Galesburg area provided 35,000 jobs. Then its Maytag refrigerator plant moved to Mexico, killing 1,600 jobs. The Australian owners of Butler, which had built steel buildings in Galesburg for seventy-five years, closed the plant, firing another 270 workers. A rubber-hose plant, and industrial-screens factory, a plant making landfill liners—all are gone. A local pottery works is down to a skeleton staff. Altogether, the Galesburg area has lost about 7,000 jobs in seven years. The town is too far from Chicago or St. Louis to live off the economies of those cities. Its workforce, basically hardworking high school graduates without the skills or education that the new economy demands, may be unemployable. Galesburg, like much of the Midwest, is reeling before forces that it doesn't understand."⁹

In August 2006, Ben Bernanke, the new chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, gave reasons for this kind of economic shifting: "Change has shifted into top gear. Remember the Web and the browser, which makes all of this possible, are younger than today's high school seniors. . . China only joined the global economy thirty years ago and India's rise only dates back barely a decade." It took two centuries for the industrial revolution to run its course. Globalization is just beginning.¹⁰

⁸ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 13.

⁹ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 7.

¹⁰ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 8.

Longworth looks at manufacturing, farming, immigration, and education in the Midwest and describes how globalization is changing life as we have known it. And we are in a crisis in manufacturing.

Manufacturing

"In 1900, the United States held only fourteen factories, each employing more than six thousand workers: three were in the Midwest, all in Chicago. Fifteen years later, dozens of Midwestern factories were that big, including six auto plants in Detroit alone. Half of everything made in America was made in the Midwest.

It must have been an exhilarating time. In Dearborn and Detroit, Henry Ford and Ransom Olds launched the age of the automobile. The Dodge brothers, John and Horace, set up their auto plant in Hamtramck. In Flint, J. H. Whiting and William Durant created General Motors. Studebaker began in South Bend, Nash in Kenosha. The auto plants needed parts, and a vast swath of the upper Midwest became Auto Alley. In Akron, three firms—Goodyear, Firestone, and B. F. Goodrich—became the biggest tire makers in the nation. In Canton, the sons of Henry Timken turn his invention of a roller bearing into an empire of auto axles. . . In Milwaukee, Allis-Chalmers made turbines. In Racine, J. I. Case made tractors. . . A century later, the industrial Midwest amounts to a wasteland of empty factories, corroding cities, and crumbling neighborhoods."¹¹

The industrial Midwest is not coming back. Although manufacturing output in the Midwest has actually increased by 50 percent or more in the past twenty years, the jobs in manufacturing fell by about 20 percent in the

¹¹ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 26.

major industrial states.¹² We are losing jobs at a rapid rate. Longworth tells the story of Dayton, Ohio; Anderson and Muncie, Indiana; and Newton, Iowa as Delphi, Ball Corporation, and Maytag respectively moved out. Dayton, Ohio has lost twenty-six thousand jobs since 2000.

Longworth did find hope in Warsaw, Indiana, orthopedics capital of the world. Warsaw has a population of just 12,500 but more than 100 of them have Ph.D's. This clustering of companies making artificial hips and knees is an example of putting education to work in a new high tech area of manufacturing.

Why are so many manufacturing jobs leaving the Midwest? Longworth discovered many people blame this downturn on high wages and restrictive work rules of labor unions; or mismanagement and greed by corporate executives; or NAFTA.¹³ However, he says that globalization is the major reason. And it is just taking off, like the industrial revolution of the past. In spite of conspiracy theories, the rapid changes are just beginning and will even speed up.

How can our church meet the needs of people who have lost their jobs? I don't know how people survive when they can no longer afford health insurance. How many of you have belonged to a union or grew up in a union family? We need to honor these people.

Farming

Globalization is doing to farming exactly what it has done to manufacturing. When size and efficiency rule, you have to be a specialist.

"And Melvin Stucke is a specialist. On his farm near Versailles, in western Ohio north of Dayton, Stucke specialized in eggs—a whole lot of eggs. In two henhouses each longer than a football field, Stucke keeps

¹² Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 35.

¹³ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 38-39.

180,000 chickens. Each day these hens lay 165,000 eggs. The eggs are packed into giant cases—460 of them every day—and shipped to a cracking plant at one of the Midwest’s mammoth egg companies. At the cracking plant, the eggs are cracked and poured into huge vats of liquid egg. Sometimes, the plants separate the whites from the yolks. The vats go to restaurants, especially fast-food places, where cooks can spend a lifetime making omelets without every breaking an egg.

Each henhouse holds ninety thousands hens. You’ve never heard noise until you’ve been in the same room with that many chickens. The henhouse is 450 feet long and contains six narrow aisles. Each aisle is lined with four tiers of cages. Each cage is sixteen by twenty inches. Each holds six three-pound hens. Each hen spends her life in that cage, doing what hens are programmed to do, which is to lay eggs. It is an animal rights activist’s vision of hell.

Each hen lays between five and six eggs a week, on average. The cages are slightly tilted, so the eggs, one laid, roll gently downhill onto a conveyor belt running the length of the henhouse. The belt carries them in a never-ending stream to packers filling those giant cases. . . No roosters live on this farm. Not one of these hens will ever lay a fertilized egg that will hatch a chick. Nor will they end up on someone’s plate. Other farms breed roasters or fryers with lots of white breast meat that Americans love.”¹⁴

“Farms have become factories, and farmers have increasingly, become little more than employees of the big agribusiness corporations, which in turn sell to giant supermarket chains. . . Many critics rail against “corporate farms,” as though corporations owned the farms. This is the

¹⁴ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 62-63.

wrong idea. Corporations control but do not own. Most farms are still owned by farm families, but these families work for corporations.”¹⁵

There are about five hundred thousand farms in the Midwest—about half as many as there were forty years ago. With large corporations and some small “niche farms,” farmers in the middle are going out of business. The corporations are getting bigger. Among beef packers, Tyson, Cargill, Swift, and National Beef Packing Co. control 83.5 percent of the market. Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), ConAgra, and Cereal Food Processor control 63 percent of flour processing.¹⁶

Cargill alone accounts for 42 percent of all U.S. corn exports. It is an economy of its own. A corporate brochure says it best, “We are the flour in your bread, the wheat in your noodles, the salt on your fries, the sweetener in your soft drink. We are the oil in your salad dressing and the beef, pork or chicken you eat for dinner. We are the cotton in your clothing, the backing on your carpet and the fertilizer in your field.”

Any farmer who wants to sell his products has only four big buyers who own half to four fifths of the market and can dictate the price he gets for whatever he is selling. And since no mega-farmer buys locally, many of the local supply stores have gone out of business. If you have driven around the rural areas of our jurisdiction you have seen town after town with closed businesses.¹⁷

Longworth discusses the hope for bioscience and biotech to revive agriculture in the Midwest. Currently about one quarter of the Midwest’s corn crop goes for ethanol production. Micro farming is growing but will not significantly renew farming in the region.

¹⁵ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 65.

¹⁶ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 68.

¹⁷ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 69.

Longworth says, “We know the future of Midwestern farming, because it’s already here. . . Farm population will dwindle, and so will the number of farms. In Iowa, half of the state’s farmland is owned by aging farmers.”¹⁸ When these farmers die, their wealth will be transferred to their children who will want to invest it somewhere other than the farm where they grew up. That land will be sold to add to the size of another farm.

The church is often the last organization to exist in many of our rural communities. It is a visible sign of hope. How many of you live or grew up on a farm? I want to thank those of you from churches in farm country. Thank you for supporting our rural families who struggle in the midst of forces beyond their control.

Immigration

Stephen Bloom, a local author from Iowa, has written that “Iowa’s greatest export isn’t corn, soybeans or pigs: its young adults.” While our young adults are leaving, immigrants are moving in. Longworth says that if the Midwest has an economic future—it will depend on immigrants. And yet, immigration in the Midwest is complicated, with issues of legality, exploitation, politics, economics, and reactions to it. He writes, “The Mexicans and other workers come to Cargill and the other plants for the same reason that the Lithuanians and Poles came to the legendary and equally appalling stockyards of the nineteenth-century Chicago: they dream of a better life and are willing to do anything to get it.”¹⁹

The small towns of Beardstown and Storm Lake, Iowa are dealing with the problems and opportunities of immigration. In Beardstown 54 percent of the prekindergarten children is Mexican. In Storm Lake most of the immigrant families come from the town of Santa Rita in Mexico. While Storm Lake has been losing its best and brightest young people to Des Moines and Chicago, Santa Rita has been losing its most ambitious young

¹⁸ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 79-80.

¹⁹ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 104-105.

people to Storm Lake.²⁰ Although, immigration creates tensions, the small towns that are receiving immigrants will at least survive over the next several decades. Those towns that want to keep everything the same without immigrants will continue to die.

Longworth says, “The Midwest was first settled by restless and hungry foreigners. These immigrants built the Midwest. In the century and a half since then, the region lost this restlessness and hunger—and must recapture it. For all the stresses they cause, the Midwest simply needs as many immigrants as it can get.”²¹

Today’s immigrants are split into two classes. “At the top are scientists, doctors, professors, engineers, managers, largely from Asia. At the bottom are the laborers, often barely educated and largely Hispanic, who make the beds in hotels, tend the city’s gardens, park its cars, hang dry wall on construction crews, work in small factories, or, especially, man the stoves in Chicago’s restaurants: any Chicagoan who goes out to eat Chinese or Indian or French will probably get a meal cooked by a Mexican.”²²

“Chicago’s health system and schools would collapse without its immigrant doctors, nurses, and teachers. One third of the students at the University of Illinois at Chicago and 60 percent of its engineering graduate students are foreign-born. The student directory at Northwestern University lists more students named Kim, Park, and Chang than Jones, Smith, or Johnson. An Egyptian runs the city’s leading international human-rights law institute. An Iraqi is the chief lobbyist for a new Chicago airport, and another Iraqi heads the cardiac department at the University of Chicago. An Indian is dean of Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management. At the University of Chicago’s medical school, a Nigerian leads the cancer genetics program;

²⁰ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 114-115.

²¹ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 125.

²² Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 128.

another Nigerian is chief AIDS researcher at the leading public hospital, and yet another directs the environmental program at the city's Field Museum. Chicago's most prominent novelist, Alexander Hemon, came from Croatia as a teenager, barely speaking English. Lucient Technologies employs six hundred Indians, and so many Indonesians work at the financial markets on LaSalle Street that an Indonesian church has been installed in a nearby skyscraper. The city has 130 non-English-language papers."²³

"Most debate over immigration reform isn't rooted in economics at all. Instead, it rises from the push and pull of political constituencies, from fear of terrorism, from anger at the wholesale breaking of immigration law, from outrage over the exploitation of immigrant workers, from dread among a white majority that it will soon be a minority . . . from the age-old hatred entrenched Americans feel toward immigrants, whether they be Irish, Jewish, Italian, German—or Mexican."²⁴

The biggest immigration raid in U.S. history was this past May 12th on Agriprocessors, Inc. in Postville, Iowa. Nearly 400 workers—more than a third of the total number of employees—were arrested at a kosher meatpacking plant. Recently, two supervisors were also arrested. With an estimated 12 million undocumented workers, Longworth does not like immigrants breaking the law, but he also says the law needs to be changed to enable a better economy for everyone. To him, immigration laws are comparable to prohibition laws—they don't work.

There is much work to do in welcoming the immigrants and embracing the new diversity in our communities. The pastoral and prophetic role of the church is crucial as we represent the love of Christ to all of God's people. Somewhere this morning an immigrant struggles to find a better life. For all of us have struggled, may we find the compassion to offer a hand.

²³ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 127.

²⁴ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 142.

We cannot have an economy without jobs and people to fill those jobs. Unfortunately, many Midwesterners are “caught in the middle.” They cannot afford to work the lowest paying jobs and with only a high school education they are not qualified to work at the higher paying jobs. That is why education is so important. And, according to Longworth, the Midwest—along with the rest of the country—is getting a failing grade in education.

Education

As Midwest industrial cities were hollowed out, those who could, moved to the suburbs or relocated to the South. Those who were not upper or middle class—especially blacks--were left behind. As the inner city neighborhoods lost their economic mix, they also “lost their role models, the idea of social mobility. Lacking educated neighbors, they lost the idea of education. Lacking visible emblems of success, they lost the idea of ambition.”²⁵

“Thus were born whole neighborhoods of people who were not only poor but hopelessly poor, generationally poor—that is, families that had been so poor for so many generations that children grew up never knowing anyone who had a steady job. This new underclass showed every symptom of poverty—high dropout rates, high drug use, high unemployment, low education, low skills, single-parent households, low life expectancy, high infant mortality.”²⁶

“Globalization may be the most egalitarian force in history. It offers rich rewards to the most highly skilled, educated, mobile, and entrepreneurial—and it doesn’t much care what color or gender these winners might be.

²⁵ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 169.

²⁶ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 170.

White males, Europeans and their descendants ran the industrial era. Some leaders of the global era are white males—but others are Indian and Chinese, Latino and Korean. More and more of them are women. Black Americans are CEO's, surgeons, and college presidents. If you're good, you've got a chance. If you've got the education and the skills, the door is open. But if you don't have the education and the skills, you're out of luck."²⁷

Longworth announces that "The industrial economy is ended. The knowledge economy is here." Unfortunately, throughout the Midwest most families still think a high school diploma is enough. A recent poll in Michigan showed that nearly three fourths of the state's parents don't think their children need to go to college to succeed. By a two-to-one margin, the parents felt it was more important that a child "be happy" than have a good education."²⁸ In the industrial era, a high school diploma could get you into the middle class. It won't anymore.

The decline of our educational systems is particularly hard for the Midwest that has always championed education. Iowa and Minnesota claim some of the nation's highest literacy rates. Our land grant colleges have grown into universities recognized around the world. Our private colleges—many of them United Methodists—have been strong and tied to Christian faith and learning. However, the report card is not good. "In percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree, Minnesota is at the top, with nearly 28 percent; Indiana is last with 19 percent; and Michigan is in the middle, with 22 percent."²⁹

Throughout the Midwest the inequity and politics of school funding is hotly debated. And it is time for the church to enter into that debate. We can make a difference if we are willing to fight for a better future. Longworth

²⁷ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 172.

²⁸ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 176-177.

²⁹ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 179.

says, "Schools are controlled by politicians, administrators, and the teachers' unions, all of who fight any reform that might erode their power."³⁰

United Methodists have always supported public education as the crucible in which children develop their potential. Education not only works to eliminate poverty, it is an economic investment in the future of our region. How many of you are educators? Thank you, thank you! I call on every church to hold hearings and monitor support for education in your community.

Richard Longworth does see some signs of hope and recommends a series of responses. He suggests the Midwest develop a common identity like the south, northeast, or California so it can attract new business regionally and not just by city or county. He recommends that our world-famous research institutions—the Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago—create a regional research think-tank, have a common tuition, and provide online learning with fiber optic connections. We also need to attract venture capital for new ideas.

Our Midwestern universities and other research centers, like the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic, get their share—about 20 percent—of grants from the National Institutes of Health. "This finances a lot of research. But only 4 percent of the venture capital spent in the United States—the money that turns this research into jobs—is spent in the Midwest. By contrast, 47 percent is spent in California. The moral: if you have a good idea, you can develop it in a Midwestern university. But if you want to set up a company, you better go to California, where the money is."³¹

In manufacturing, farming, immigration, and education the Midwest is changing rapidly. Like the industrial revolution before it, radical change will reshape the world as we know it. Only, the pace is much faster now and

³⁰ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 171.

³¹ Longworth, *Caught in the Middle*, 218.

those who cannot embrace change will fall behind, lose out, find blame somewhere, and want to be more isolated.

In conference after conference throughout the North Central Jurisdiction, the changes described in *Caught in the Middle* are affecting not only our congregations, but the people we seek to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. What can we learn? Where is our hope?

Signs of Hope

First of all, we can learn that the church cannot stay the same and expect to be relevant in a globalized world. We have to lead the changes or we will be part of the problem and not part of the solution. Our church needs to take more risks in reaching people or we will decline as the communities around us decline. Just as our ancestors took risks to begin farming, start new companies, and build churches for their time, we must venture in new directions for our time.

Secondly, we can learn how to be relevant to the temporal world as well as the spiritual world. In the development of the heartland of America, the church gathered people around shared values to champion the reign of God “on earth as it is in heaven.” We can do that again. The world needs the church today as never before.

Thirdly, we can learn the church has to leave the building and participate in shaping the future. We can form partnerships to transform the world around us. We can become involved in the community-building, social reforming and political will necessary to prepare the future. If the changes in a world economy are producing global “winners” and global “losers” based on education, then we have to again be the champions of public education to reform the nation. If we want justice in the marketplace, we must start with justice in our education of children.

At the 2008 General Conference we experienced a major shift in our church under the theme of *A Future with Hope*. A sea change occurred

because many local churches and individuals have not just been *calling for change*; they have been willing to *be* the change themselves. That is, we are becoming a more effective movement for Jesus Christ because we have been voluntarily aligning our efforts around our core identity and mission. The General Conference did not *make* the changes; it *reflected* what is going on across The United Methodist Church.

We now have a four-point plan with one mission statement, two kinds of holiness, three simple rules, and four areas of focus: Our **one** mission statement is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our **two** kinds of holiness are *personal* and *social*. And they cannot be separated. John Wesley said we are to “spread scriptural holiness *and* reform the nation.” Our **three** simple rules are do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. These are John Wesley’s General Rules for holy living. Our **four** Areas of Focus are:

1. Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world
2. Creating new places for new people by starting congregations and renewing existing ones
3. Engaging in ministry with the poor
4. Stamping out the killer diseases (like Malaria, HIV/AIDS, and Tuberculosis) by improving health globally

Around these Areas of Focus we are aligning our ministries and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You are seeing the hopeful ministries of our local churches and annual conferences in the videos at the conference. Keep the momentum going!

After 40 years as the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church, the Midwest still has its challenges. And yet, God has called us to go forth in faith. We are like the Israelites gathered at Kadesh.

We have heard an “unfavorable report.” The future is scary. There are giants in this land!

There will be some that are afraid to take the risks—make the changes—to move forward in our witness and service to Jesus Christ and His Church. Do we have to wait until the current generation dies before we can move on? Or is it time to say with Caleb, “Let us go up at once and occupy it?”

It would be easy to sit in our local churches and maintain business as usual. It would be easy to look at the challenges before our church and say: “Well, I served the church, now it’s some one else’s turn.” It would be easy to pretend that the current realities don’t exist.

But I believe that God is bigger than any challenge we face. Do you? I believe that God has great things in store for the Church. I believe that it’s time for the people of The United Methodist Church to truly embrace the scripture from Philippians 4 that says “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” I believe it, do you? *Do you?*

As United Methodists, we believe in a God who brings light out of darkness and new life out of death. We believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! We ARE ready to take on the challenges of the next four years.

If you are willing to move into this new land, your bishops are willing to lead the way. We want to share a statement of this commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world. We are the people of The United Methodist Church! Let’s go!

IN MEMORY OF A BISHOP

Leroy Charles Hodapp

November 11, 1923- May 26, 2006

Leroy Charles Hodapp: Born on November 11, 1923 – Entered into Eternal Rest on May 26, 2006 distinguished himself as a United Methodist Pastor, District Superintendent, Annual Conference Official and Bishop of the United Methodist Church who was elected in 1976.

Leroy Hodapp was elected Bishop by the 1976 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. He was assigned to the Illinois Episcopal Area, where he served from 1976-1984. He then became Bishop of the Indiana Episcopal Area, where he served until his retirement in 1992.

During his tenure as an active Bishop, Hodapp served as President of the General Board of Church and Society of the U.M.C. and later as the President of the General Board of Global Ministries. Hodapp served as the trial officer (i.e. judge) in church trials involving sexual misconduct. He presided over a famous trial involving then-pastor Jimmy Creech, The Hodapps retired to Evansville, Indiana where they lived for several years before moving to the Franklin United Methodist Community Home in Franklin, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Polly, and their two daughters.

Bishop Michael Coyner reflects:

“When I think of Leroy Hodapp, the word which comes to my mind is ‘faithful’. He served 50 years under appointment, starting as a student pastor, all the way through service as a pastor, campus minister, council director, district superintendent and bishop. A half-century of faithful ministerial service- that is an amazing record. ‘In the United Methodist Council of Bishops, Leroy Hodapp has been acknowledged for his wisdom, experience and level-headedness. When others might panic over the latest issues and concerns, Leroy has always been a steady, consistent, and faithful (there is that word again) leader for his denomination.”



Moments of

Grace in Worship



IN MEMORY OF A BISHOP

David Jerald Lawson

March 26, 1930 – May 31, 2007

David Jerald Lawson was born on March 26, 1930 and entered eternal rest on May 31, 2007 is remembered as a Pastor and University Campus Minister in The Methodist and United Methodist Churches, as a District Superintendent and Annual Conference official, and as a Bishop of the United Methodist Church, elected in 1984. He also played a key role establishing and developing Africa University.

Elected to the Episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the U.M.C. in 1984, Bishop Lawson was assigned the Wisconsin Episcopal Area (1984-92) and the Springfield Area (1992-96). As a Bishop he served on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the General Board of Discipleship. He served as a member of the Steering Committee for Africa University serving on the Site Selection Committee for A.U., helping to select the site at Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. In consultation with Dean (now Bishop) David K. Yemba, he wrote the Mission Statement for the University's School of Theology. *"He probably lived and breathed Africa University for a while,"* said James Salley, the University's Associate Vice Chancellor, upon Bishop Lawson's death. *"He will be greatly missed by all of us. He was a good friend of Africa University."*

Bishop Lawson also served as President of the Wisconsin Conference of churches. He was the President of the U.M. North Central College of Bishops, and on various committees of the council of Bishops (including chairing the committee to Study the Ministry). He was also a member of the Executive committee of the World Methodist Council and President of its Committee on International Theological Education. He also served as a Trustee of many colleges and universities, hospitals and several retirement homes in Wisconsin and Illinois. Following retirement in 1996, Bishop Lawson served

as Bishop-in-Residence and a faculty member of the Perkins School of Theology.

Retired U.M. Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn called David Lawson “an extremely insightful leader, dedicated to the mission of the Church. He had always carried out his responsibilities with a warm heart, a loving interest in people and was dedicated to helping the world move toward the goal of being a part of the kingdom of God.”

We are thankful to God for this dedicated, insightful leader.

IN MEMORY OF A BISHOP'S WIDOW
MARION THOMPSON GARRISON
September 22, 1909- June 4, 2008

Marion Thompson Garrison, spouse of the late Bishop Edwin Garrison, was born on September 22, 1909 and entered into eternal rest on June 4, 2008 at the age of 98. Marion was a woman of deep faith in God and a lover of the Church. She was born the third child in a family of ten children. Nurtured in the church from birth on – she was an active and faithful member of the local church and served on both District and Conference committees and Boards over the years. Marion came out of the EUB tradition.

She worked for the Indiana Area office for a long period of time. Then, she went to work as the Administrative Assistant for Dr. Foster Williams who did pastoral care and counseling. Marion married the love of her life, Bishop Edwin Garrison who was a widower when she was 63 years old – she had never been married. They had worked together many years before in the Area Office. She delighted in her role as the spouse of a Bishop; she loved to travel to all the conference events with him. Her sister Carol shared that “it was a happy time for both of them” Following retirement, they made their homes both in Indiana and Florida. They moved into the Franklin United Methodist Community in Franklin, Indiana where they enjoyed their later years. Chaplain John Eley shared that “Marion was warm and gracious – a kind and gentle person and a very caring helpmate to her late husband Edwin.”

We offer thanksgiving and praise to God for Marion and the servant life she shared.



BALLOT RESULTS FOR NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION 2008



1 Delegation Spot Conversation



2 On The Floor of Conference



3 Bishops' Spouses During Session



4 Small Group Conversation



5 Delegation Spot Conversation



6 Delegation Spot Conversation

BALLOT #	# Ballots Cast	Invalid Ballots	Valid Ballots	# To Elect	CANDIDATES	David Bard	Frank Beard	Timothy Bias
1	275	3	272	163		18	29	31
2	269	2	267	161		31	27	28
3	270	0	270	162		37	20	30
4	273	0	273	164		42	17	31
5	272	0	272	164		43	14	29
6	274	0	274	165		50	W	31
7	271	1	270	162		63		29
8	272	0	272	164		78		30
9	273	0	273	164		96		28
10	272	1	271	163		112		26
11	272	0	272	164		112		23
12	272	0	272	164		108		23
13	274	1	273	164		111		24
14	275	0	275	166		98		25
15	275	1	274	165		90		25
16	275	1	274	165		83		25
17	274	1	273	164		86		25
18	274	2	272	164		94		W
19	273	1	272	164		107		
20	270	0	270	162		106		
21	273	0	273	164		107		
22	274	0	274	165		100		
23	273	0	273	164		103		
24	271	3	268	161		W		

BALLOT #	Randy Cross	Wesley S. K. Daniel	Jerome Devine	Lori Haller	Jorge Mayorga	Larry Pickens	Gregory Stover	Julius Trimble
1	13	14	16	35	13	22	33	33
2		11	15	38		20	43	34
3		W	14	50		20	46	36
4			12	54	W	18	52	36
5				63		19	54	33
6			10	58		19	65	36
7			16	54		W	61	39
8			18	44			62	37
9			17	34			63	33
10			11	23			63	34
11			11	17			61	47
12			W	14			59	59
13				12			54	70
14				33			49	69
15				42			44	71
16				47			43	75
17				31			45	85
18				27			48	95
19							46	114
20							43	110
21							38	118
22							33	128
23								160
24								255 Elected

MEET THE NEW BISHOP, CLASS OF 2008



The Rev. Dr. Julius Calvin Trimble has been in ministry for 25 years and currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Warrensville Heights of the East Ohio Conference. Previously he served as the District Superintendent of the Cleveland District of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church for seven years.

As one who enjoys teaching and preaching, Dr. Trimble has served as instructor for the United Methodist Women's School of Mission in both the East Ohio Conference and the Northern Illinois Conference. Since 2001, he has served as an Adjunct instructor in the Religion Department of Baldwin Wallace College, teaching courses on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the African American Religious Experience. He has preached in South Africa and Zimbabwe and has been the keynote speaker for the national Episcopal Urban Conference held in Cleveland in 1996. He and his wife Racelder have led workshops together on developing personal mission statements and he has led workshops on Preaching and Urban Theology and Ministry.

Trimble earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ashland Seminary in 1999. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1983 and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Illinois State University in 1976.

The Rev. Dr. Julius Calvin Trimble has been married to his wife Racelder, for 29 years. They have three children: Cameron, Candice, and Julius Thomas.

RETIREMENT OF A BISHOP



Bishop Sharon A. Brown Christopher

1988-1996 Minnesota Area 1996-2008 Illinois Area

On November 5, 1944, in the middle of world War II, Fred and Mavis Brown delivered their first-born child, Sharon Ann Brown, to the alter of Corpus Christ: first United Methodist Church to be baptized. Passed through God's waters of grace, the Christian community along with her parents promised to live before her a life that becomes the Gospel until she could accept for herself a way of life formed by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Her Christian formation continued as she studied at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, and as she has been engaged in Christian community in various congregations, conferences, and The United Methodist church through the council of Bishops.

Bishop Christopher understands herself to be on the journey of loving god and neighbor. It is her mission to set god's table of grace so that all people may come to know God's love for them as shown in Jesus Christ and to share that love with the physically, mentally, and spiritually hungry of our world.

Her call to Christian vocation evolved through a series of decisions that led to her ordination as a deacon and an elder and membership in the covenant community of United Methodist elders.

She was ordained an elder in the Wisconsin Conference in 1972, and served as Director of Christian Education and then associate pastor at First United Methodist Church, Appleton; she served at Butler and Germantown: Calvary United Methodist Churches and Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Milwaukee, before spending five-and one-half years as District Superintendent of the Easter district. She became the assistant to Bishop David Lawson in January 1986, and in July 1988 was elected to the episcopacy. Her first assignment in the role began in September 1988, as Resident Bishop of the Minnesota Area. In 1996, she was assigned to the Illinois Area.

She is married to the Reverend Charles E. Logsdon Christopher. In their family they have two grown children, Jeffrey Charles, spouse Julie, and daughter, Eleanor; and Amy Logsdon Warner, spouse Richard, and son, Max.



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TUESDAY, JULY 15

noon- 9:00 pm Information and Registration Desks Open
8:30am-9:00 pm Nominations Committee
7:30 - 9:00 pm Reception for Bishops – DeVos Place

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7 am – 11 pm Information and Registration Desks Open
8:30 – 9:30 am Meetings of Jurisdictional Standing and On-site
Committees
9:00 am – noon Episcopal Nominee Forum Sponsored by Black Methodists
for Church Renewal
noon – 2:00 pm Recess

2:00 – 3:30 pm Opening Service of Worship
3:30 – 3:45 pm Break
3:45 – 5:30 pm Greetings and Introductions – Bishop Jonathan Keaton
Roll Call – Maria Wiblin
Report of the Committee on Rules of Order – Chris
Steiner
Confirmation of Jurisdictional Committees and Secretarial
Staff
Report of the Committee on Episcopacy – Myron McCoy
Report of the Committee on Elections – Roger Curless

FIRST BALLOT

Local Arrangements Committee – Sandra Douglas and David Wiltse

Treasurer's Report – Stan Sutton

5:30 – 7:30 pm Recess

7:30 – 7:45 pm Committees on Presiding Officers and Agenda

7:45 – 7:55 pm **Report of First Ballot**

7:55 – 8:10 pm Introductions based on first ballot

8:20 – 9:40 pm Nominee Forums

9:50 – 10:20 pm Delegation Meetings

10:35 – 11:00 pm **SECOND BALLOT**

11:00 pm Recess

THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:00 am – 10:15 pm Information and Registration Desks Open

8:30 – 10:00 am Morning Worship

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 10:30 am Reports from Committees on Journal and Agenda

10:30 – 10:55 am **Report of Second Ballot**

THIRD BALLOT

10:55 am – 12:10pm Nominee Forums

12:15 – 2:00 pm Recess

2:00 – 2:25 pm **Report of Third Ballot**

FOURTH BALLOT

2:25 – 3:10 pm Episcopal Address

3:10 – 3:35 pm **Report of Fourth Ballot**

FIFTH BALLOT

3:35 – 4:45 pm	Tri-God at Work (4 Conferences)
4:45 – 5:10 pm	Report of Fifth Ballot SIXTH BALLOT
5:10 – 5:50 pm	Recognition of Retirement for Bishop Christopher
5:50 – 6:30 pm	Reception for Retiring Bishop Christopher
6:30 PM	Recess
6:30 – 8:30 pm	West Michigan Night at VanAndel Museum
8:45 – 9:10 pm	Report of Sixth Ballot SEVENTH BALLOT
9:10 – 9:40 pm	Nominating Committee Report
9:40 – 10:05 pm	Report of Seventh Ballot EIGHTH BALLOT
10:05 pm	Recess

From this time on, the agenda becomes fluid with balloting, reporting of same, taking precedence. Cycles of balloting will be interspersed with the business of the North Central Jurisdiction, spot conversations as needed, and Celebrations of Ministry. The latter will highlight the ministries of funded jurisdictional agencies and noteworthy ministries in the conferences (“Tri-God at Work”).

FRIDAY, JULY 18

7:30 am – 8:00 pm	Information Desk Open
8:30 – 10:00 am	Morning Worship
10:15 am – noon	Treasurer’s Report – Stan Sutton Balloting, NCJ Business and Celebrations of Ministry continue
noon – 2:30 pm	Recess – Area Lunches (as desired)
2:30 – 6:00 pm	Balloting, NCJ Business and Celebrations of Ministry continue
6:00 pm	Recess

8:00 pm

Consecration Service Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JULY 19

7:00 am – noon

Information Desk Open

8:00 am

Bus Service to the church begins

9:30 – 11:30 am

Consecration of Bishop at First United Methodist Church

227 East Fulton Street

11:30 am

Reception for the new bishop at the church

DELEGATES TO THE 2008 JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

(listed by conferences in order of election)

DAKOTAS

Clergy

Johnson, Teri, **Chair**
Reich, Eldon

Laity

Blumer, Bruce
Jones, Janelle

Clergy Reserves

Cross, Randy
Rudebusch, Bob

Laity Reserves

Enzminger, Kathleen
Mennenga, Sheila

DETROIT

Clergy

Barrett, Joy, **Chair**
Boayue, Charles
Euper, Terry
Sutton, Tara
Tuttle, James
Ott, Louise
Regan, Jeffery
Allie, Andrew
Kellermann, James
Harnish, John

Laity

Euper, Jacqueline
Plum, Alexander
Washington, Jacquelin
Hazen, Catharine
Tibbits, Lewis
Schramm, Linda
Bank, Wayne
Thomas, Paul
Hart, Angie
Noel, Phares

Clergy Reserves

Rowe, Edwin
Landis, J.D.

Laity Reserves

Miller Spitnale, Diane
Brown, Diane

EAST OHIO

Clergy

George, Gary
Stultz, Valerie
Wilson, Wanda
Winkler, James

Laity

Vargo, Jessica, **Chair**
Rinehart, Jerry
Laferty, MNatthew
Jackson, Maggie

Edwards, Neriah
Trimble, Julius
Brown, Marvin
Chalker, Ken
White, Paul
Patterson, Cynthia
Somerville, Linda
Arellano, Armando
Chaffee, Orlando
Rollins, Benita
Bryant, Dan
Harris, Chester
Somerville, J. Michael
McGhee, Delanie

Clergy Reserves

Nelson-Olin, Sally
Yoost, Charles
Heasley, Ron
Batchelor-Glader, Bruce
Grant, Michael

Grant, Holly
Jackson, Anita
Laferty, Alan
Capelle, Paul
Andrews, Iris
Applebee, Gail
Crowell, Linda
Hartong, David
Ruggles, Jane
Wilson, Betty
Ehrman, James
Kraus, Jeanette
Burrows, Ellen
Askins, Harry

Laity Reserves

Haswell, Linda
Wason, Martha
West, TaJuana
Payne, Richard
Kelly, James

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVER

Clergy

Bias, Timothy, **Chair**
Bishop, Shane
Ross, Roger
Freeman, Robert
Zimmerman, J.Keith
Isbell, Sara
Jones, Cynthia
Weatherhall, Sylvester
Robinson, Randall
Booker-Jones, Rose
Benitone, Troy

Laity

Whitaker, Rhonda, **Chair**
Black, Paul
Hood, David
Wolfe, Bunny
Yockey, Carolyn
Gibson, L. Jerome
Wilson, J. LaVon
Reis, Kim
Calvillo, Melissa
Paulson, Peter
Shelton, Keith

Wilkes-Null, Beverly
Graham England, Melva
Price, Dennis

Clergy Reserves

Sonaram, Deryck
Smith, J. Michael
Pyatt, William

Hahs, Elouise
Crawford, Kara
Hammond-McDavid, Pamela

Laity Reserves

Iutzi, Fred
Rankin, Carol
Gordan, Ginny

IOWA

Clergy

Tritle, Barrie
Eberhart, Diane W
Milford, Brian
Sung, Christina
Dungan, Karen
Daniel, Wesley S.K.
Kail, Edward
Coon, Dennis
Burkhart, J. Robert
Sanders, Jill
Armpriester, Marvin
Crandall, Robert
White, George
Moore, Kathleen
Kruse, Arnette

Clergy Reserves

Oakland, Jerry
Morgan, Mike
Shinkle, Tom
Bell, Beverlee
Butler, Linda
Shultz, Paul
Ottesen, Realff

Laity

Carver, Philip, **Chair**
Dawes, Inez
Ney, Sue
Morrison, Norma
Ross, Lana
Ireland, Jessica
Glenn, Twila
Nolte, Beverly
Tritle, Kae
Fell, Jonathan
Spencer, Beverly
Standley, David
Nygaard, Christian
Young, Marcia
Nygaard, Anne

Laity Reserves

Higdon, Dorothy
Shannon, Erica
Blaedel, Anna
Stevens, Sarah K.
Tillotson, Bruce
Nolan, Kristin Clark
Petrak, Ruth Anne

Clergy

Zabel, Judy, **Chair**
Bard, David
Gregorson, Cindy
Campbell, Rufus
Horst, Mark
Alexander, Dennis
Sechrist, Becky

Clergy Reserves

Sarazin, Duane
Bolte, Alan

Clergy

Preston, James
Fisher, Deborah
Malone, Tracy Smith
Crain, Margaret Ann
Jueng, Ouk-Yean Kim
Pickens, Larry
Lyll, Alka
Carrasco, Oscar
Campanano, Juancho
Reyes, Luis

Clergy Reserves

Lightsey, Pamela
Lee, Martin

MINNESOTA

Laity

Dahlberg, Mary Jo
Anderson, Otis
Gates, Mary
Grant, Mary
Schnoor, Frederic “Jay”
Swenson, Sara
Sites, Jeff

Laity Reserves

Mueller, Beth
Harvey, Derek

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Laity

Curless, Roger, **Chair**
McCabe, Harriet
Clark, Irma
Ryder, Jack
Kesley-Powell, Ana
Siaba, Judith
Kuzma, Matthew
Manzi, Mark
Gatz, Elisa
Javier, Aquilino

Laity Reserves

Braden, David
Antrobus, Charla

NORTH INDIANA

Clergy

Beard, Frank

Laity

Mykrantz, Kayc, **Chair**

Reisman, Kim
Siefert, Brian
Reynolds, Cindy
Dominick, Mike
Cobb, Michelle
Spence, Mary Eileen
Nunley, Chris
Parris, Gregg

Clergy Reserves

Dexter, Bob
Brindel, Jean
Carmer, Toni
Arnold, Paul
Olson-Bunnell, Heather

Johnson, Carolyn
Ottjes, Jim
Shrock, Paula
Fenstermacher, Ed
Hefley, Charles
Loomis, Ashley
Adams, Ken
Stone, Ruth Ellen

Laity Reserves

Bohnstedt, Albert
Shettle, Monet
Rhoades, Ellen
Dwiggins, Jack
Hanson, Ann

SOUTH INDIANA

Clergy

Glass, Ann
McGarvey, Greg
Penalva, David
Cushman Wood, David
Bushfield, James
Cock, Beth Ann
Purvis, Judith
Millard, Kent
Harris, Rosa
Armstrong, Kevin
Abbott, John
Lang, Marie

Clergy Reserves

Wilson, Jean
Owens, David VW
Wilkins, Raymond

Laity

Williams, Ike, **Chair**
Miller, Patricia
Gaither-Grant, Rita
Newkirk, Vickie
Lawson, John
Crane, David
Marshall, Carolyn
Robbins, Luke
Evans, Dan
Boruff, Benjamin
Ruby, Sandra
Talbot, Bert

Laity Reserves

Jones, Ethan
Bunch, Anne
Minglin, Beckie

WEST MICHIGAN

Clergy

Heisler, Benton R.
Haller, Laurie A.
McReynolds, Russel R.
DeVine, Jerone R.
Boley, John W
Pier-Fitzgerald, J.Lynn

Clergy Reserves

Moore, Joy Jittaun
Kalajainen, Bradley P.

Laity

Dahlman, Laurie A., **Chair**
Pier-Fitzgerald, Joel T.
Frarnum, Rebecca
Baek, Sarah Hey-Young
Mosely, Lois
Lett, Steven T.

Laity Reserves

VerVeer Guy, Nichea
Lundquist, C. David

WEST OHIO

Clergy

Stover, Gregory
Brooks, Gloria
Grace, Roger
Coleman III, Norman
Park, Joon-Sik
Fairchild, Darryl
Tumblin Thomas
Mallory, Margaret
Wolfe, Alice
Miller, Rachel
Stickley-Miner, Dee
Edgar, John
Hines, Derik
Hanover, Thomas
Sutton, R. Stanley
Roper, Jocelyn
Wislon, L. Cean
Alston, Jr, Calvin
Young, Andrew

Laity

Howard, George, **Chair**
Kercherval Short, Mary
Barrett, Anna
Connolly, Katherine
Steiner, Chris
Lutz, Benis
Oglesby, Mildred
Walker, Sr. Robert
Dawson, Scott
Connolly, Phillip
Carmichael, Anthony
Galloway, Mary Ann
Jackson, Ernest
David, Deborah
Howard Burns, Jennifer
Boyd, Bruce
Rhonemus, Al
Barrett, Scott
Seiberling, Eric

Housman, Sharon
Meredith, David
Ocke, Scot

Clergy Reserves

Waugh, James
Garn, Cyndy
Chivington, David
Tunison, Stephanie
Creech, Gregory
Stevens, Deborah
Stringer, Henry
Heckman, Christopher
Pees, Kevin
Beattie, Sharon

Clergy

Mayorga, Jorge, **Chair**
Burwell, Susanne
Royappa, Samuel
Poster, Stephen
Council-Austin, Mary
White, Wesley
Stein, Amanda
Zekoff, Steven
DeLong, Amy
Deamer, Francis

Clergy Reserves

Wells, Forrest
Ellinger, Janet

Hutsell, Roxie
Wells, Catherine
Winter, Ned

Laity Reserves

Lawson, Ruth
Johnson, Joan
Imboden, Bob
Bingman, James
Shick, Cathie
Phillips-Carmichael, Irma
Scholl, Leo
Peters, John
Stutz, Sue
Hessler, Soren

WISCONSIN

Laity

King, Lisa
LaBumbard, Billie
Foster, Becky
Lowe, Justin
Kindshi, Rick
Schobert, Diane
Odeen, Diane
Mueller, Michael
Radley, Dorthy
Kindshi, Roger

Laity Reserves

Graeber, Sheri
Krueger, Erika

**DAILY PROCEEDINGS
THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE
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**Wednesday Afternoon Session
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The Eleventh Jurisdictional Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church convened July 16, 2008, at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI.

Devos Place - Ballroom A

1. **WORSHIP.** The conference opened with a service of memorial, worship and communion at 2:00 p.m. Those remembered in the Litany of remembrance were Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp, Bishop David Jerald Lawson, and Bishop's widow Marion Thompson Garrison. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung's sermon title was "Spirit, Wind, Unity". Communion was served. The first business session followed the worship service.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, President of the College of Bishops called the conference to order at 4:15 p.m.

3. GREETINGS. Bishop Jonathan Keaton, bishop of the host area welcomed the Jurisdictional Conference on behalf of the West Michigan Conference. Welcomes were presented by Sandra Douglas and David Wiltse from the Local Arrangements Committee, Kurt Kimball, Grand Rapids City Manager, Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Debbie Stabenow.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Maria Wiblin, NCJ Conference Secretary made announcements to the body. She moved that the bar of the conference be set so that all seats forward the roped area establish the bar of the conference where only delegates may be seated with the following exceptions: bishop's spouses, the press, distinguished visitors. Announcements of elections at other Jurisdictional conferences will be made during the conference. She also called attention to the sheet where numbers are assigned to clergy members for purposes of balloting.
5. ROLL CALL OF THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS. Bishop Kiesey, secretary of the College of Bishops, reported the following NCJ bishops in attendance: (Active) Christopher, Dyck, Hopkins, Jung, Keaton, Kiesey, Lee, Ough, Palmer; (Retired) Ammons, Clymer, Job, Ott, Rader; (Unable to Attend) Coyner, Sprague, Craig, Jordan, White, Lewis, Duecker, Thomas. Bishop DeWitt will be arriving tomorrow.

6. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATIONS. Maria Wiblin explained the procedure for the roll call. The chair of each delegation gave an account of the delegates present.

Delegation	Reported by	Delegates	Reserves
Dakotas	Teri Johnson	4	1
Detroit	Joy Barrett	20	4
East Ohio	Jessica Vargo	36	5
Illinois Great Rivers	Tim Bias	28	5
Iowa	Philip Carver	32	2
Minnesota	Judy Zabel	16	1
Northern Illinois	James Preston	20	4
North Indiana	Kayc Mykrantz	20	4
South Indiana	Ike Williams	24	1
West Michigan	Laurie Dahlman	12	4
West Ohio	George Howard	44	7
Wisconsin	Jorge Mayorga	19	2

7. GUESTS TO THE CONFERENCE. Bishop Jung introduced John Goolsbey, General Secretary from GCFA, members of the monitoring team and Kathy Austin-Mahle, member of The Judicial Council.
8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER. Chris Steiner, (West Ohio), chair, presented the report on pages 62-76 of the *Advance Journal*.

9. CONFIRMATION OF JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEES AND SECRETARIAL STAFF. Maria Wiblin introduced the chairs of the on-site committees (p. 34 of *The Advance Journal*). They were approved. Maria referred to pages 35-36 of *The Advance Journal* to introduce the 2008-2012 standing committees. Maria introduced the secretarial staff. Naomi Bartle (Dakotas), Episcopal Nomination Process and Conference Recorder; Joy Montanye (West Ohio), Conference Recorder; Erica Shannon (Iowa), Nominations Secretary and Conference Recorder.
10. REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF EPISCOPACY. Myron McCoy (Northern Illinois), chair, reported that the committee recommends the election of one Bishop at this conference.
11. REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS. Roger Curless (Northern Illinois), chair, explained the voting procedure. Referred to the list of clergy eligible for election and removed several names due to the fact they were deacons, not elders.
12. FIRST BALLOT. Following prayer, the first ballot was taken.
13. REPORT OF JURISDICTIONAL EPISCOPAL AREA REDUCTION TASK FORCE. Bishop Christopher reported NCJ Bishops Palmer, Ough and Christopher plus Ed Kail and Maggie Jackson from the Committee on Episcopacy worked on researching the reduction. Per the Discipline, General Conference determines the number of bishops, Jurisdiction elects the bishops and the

College of Bishops determines the boundaries. Susan Neinaber, from the Alban Institute will lead 3 sessions, one Thursday and two Friday to discuss possible scenarios with the conference.

14. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING OFFICERS. Matthew Laferty (East Ohio), reported that Bishop Jung presided Wednesday afternoon, Bishop Kiesey will preside Wednesday evening, Bishop Christopher will preside Thursday morning, Bishop Lee will preside Thursday evening, and Bishop Ough will preside Friday morning.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. MONITORING REPORT. The goal of the Committee on Nominations was to have 1/3 clergy, 1/3 laity men, 1/3 laity women represented on each council, board, or commission. This goal was not met due to not having the pool of people.
17. A video was shown from the Wisconsin Conference Circuit Ministry: "Beyond All Expectations".
18. REPORT ON FIRST BALLOTT. Ballots cast 275; valid ballots 272; invalid ballots 3; votes needed to be elected 164. There was no election.

19. INTRODUCTIONS BASED ON FIRST BALLOTS. All persons receiving ten or more votes were introduced alphabetically by the presiding Bishop.
20. RECESS. At 6:00 p.m., following prayer by Bishop Rader, the conference recessed until 9:50 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Session
July 16, 2008
DeVos Place—Ballroom A

1. NOMINEE FORUMS were held from 7:30 – 8:50 p.m.
2. DELEGATION MEETINGS were held from 9:05 – 9:35 p.m.
3. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Debora Kiesey, Dakotas area called the session to order at 9:55pm.
4. SECOND BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Ammons before the delegation voted for the second time.
5. NCJ MISSION COUNCIL REPORT. Jeffrey Regan (Detroit), referred to page 40 of *The Advance Journal*. Report includes the work of the agencies in the North Central Jurisdiction. The Jurisdictional Mission Council meets to ensure programming and financial help as well as present liaisons to each agency.

Stan Sutton's report will include a request for additional funds for the next quadrennium.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT. Stan Sutton (West Ohio), presented the 2009-2012 NCJ Budget, on pages 43-44 of *The Advance Journal*. 2004 apportionments 84%, (\$642,975) and in 2008, thus far the apportionments have been paid at 91% (\$682,572). Detroit, Illinois Great River, Northern Illinois, West Michigan, Wisconsin have paid 100%. Our current reserves are \$173,000. The Jurisdiction is organized to elect bishops and support missions that could not otherwise be funded. Missions including: Korean, BMCR, Reuben Job Center, Hispanic, Native American and Asian American Fellowship. Annual increase of budget is less than 2% each year, this year's proposed increase is the first in 12 years. The mission section of the budget will increase almost \$100,000. Extra expenses will have to be included for the discussions around the Episcopal area reduction, which is to happen before 2012. Stan Sutton noted that the jurisdiction also needs to discuss how the apportionments are passed on to the Annual Conferences.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS. Bishop Gregory Palmer reported that Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan and Bishop Woodie White are representing our jurisdiction at the Western Jurisdiction and the Southeast Jurisdiction, respectively. Bishop Palmer welcomed Bishop S. Clifton Ives, of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, as a representative from the College of Bishops.

Rev. Kathy Austin-Mahle, a member of the Judicial Council, was introduced by Bishop Palmer.

8. LIBERIAN PRESENTATION. A video from Liberia, which highlighted missions and ministries, was shown to the conference.
9. REPORT OF THE SECOND BALLOT. Ballots cast 269 valid ballots 267, invalid ballots 2; votes needed to elect 161. There was no election.
10. THIRD BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Donald Ott before the votes were cast.
11. MONITORING REPORT. Delegation leadership – 50% male, 50% female. The monitoring committee noted that a diverse group of people were seeking the Episcopal nomination, but the front runners are mainly white.
12. RECESS. At 10:40 p.m., following song led by Bishop Kiesey, the conference recessed until Thursday morning at 8:30 am.

Thursday Morning Session
July 17, 2008
Devos Place - Ballroom A

1. **WORSHIP.** A morning worship service was held at 8:30 a.m. The sermon presented by Bishop Deborah Kiesey's was entitled "Extravagant Love".
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher, Illinois Great River Conference, called the session to order at 10:20 a.m.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EPISCOPAL ELECTION.** Election to the episcopacy by other jurisdictions: Paul Leeland, Southeast Jurisdiction.
4. **MONITORING REPORT.** Presented by Marion McCray. Marion asked all of the lay and clergy delegates to stand. Then she asked all of those who were not a person of color or ethnicity to be seated. This was to provide a visual of our diversity. The body was reminded that all of our presentations need to be inclusive.
5. **REPORT OF THIRD BALLOT.** Ballots cast 270, valid ballots 270, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 162. There was no election.
6. **FOURTH BALLOT.** Prayer was offered by Bishop Reuben Job. Fourth ballot was taken.

7. WITHDRAWAL. Wesley S. K. Daniel (Iowa) withdrew his name from further consideration as an Episcopal nominee.
8. COMMITTEE ON JOURNALS. Sue Ney (Iowa), reported the committee reviewed the past four years' journals from each conference. A letter will be sent to each conference secretary or journal editor commending them for their work and outlining any changes, modifications, or corrections that need to be made. The minutes from the Wednesday afternoon session were reviewed and were approved with minor changes.
9. COMMITTEE ON AGENDA. Sue Ney (Iowa), reported there is a new agenda for today.
10. GREETINGS. Bishop Ives brought greetings from the Council of Bishops and the Northeast Jurisdiction.
11. EPISCOPAL ADDRESS. Bishop John Hopkins presented the Episcopal address.
12. SMALL GROUP CIRCLE PROCESS. Susan Neinaber instructed the body about small group circle process for dialogue on Episcopal Area Boundaries. The delegates broke into discussion groups.
13. REPORT ON FOURTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 273, valid ballots 273, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to be elected 164. There was no election.

14. WITHDRAWAL. Jorge Mayorga (Wisconsin) withdrew his name from further consideration as an Episcopal nominee.
15. FIFTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Jonathon Keaton. Fifth ballot was taken.
16. MOTION. Bishop Hopkins' address be made available in written format for delegates. Motion carried.
17. MOTION. Bishop Hopkins' address be made available on DVD for each district in every conference. Motion carried.
18. RECESS. At 12:29 p.m. the Conference recessed until 3:15 p.m.

**Thursday Afternoon Session
July 17, 2008
DeVos Place – Ballroom A**

1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Linda Lee, Wisconsin Conference, called the session to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Election to the episcopacy by other Jurisdiction: Peggy A. Johnson, Northeast Jurisdiction, W. Earl Bledsoe, South Central Jurisdiction.

3. REPORT OF FIFTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 272, valid ballots 272, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
4. WITHDRAWAL. Frank Beard (North Indiana) withdrew his name from further consideration as an Episcopal nominee.
5. SIXTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop John Hopkins. Sixth ballot was taken.
6. MOTION. A motion for reconsideration of the motion to distribute the Episcopal Address to each district in each conference on DVD. The Episcopal address will be available on the NCJC website. This is a free way for distribution. Motion carried.
7. MOTION. A motion was made to overturn the original process for distribution. Motion carried.
8. COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY. Myron McCroy (Northern Illinois) referred to recommendation #1 on pg 38 in *The Advance Journal* and asked for the approval. It was approved.
9. TRI-GOD AT WORK. Each conference was asked to provide a creative presentation highlighting ministry in their conference. The first presentation was given by Detroit Conference.

10. PRAYER REQUEST. Armando Arellano (East Ohio) was taken to the hospital and will have emergency surgery.
11. REPORT OF SIXTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 274, valid ballots 274, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 165. There was no election.
12. WITHDRAWAL. Randy Cross (Dakotas) withdrew his name from further consideration as an Episcopal nominee.
13. MOTION. Motion made for ten minute spot conversations. Motion carried.
14. SEVENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Bruce Ough. Seventh ballot was taken.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. REPORT OF SEVENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 271, valid ballots 270, invalid ballots 1, votes needed to elect 162. There was no election.
17. WITHDRAWAL. Larry Pickens (Northern Illinois) withdrew his name from further consideration as an Episcopal nominee.

18. EIGHTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung. Eighth ballot was taken.
19. CENTRAL CONFERENCES PENSION INITIATIVE. Emmy Lou John (Illinois Great River) reported the GBOM, GCFA, UMPH, UMCOM and BOP are working together to establish a fund to create a permanent, self-sustaining pension program for the conferences outside the USA. This is the most successful team ministry in the history of the United Methodist Church. The goal is to raise a minimum of twenty million dollars for this effort.
20. TRI-GOD AT WORK. The second presentation was given by Iowa Conference.
21. REPORT OF EIGHTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 272, valid ballots 272, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
22. NINTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Deborah Kiesey. Ninth ballot was taken.
23. TRI-GOD AT WORK. The third presentation was given by Minnesota Conference.
24. COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING OFFICERS. Matthew Laferty (East Ohio), reported that Bishop Bruce Ough will preside Thursday

evening, Bishop Sally Dyck will preside Friday morning, Bishop Gregory Palmer will preside Friday afternoon, and Bishop John Hopkins will preside Friday evening.

25. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS. Bishop Sharon Rader, chair of the committee, moved pages one, two and top of page three of the nominations report on behalf of the committee. Motion carried. Moved the adoption of the Jurisdictional Mission Council nominees on page 3. Motion carried. Moved for election of Stan Sutton as North Central Jurisdictional Treasurer until his retirement in 2010 with Richard VanGriesen to take over at that time. Motion carried. Moved for election of Maria Wiblin as North Central Jurisdictional Secretary. Motion carried. Moved pool on page four for National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA General Board. Motion carried.
26. MOTION. Motion to use W for White Americans, H for Hispanic Americans, AS for Asian Americans and AF for African American for the ethnicity indicators. Motion carried.
27. MOTION. Motion to change EA for the ethnicity indicator for White Americans. Motion was tabled.
28. REPORT OF NINTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 273, valid ballots 273, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.

- 29. TENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Sally Dyck. Tenth ballot was taken.
- 30. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 31. RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT FOR BISHOP SHARON BROWN CHRISTOPHER.
- 32. RECESS. At 7:00 p.m. the Conference recessed until 9:15 p.m.

**Thursday Evening Session
July 17, 2008
DeVos Place – Ballroom A**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop John Hopkins, Conference, called the session to order at 8:15 p.m.
- 2. REPORT FROM UMW. Rita Gaither-Gant was introduced to speak about the retreat and the information that was provided to each conference.
- 3. ELEVENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Palmer. Eleventh ballot was taken.
- 4. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Sue Ney from Iowa offered the Iowa t-shirts as a donation to the Iowa relief fund.

5. TRI-GOD AT WORK. The fourth presentation was by the Dakotas Conference.
6. REPORT ON ELEVENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 272, valid ballot 272, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
7. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Beverly Wilkes-Null commended Bishop Hopkins for help working chairing the Connectional Table.
8. TWELFTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rader. Twelfth ballot was taken.
9. REPORT OF UMVIM. Harry Askin led the presentation for UMVIM. Wayne Bank of the Detroit Conference was introduced. In the last year over 1,200 volunteers were sent around the world from the North Central Jurisdiction. In 2007 a new team for early response was initiated through Tom Hazelwood. Eight training sessions were held to train leaders across the Jurisdiction. Rita Gaither-Gant was introduced to share some of the programs in UMVIM. The first TeachUM session was held this year as well. This year a program that allows individuals to volunteer without a team began. The UMVIM Advance number is 901075.

10. REPORT OF NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (pg 51). Fred Shaw from West Ohio presented. Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin introduced the video. The video highlighted several of the ministries through the Native American Comprehensive Plan and Native American Caucus. The Jurisdictional Native American Committee hosts lay speaker schools across the Jurisdiction a Course of Study extension of Methodist Theological School in Ohio and a Continuing Education program. Gathering Sisters events are held for spiritual renewal for lay and clergy women.
11. REPORT ON TWELFTH BALLOT. Ballots casts 272, valid ballots 272, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
12. WITHDRAWAL. Jerome DeVine (West Michigan) withdrew his name from further consideration as an Episcopal nominee.
13. THIRTEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Lee. Thirteenth ballot was taken.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Agenda Committee will meet after adjournment.
15. MONITORING REPORT. The North Central Jurisdictional Conference was thanked for allowing the monitors from COSROW and CORR to be part of the event. The Detroit Interns Presentation speakers were mainly male, but also young adults.

Inclusive language was used in prayers and worship. This afternoon, the presiding officer, secretary, and parliamentarian were African American; this was celebrated by the Monitoring Committee.

16. RECESS. Prayer was offered by Bishop Ives. At 10:50 p.m. the Conference recessed until Friday morning, 8:30 a.m.

**Friday Morning Session
July 18, 2008
Devos Place – Ballroom A**

1. WORSHIP. A morning worship service was held at 8:30 a.m. The sermon offered by Bishop Sally Dyck was entitled “Healing the World”.
2. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Sally Dyck, Minnesota Area, called the session to order at 10:38 a.m.
3. PRAYER REQUEST. Alternate Lay Delegate David Chivington’s daughter passed away this morning.
4. MONITORING REPORT. Today’s worship displayed multi-generational through the music.
5. COMMITTEE ON AGENDA. Sue Ney (Iowa) reported a new agenda today. The conference has to finish by 10:00 p.m. or

there will be a charge for another day. Please be in your seats and ready to vote at a moment's notice.

6. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Affirming the healing service.
7. REPORT ON THIRTEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 274, valid ballots 273, invalid ballots 1, votes needed to be elected 164. There was no election.
8. FOURTEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher. Fourteenth ballot was taken.
9. VOTE ON NCJ BUDGET. Stan Sutton (West Ohio) presented the 2009-2012 budget on page 43-44 in *The Advance Journal*. Motion carried.
10. OFFERING FOR PAGES AND USHERS.
11. PRAYER REQUEST. Armando Arellano (East Ohio) is having surgery right now.
12. REPORT ON FOURTEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 275, valid ballots 275, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to be elected 166. There was no election.
13. FIFTEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Don Ott. Fifteenth ballot was taken.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Election to the episcopacy by other other jurisdictions: John Michael Lowry, South Central Jurisdiction.
15. SMALL GROUP CIRCLE PROCESS. After instructions from Susan Neinaber dialogue on Episcopal area boundaries continued.
16. REPORT ON FIFTEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 275, valid ballots 274, invalid ballots 1, voted needed to be elected 165. There was no election.
17. SIXTEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Wayne Clymer. Sixteenth ballot was taken.
18. CELEBRATION OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADVANCE.
19. RECESS. At p.m. the Conference recessed until p.m.

**Friday Afternoon Session
July 18, 2008
DeVos Place – Ballroom A**

1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Palmer, Iowa Conference, called the session to order at 1:40 p.m.
2. REPORT OF SIXTEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 275, valid ballots 274, invalid ballots 1, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
3. MOTION. Motion was made to allow each of the remaining Episcopal candidates to have three minutes to speak in random order and ten minutes to discuss as delegations after the speeches have been heard. Motion carried.
4. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Bishop Palmer, Bishop Christopher, and Maria Wiblin drew names of the five remaining Episcopal candidates and they were given the opportunity to speak for three minutes to the body of the conference in the order in which they were drawn. The following candidates spoke: Laurie Haller (West Michigan), David Bard (Minnesota), Tim Bias (Illinois Great Rivers), Gregory Stover (West Ohio), Julius Calvin Trimble (East Ohio). Bishop Palmer offered a prayer before delegation discussions.
5. SEVENTEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Emerson Colaw. Seventeenth ballot was taken.
6. CELEBRATION OF 60th ANNIVERSARY OF ADVANCE. Rachel Harvey with GBGM presented for Advance. The North Central

Jurisdiction is the highest giving Jurisdiction at \$7.25 per person.

7. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Bishop Michael Coyner thanked the conference for the prayers for his mother and family.
8. REPORT OF SEVENTEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 274, valid ballots 273, invalid ballots 1, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
9. WITHDRAWAL. Rev. Timothy Bias (Illinois Great Rivers) withdrew his name from consideration as an Episcopal candidate.
10. MOTION. Motion for a ten minute spot conversation. Motion failed.
11. EIGHTEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Job. Eighteenth ballot was taken.
12. SMALL GROUP CIRCLE PROCESS. After instructions by Susan Neinaber, the dialogue on Episcopal Area Boundaries continued.
13. REPORT OF EIGHTEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 274, valid ballots 272, invalid ballots 2, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.

14. WITHDRAWAL. Rev. Laurie Haller (West Michigan) withdrew her name from consideration as an Episcopal candidate.
15. NINETEENTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Coyner. Nineteenth ballot was taken.
16. REPORT OF NINETEENTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 273, valid ballots 272, invalid ballots 1, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
17. TWENTIETH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Ammons. Twentieth ballot was taken.
18. TRI-GOD AT WORK. The presentation was done by West Ohio.
19. REPORT OF TWENTIETH BALLOT. Ballots cast 270, valid ballots 270, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 162. There was no election.
20. TWENTY-FIRST BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Keaton. Twenty-first ballot was taken.
21. REPORT OF TWENTY-FIRST BALLOT. Ballots cast 273, valid ballots 273, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.

22. MOTION. A motion was made to allow a ten minute spot conversation. Motion failed.
23. TWENTY-SECOND BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rader. Twenty-second ballot was taken.
24. TRI-GOD AT WORK. North Indiana and South Indiana presented a joint Tri-God presentation.
25. MOTION ON INDIANA MERGER. Whereas, ¶140, Article IV of the constitution of The United Methodist Church provides that: *Changes in the number, names and boundaries of the annual conferences and Episcopal areas may be effected by the jurisdictional conferences...*"; and, whereas, following prayerful study and discernment both the North Indiana and South Indiana Annual Conferences have respectively approved the creation of one new United Methodist Annual Conference in the State of Indiana; Therefore, I move that pursuant to ¶140, Article IV of the Constitution this North Central Jurisdictional Conference in session in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 18, 2008, approve the creation of one annual conference in the State of Indiana to be known as the Indiana Annual Conference and the Indiana Episcopal Area with its boundaries being the entire State of Indiana, effective October 4, 2008. Motion carried.
26. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. A member of the North Indiana delegation asked for prayer over the merger.

27. REPORT OF TWENTY-SECOND BALLOT. Ballots cast 274, valid ballots 274, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 165. There was no election.
28. WITHDRAWAL. Rev. Gregory Stover (West Ohio) withdrew his name from consideration as an Episcopal candidate.
29. TWENTY-THIRD BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Ott. Twenty-third ballot was taken.
30. REPORT OF BISHOP REUBEN JOB CENTER. (Pg 46-47 in *The Advance Journal*) Doug Anderson presented. The Bishop Reuben Job Center for Leadership is located in Mitchell, South Dakota. Programs include Interim Ministry, Stewardship, Media Change, New Comer Assimilation, Moving from Good Church to Great Church, and programs for Probationary Members. Programs have been held in all five Jurisdictions. For the next quadrennium plans are to train more program leaders and explore programming around youth ministry.
31. REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE. Becca Farnum introduced three other members of the North Central Jurisdiction Division On Ministries with Young People. Young people serving on General Boards and Agencies and all Young People delegates were recognized. The new website will be www.ncjdmyp.org.

32. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Ernest Jackson and Becca Burns spoke on youth and young adults at General and Jurisdictional Conference and the differing views they bring.
33. REPORT OF TWENTY-THIRD BALLOT. Ballots cast 273, valid ballots 273, invalid ballots 0, votes needed to elect 164. There was no election.
34. MOTION. A motion was made to have a five minute spot conversation. Motion passed.
35. WITHDRAWAL. Rev. David Bard (Minnesota) withdrew his name from consideration as an Episcopal candidate.
36. TWENTY-FOURTH BALLOT. Prayer was offered by Bishop Ives. Twenty-fourth ballot was taken.
37. REPORT FROM MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER. The Midwest Mission Distribution Center opened in 2001. The distribution center is on an eight acre area with room for kits to be made, dormitories, and office space. Over 4,000 flood buckets were sent out this year.
38. REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH BALLOT. Ballots cast 271, valid ballots 278, invalid ballots 3, votes needed to elect 161. **There was an election.** The Rev. Julius Calvin Trimble of the East Ohio Conference was elected a bishop of The United

Methodist Church with 255 votes at 6:32 pm E.D.T. He was escorted to the stage by Bishop John Hopkins and Bishop Jonathon Keaton. He and his spouse Racelder Grandberry Trimble were introduced by Myron McCoy, chair of the NCJ Committee on Episcopacy. Newly-elected Bishop Trimble addressed the body.

39. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

40. RECESS. Bishop Palmer dismissed the conference at 6:45 pm and will reconvene at 8:15 pm.

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1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop John Hopkins, East Ohio Conference, called the session to order at 8:15 p.m.
2. REPORT FROM UMW. Jenette Krause of the East Ohio Conference presented. Rita Gaither-Gant was introduced to speak about the retreat and the information that was provided to each conference. The new directors were named and recognized for the Women's Division. This year they returned \$77,000 to the Women's Division for mission work. Money was given to Marcia Young for Iowa flood relief.

3. REPORT FROM UMM. Bob Imboden, the President of the West Ohio UMM gave the presentation which included a video. 2008 is the 100th year of UMM.
4. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE. Presented by Phil Carver. Phil Carver introduced Bishop Lee and SueAnn Diaz commissioners from the General Commission on Religion and Race. A video about the 40th Anniversary of CORR was shown.
5. REPORT FROM URBAN NETWORK AND TOWN AND COUNTRY ASSOCIATION. Tom Gaus, Jodi Heisker and Bob Walker made the presentation and announced the Two Coins for Justice Event in January 2009.
6. TRI-GOD AT WORK. Presentation from Northern Illinois.
7. REPORT OF JOURNAL COMMITTEE. Sue Ney announced that all minutes except for Friday evenings were edited. Sue Ney moved that the NCJ Conference Secretary and her secretarial staff be authorized to reconcile the journal for editorial corrections as necessary. Motion carried.
8. MONITORING REPORT. The committee reported that the ministry of monitoring is about the ministry of reporting who we are and who is missing.

9. **ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE.** Sandra Douglas and Dave Wiltse were recognized for their work as part of the local arrangements committee. The next North Central Jurisdictional Conference will be in East Ohio, Paul White is one of the co-chairs for this event.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

11. **MOTION.** Maria Wiblin moved that the bar of the conference be set at the sanctuary of First UMC in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 19, 2008.

12. **TRI-GOD AT WORK.** East Ohio presented a video from the conference.

13. **RECESS.** Bishop Hopkins recessed the conference until 9:45 pm. Prayer was offered by Bishop Keaton. The conference will reconvene at 9:30 am tomorrow in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church for the consecration of the new bishop and the reading of assignments for the bishops.

CLOSING SESSION
Saturday, July 19, 2008

Following the celebration of consecration and communion, the Jurisdictional Conference was called to order by Bishop Hee Soo Jung. She in turn called upon the Chair of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, to present the assignments of the bishops for the next quadrennium.

MOTION. Bruce R. Ough be assigned to the West Ohio Area. Motion carried.

MOTION The Episcopal assignments be made to the North Central Jurisdiction effective September 1, 2008. Motion Carried.

The assignments are as follows:

Chicago Area	Bishop Hee Soo Jung
Dakotas Area	Bishop Deborah L. Kiese
East Ohio Area	Bishop John Hopkins
Illinois Great Rivers	Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
Indiana Area	Bishop Michael J. Coyner
Iowa Area	Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble
Michigan Area	Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton
Minnesota Area	Bishop Sally Dyck
Wisconsin Area	Bishop Linda Lee

The 2008 North Central Jurisdictional Conference was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

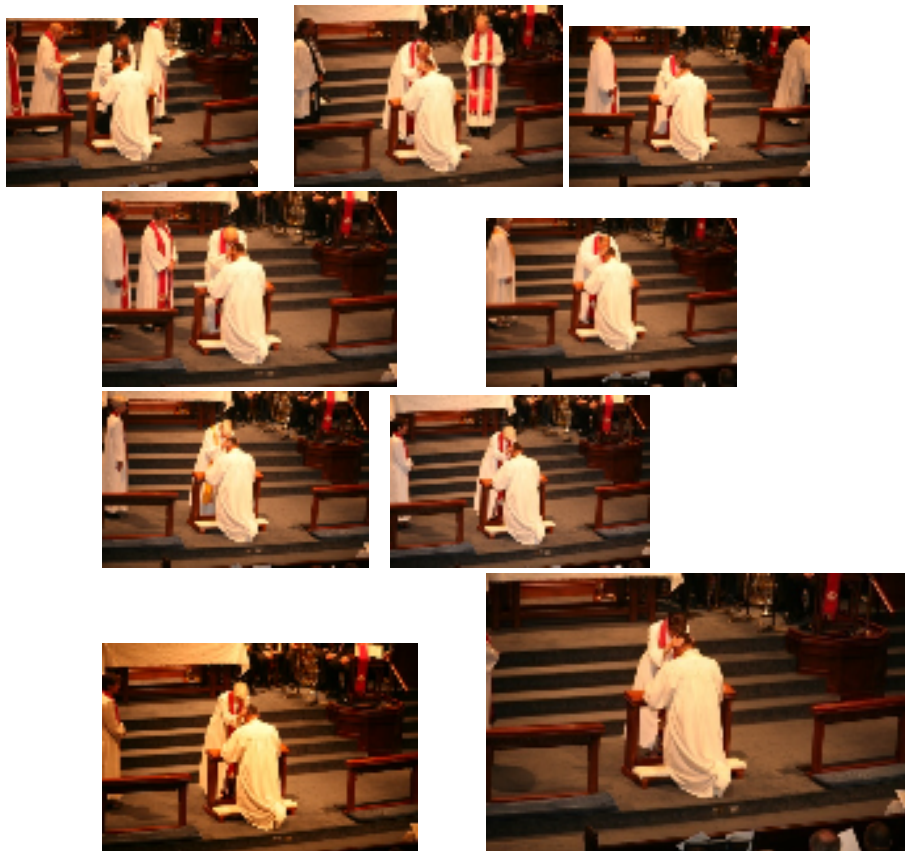
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Delegates of
The North Central Jurisdictional Conference
of the United Methodist Church

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church (a nonprofit organization) for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Conference's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in the notes, this financial statement was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008, on the basis of accounting described in the notes.


Whalen & Company, CPAs
Worthington, Ohio

April 27, 2009

THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOTICE TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE OF 2008

2008-2009 SESSION SUMMARY

The following summary of the 2008-2009 session is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an official record of the conference.

	2008	2009
Number of Clergy and Laity	1,100	1,100
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Nominations Committee Report North Central Jurisdiction Grand Rapids, MI – 2008

- A. Elections to General Boards and Agencies**
- B. Nominations for the National Council of Churches of Christ (USA) General Board**
- C. Election of officers of the Jurisdiction**
- D. Elections to Jurisdictional Mission Council**

The pages which follow constitute the report of the 2008 Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations which was submitted to the Jurisdictional Conference for action in the form of an election.

The Committee on Nominations was convened by Bishop Sharon Rader on the Tuesday before the start of the Jurisdictional Conference on Wednesday. Erica Shannon represented the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary in preparing many of the forms for the committee's work, then, acted as secretary for the meetings of the committee.

The nominations and elections cover the areas listed at the top of this page (plus nominations only for the governing board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA), and the results of the elections are in the order listed.

A. ELECTIONS TO GENERAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES

The following designations are used in the rosters of general agency personnel:

AS=Asian American
AF=African American
HA= Hispanic American
NA= Native American
PI= Pacific Islander
WA=White American

CM=Clergyman
CW=Clergywoman
LM=Layman
LW=Laywoman
OA=Older Adult

Y=Youth
YA=Young Adult
OA=Older Adult
PWD=Person w/ Disability

*****=Additional Nominating Committee Member

CONNECTIONAL TABLE

Beverly Wilkes-Null	Illinois Great Rivers	AF	CW	
Lynn Scott	Wisconsin	WA	CW	
Benjamin Boruff	South Indiana	WA	LM	YA
Gregory Stover	West Ohio	WA	CM	

GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Tracey Smith Malone*	North Illinois	AF	CW	
Robbie Salmeonson	Dakotas	NA	LM	YA
Faith Fowler	Detroit	WA	CW	
Anna Blaedel	Iowa	WA	CW	YA
Kara Crawford*	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	CW	YA
Deanna Stickley Miner	West Ohio	WA	CW	
Jim Ehrman*	East Ohio	WA	LM	

GENERAL BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Joon-Sik Park	West Ohio	AS	CM	
Diane Schobert*	Wisconsin	WA	LW	
Frank Beard*	North Indiana	AF	CM	
Jerry Rinehart*	East Ohio	WA	LM	
Freddie Bermudez	Northern Illinois	HA	LM	YA
Roger Ross	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	CM	

GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

+ = women's division

Rita Gaither-Gant	South Indiana	AF	LW	
Jorge Mayorga	Wisconsin	HA	CM	
Lillian Gallo-Seagren	Iowa	AS	CW	
Tim Bias*	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	CM	
Valerie Stultz	East Ohio	WA	CW	
George Howard*	West Ohio	WA	LM	
Carrie Swanson	Dakotas	WA	LM	
Jacqueline K Euper+	Detroit	WA	LW	
Beverly VerVeerGuy+	West Michigan	WA	LW	
Maggie Jackson+	East Ohio	AF	LW	
Carol K Rieke+	Minnesota	WA	LW	
Carolyn L Yockey+	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	LW	
Kyung Yu+	West Ohio	AS	LW	

GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
(all elected by General Conference)

Irma Clark	Northern Illinois	AF	LW
Lisa M King	Wisconsin	WA	LW
Karl Kroger	Dakotas	WA	LM
Larna K Spearman	South Indiana	AF	LM
Prospero I Tumonong	West Michigan	AS	LM
Jessica Vargo	East Ohio	WA	LW

GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Orlando Chaffee	East Ohio	AF	CM	
Ashley Moreland*	North Indiana	WA	LW	YA
Laurie Haller	West Michigan	WA	CW	
David Braden*	Northern Illinois	WA	LM	YA
Bruce Blumer*	Dakotas	WA	LM	
Roger Grace	West Ohio	WA	CM	PWD
Barrie Tritle	Iowa	WA	CM	
David Bard	Minnesota	WA	CM	

GENERAL BOARD OF PENSIONS AND HEALTH BENEFITS

Gary George	East Ohio	WA	CM	
Gary Valade	Detroit	WA	LM	OA

UNITED METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

+General Conference Elected

Linda Crowell	East Ohio	AF	CW
James Bushfield	South Indiana	WA	CM
Brian Milford	Iowa	WA	CM
James Preston+	Northern Illinois	WA	CM
Thomas Tumblin+	West Ohio	WA	CM
Dennis Oglesby	Minnesota	AF	CM

GENERAL COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATION

Paul Black*	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	LM	
Erica L Shannon	Iowa	WA	LW	YA
Paula Shrock	North Indiana	WA	LW	

GENERAL COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS

Sam Royappa	Wisconsin	AS	CM	
Mary Kercherval Short*	West Ohio	AF	LW	OA
Carol Lakota Eastin*	Illinois Great Rivers	NA	CW	
Erin Cartwright	South Indiana	WA	LW	YA
Harry Askin*	East Ohio	WA	LM	

GENERAL COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

John Adams	South Indiana	NA	CM	
Coral Garner*	Minnesota	AF	LW	
Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger*	Northern Illinois	WA	LW	
Jerome DeVine*	West Michigan	WA	CM	
Christina Sung	Iowa	AS	CW	

GENERAL COMMISSION ON STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Tara Sutton	Detroit	AF	CW	
Anna Barrett*	West Ohio	WA	LW	YA
Toni Carmer*	North Indiana	WA	CW	
Betty Kiboko*	Iowa	AF	LW	
Darryl Fairchild	West Ohio	WA	CM	PWD

DIVISION ON MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Adult Representative

Rebecca Farnum	West Michigan	WA	LW	YA
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Workers with Young People

Mariam Snider	Illinois Great River	WA	CW	
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GENERAL COMMISSION ON UNITED METHODIST MEN

Lee Donley	Detroit	WA	LM	OA
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GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

President of Jurisdictional Committee

B. GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE USA

The names below are nominees. The Council of Bishops selects

Members from each of the five jurisdictions upon recommendation of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. See The 2004 Book of Discipline, ¶2401.3.

Alka Lyall	Northern Illinois	AS	CW	
Harriet McCabe	Northern Illinois	WA	LW	OA
Juancho Campano	Northern Illinois	AS	CM	
Jerad Morey	Minnesota	WA	LM	Y
Don Hayshi	West Ohio	AS	LM	
Cyndy Garn	West Ohio	WA	CW	
Margaret Mallory	West Ohio	AF	CW	
John Edgar	West Ohio	WA	CM	
Janice Dimick	North Indiana	WA	CW	
Carolyn Johnson	North Indiana	AF	LW	
Sandra Rubey	South Indiana	WA	LW	
Sharon White	South Indiana	AF	CW	
David Penalva	South Indiana	HA	CM<	
Julio alvarado	Wisconsin	HA	CM	
Mary Council-Austin	Wisconsin	AF	CW	
Grace Cajiat	Wisconsin	AS	CW	
LeeAnn Rose	Wisconsin	WA	LW	
Randy Cross	Dakotas	WA	CM	
Deborah Ball-Kilbourne	Dakotas	WA	CW	
Jo Harris	Dakotas	WA	LW	OA
Ryan Hutzenberger	Dakotas	WA	CM	YA
Charles Boayue	Detroit	AF	CM	
John Harnish	Detroit	WA	CM	
Stephen Euper	Detroit	WA	CM	
Benton Heisler	West Michigan	WA	CM	
Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald	West Michigan	WA	CW	
Gary Haller	West Michigan	WA	CM	
Alan Laferty	East Ohio	WA	LM	
Ken Ehrman	East Ohio	WA	CM	
Benita Rollins	East Ohio	AS	CW	
Linda Butler	Iowa	WA	CW	

Bill Poland	Iowa	WA	CM	
Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck	Iowa	AS	LW	YA
Pam Hammond McDavid	Illinois Great Rivers	AS	LW	
Fred Iutzi	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	LM	YA
Melissa Calbillo	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	LW	YA
Chuck Hefley	North Indiana	WA	LM	OA
Fred Shaw	West Ohio	NA	CM	
Kim Reis	Illinois Great Rivers	NA	LW	YA
Sarah Tibbits	East Ohio	NA	LW	Y
Wesley SK Daniel	Iowa	AS	CM	
Kathleen Moore	Iowa	WA	CW	
Samantha Leon	Illinois Great Rivers	WA	LW	Y
Michael Baker	Dakotas	WA	LM	Y
Sean McRoberts	Iowa	WM	LM	YA
Irma Phillips-Carmichael	West Ohio	AF	LW	
Elena Brubaker	West Michigan	HA	LW	Y
Linda Boldock	Dakotas	WA	CW	P

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE JURISDICTION

Jurisdictional Conference Secretary

Maria Wiblin, 511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403.....PH:612-435-1304

Jurisdictional Conference Treasurer

Stan Sutton, 32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington Oh 43085.....PH:614-844-6200

Jurisdictional Conference Treasurer Elect

Richard Van Giesen, PO Box 19207, Springfield, IL 62794-9207.....PH:217-529-2132

D. ELECTIONS TO JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

The members of this body are elected according to *The Plan of Organization, Section V.B.* The members may serve for two quadrennial in two overlapping “classes”

Bishop from the College of Bishops.....Bishop Julius Trimble, Iowa
 Secretary of the Jurisdiction.....Maria Wiblin, Iowa
 Treasurer of the Jurisdiction.....Stan Sutton, West Ohio
 Treasurer Elect.....Rick Van Giesen, Illinois Great Rivers

*=2008-2012

= 2008-2016

#Rufus Campbell	Minnesota	#Lawrence McGuinn	Wisconsin
#Joel Carver	Iowa	#Ouk-Yean Kim Jueng	Northern Illinois
*Ruth Ellen Stone	North Indiana	#Jean Wilson	South Indiana
#Eric Kreiger	West Michigan	*Joanne Perez	Detroit
#John Edgar	West Ohio	*Ed Fashbaugh	East Ohio
#Bill Pyatt	Illinois Great River	*Randy Cross	Dakotas

At- Large Representatives

#John Boley	West Michigan	#Justin Lowe	Wisconsin
#Lonnie Chafin	Northern Illinois	#Ernest Jackson	West Ohio
# Norma Morrison	Iowa	#Anne Bunch	South Indiana
#Andy Black	Illinois Great Rivers	#Cynthia Patterson	East Ohio



JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEES AND REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEE: 2008-2012*

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS: 2008-2012
(one lay and one clergy by area)

Armstrong, Gary.....Iowa
Askin, Harry.....East Ohio
Bolte, Alan.....Minnesota
Calvillo, Melissa..Illinois Great Rivers
Campanano, Juancho..Northern Illinois
Christianson, Faye.....Minnesota
Curless, Roger...Northern Illinois
Diehl, Doug.....Dakotas
Fairchild, Darryl.....West Ohio
Farnum, Becca.....Michigan
Howard, George.....West Ohio

LaBumbard, Billie.....Wisconsin
Lawson, John.....Indiana
Jones, Janelle.....Dakotas
Nygaard, Chris.....Iowa
Ott, Louise R.....Michigan
Reynolds, Cindy.....Indiana
Robinson, Randy....Illinois Great Rivers
White, Wesley.....Wisconsin
Winkler, Jim.....East Ohio

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: 2008-2012
(one lay and one clergy by conference)

Barrett, Joy.....Detroit
Beard, Frank.....North Indiana
Bishop, Shane.....Illinois Great Rivers
Blumer, Bruce.....Dakotas
Dahlberg, Mary Jo.....Minnesota
Dahlman, Laurie...West Michigan
Euper, Jackie.....Detroit
George, Gary.....East Ohio
Glass, Ann.....South Indiana
Heisler, Benton...West Michigan
Jackson, Maggie.....East Ohio
Johnson, Teri.....Dakotas
Kail, Ed.....Iowa

Kercherval Short, Mary..West Ohio
King, Lisa.....Wisconsin
Mayorga, Jorge.....Wisconsin
Mykrantz, Kayc....North Indiana
Reyes, Luis Felipe.....Northern Illinois
Spencer, Beverly.....Iowa
Stover, Greg.....West Ohio
Whitaker, Rhonda....Illinois Great Rivers
Williams, Ike.....South Indiana
Zabel, Judy.....Minnesota

COMMITTEE RULES OF ORDER
(one person by area)

Ball-Kilbourne, Gary.....	Dakotas	Oakland, Jerry.....	Iowa
Bard, David.....	Minnesota	Ryder, Jack.....	Northern Illinois
Booker Jones, Rose.....	Illinois Great Rivers	Steiner, Chris.....	West Ohio
Ehrman, Jim.....	East Ohio	Zekoff, Steve.....	Wisconsin
Gather-Gant, Rita.....	Indiana		
Lett, Steven.....	Michigan		

*Committees are variously nominated and elected. See line beneath committee name; if not designated otherwise, nomination comes from conference delegations, confirmation by the jurisdictional conference.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION: 2008-2012

(elected upon nomination by the College of Bishops according to ¶ 2703.1 ,2 ,3)

Clergy:	Lay Observer:
Robinson, Randy.....Illinois Great Rivers	Moots, Phil.....West Ohio
Roberson, James.....East Ohio	Arnold, Chuck.....Detroit
Christopherson, Arlene..Northern Illinois	LaGree, Patty.....Iowa
Dungan, Karen.....Iowa	
Alternate Clergy:	Alternate Lay Observer:
Easley, Ida.....South Indiana	Oviat, Nancy.....Dakotas
Lee, John.....Detroit	Forbes Preston, Jean....East Ohio
Cross, Randy.....Dakotas	Olson, Brent.....Minnesota
West, Graham.....Wisconsin	Bush, Marie.....West Ohio
Wilkerson, David.....Wisconsin	Kaverauf, John.....Illinois Great Rivers

COURT OF APPEALS: 2008-2012

(nomination by college of Bishops, election by conference)

Clergy:	Perry, James.....	Minnesota
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Wilkes-Null, Beverly..Illinois Great Rivers
Stickley Minor, Dee....West Ohio
Heisler, Benton....West Michigan

Full-Time Local Pastor:
Mayorga, Rosie.....Wisconsin

Laity:
Okayama, Liz...Northern Illinois
Ottmar, Tim.....Dakotas
Carver, Phil.....Iowa

Clergy Alternates:

Council Austin, Mary...Wisconsin
Bunnell Olsen, Heather.....North Indiana
Eberhardt, Penny.....Dakotas
Pierson, Chris....Northern Illinois
Karl, Jane.....West Ohio

Full-time Local Pastor Alternate:
Winegartner, Nancy.....Northern Illinois

Laity Alternates:
Shaw, James.....South Indiana
Chewning, Donald.....Wisconsin
.....Illinois Great Rivers

ON-SITE COMMITTEES: 2008*

COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

The Committee on Agenda is composed of the chairpersons of all On-Site and Standing Committees.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE JOURNALS (one person by area)

Owens, Laura.....Dakotas
Lowe, Justine E.....Wisconsin
Manzi, Mark.....Northern Illinois
Nelson-Olin, Sally.....East Ohio
Ney, Sue.....Iowa

Purvis, Judi.....Indiana
Rankin, Carol.....Illinois Great Rivers
Swenson, Sarah.....Minnesota
Wilson, L Cean.....West Ohio

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS (one person by area)

Reich, Eldon.....Dakotas
Alexander, Dennis.....Minnesota
Gibson, L. Jerome...Illinois Great Rivers
Kindschi, Rick.....Wisconsin
Lee, Martin.....Northern Illinois

Miller, Rachel.....West Ohio
Pier-Fitzgerald, Lynn.....Michigan
Somerville, Mike.....East Ohio
Young, Marcia.....Iowa

COMMITTEE ON NOMATIONS (one lay and one clergy per conference)

.....North Indiana
Andrews, Iris.....East Ohio
Boley, John.....West Michigan
Burkhart, Bob.....Iowa
Chalker, Ken.....East Ohio

Fenstermacher, Ed...North Indiana
Fisher, Debbie...Northern Illinois
Gates, Mary.....Minnesota
Gatz, Elisa.....Northern Illinois
Gordon, Ginny.....Illinois Great Rivers
Hazen, Cathy.....Detroit

Hines, Derik.....West Ohio

Jones, Janelle.....Dakotas

Landis, JD.....Detroit

Marshall, Carolyn...South Indiana

Mosely, Lois.....West Michigan

Petrak, Ruth Anne.....Iowa

Polster, Steve.....Wisconsin

Pyatt, William.....Illinois Great Rivers

Radley, Dorthy.....Wisconsin

Ruedebusch, Bob.....Dakotas

Sechrist, Becky.....Minnesota

Walker, Robert.....West Ohio

Wilkins, Ray.....South Indiana

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING OFFICERS

(one person per area)

Daniel, Wes.....Iowa

Glass, Ann.....Indiana

Kindschi, Roger.....Wisconsin

Laferty, Matthew.....East Ohio

Mallory, Margaret.....West Ohio

Peterson, Duane.....Minnesota

Smith Malone, Tracy...Northern Illinois

Tuttle, James E.....Michigan

Wilkes-Null, Beverly...Illinois Great
Rivers

*Except for the Committee on Agenda, members of on-site committees are elected upon nomination of their conference delegation. Chairs are chosen by the College of Bishops.

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

Executive Committee

Chairperson:

Phil

Carver.....Iowa

Vic-Chairperson:

Deborah

Thompson.....Wisconsin

Recording Secretary:

Edna

Smith.....Detroit

Financial Secretary:

Elisa Gatz.....Northern Illinois

Monitoring Coordinator:

Marian McCray.....Illinois Great Rivers

Member-at-Large:

Rosia Murphy.....Detroit

Member-at-Large:

Nadia Kanhai-Zamora....Northern Illinois

Member-at-Large:

Enna Antunez.....Iowa

Conference CORR Chairpersons

Kyoungwon (Kenneth) Park....Dakotas

Rosia Anderson Murphy.....Detroit

Armando Contreras Arellano....East Ohio

Sylvester Weatherall... Illinois Great Rivers

Curtis

DeVance.....Iowa

Bescye Burnett.....Minnesota

Cindy Kennedy.....Minnesota

Mark Gough.....North Indiana

.....South Indiana

Waverly Earley.....West Ohio

.....West Michigan

Andrew Oren.....Wisconsin

STANDING COMMITTEES: 2004-2008*

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS 2004-2008

(one lay and one clergy by area)

Armstrong, Gary.....Iowa

Blumer, Bruce.....Dakotas

Bolinger, George....Illinois Great Rivers

Campanano, Juancho....Northern Illinois

Chalker, Ken.....East Ohio

Crane, David.....Indiana

Curless, Roger...Northern Illinois

Ellinger, Janet.....Wisconsin

Galloway, Mary Ann..West Ohio

Graeber, Sheri.....Wisconsin

Johnson, Teri.....Dakotas

Kalajainen, Brad.....Michigan

Kraus, Jeanette.....East Ohio

Little, James.....Michigan

Petersen, Dwain.....Minnesota

Reynolds, Cindy.....Indiana

Robinson, Randall...Illinois Great Rivers

Sarazin, Duane.....Minnesota

Tritle, Kae.....Iowa

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: 2004-2008

(one lay and one clergy by conference)

Bard, David.....Minnesota
Bishop, Shane.....Illinois Great Rivers
Boayue, Charles.....Detroit
Brooks, Philip.....West Ohio
Clark, Irma.....Northern Illinois
Connolly, Philip.....West Ohio
Cook, Shirley.....Detroit
Cummins, Marlene..Illinois Great Rivers
Dahlberg, Mary Jo.....Minnesota
Deemer, Julia.....West Michigan
Diehl, Doug.....Dakotas
Dwiggins, Jack.....North Indiana

Ellinger, Janet.....Wisconsin
Enzminger, Kathleen.....Dakotas
George, Gary.....East Ohio
Jackson, Maggie.....East Ohio
Kail, Ed.....Iowa
McCoy, Myron.....Northern Illinois
McReynolds, Russell....West Michigan
Mendenhall, Don.....Wisconsin
Millard, Kent.....South Indiana
Shaw, Jim.....South Indiana
Spencer, Beverly.....Iowa

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER: 2004-2008
(one person by area)

Byrum, David.....Indiana
Deaner, Francis.....Wisconsin
Edwards, Alma.....Michigan
Ehrman, James.....East Ohio
Moorlach, Rob.....Dakotas
Oakland, Jerry.....Iowa

Ryder, Jack.....Northern Illinois
Sitts, Jeff.....Minnesota
Steiner, Chris.....West Ohio
Wilkes, Beverly.....Illinois Great Rivers

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE: 2003-2007
(elected by the Commission October 2003 to serve through October 2007)

Executive Committee

Chairperson:

Gus Christo-Baker.....West Ohio

Vic-Chairperson:

Phil Carver.....Iowa

Recording Secretary:

Edna Smith.....Detroit

Financial Secretary:

Norman Campbell..South Indiana

Monitoring Coordinator:

Gregory Dell.....Northern Illinois

Marian McCray.....Illinois Great Rivers

Member-at-Large:

Sheila Hill.....West Ohio

Member-at-Large:

Tony Jones.....East
Ohio
Member-at-Large:
Keihwan Ryoo.....Dakotas
Conference CORR Chairpersons
Keihwan Ryoo.....Dakotas
Rosia Anderson Murphy....Detroit
Rosa Boone Clements....East Ohio
Sylvester Weatherall... Illinois Great Rivers
J. Samuel Subramanian.....Iowa

Dennis Oglesby, Jr.....Minnesota
Frank Jones, Jr.....North Indiana
Lynda Reese.....Northern Illinois
Norman Campbell.....South
Indiana
LaVerne Armstong....West Ohio
.....West Michigan
Deborah Thompson...Wisconsin

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION: 2004-2008

(elected upon nomination by the College of Bishops according to ¶2703.1, 2,
3, 2000 Discipline)

Clergy:
Robertson, James.....East Ohio
Dungan, Karen.....Iowa
West, Graham.....Wisconsin
Easley, Ida.....South Indiana
Lilja, Joan.....Minnesota
Lee, John.....Detroit
Christopherson, Arlene.Northern Illinois

Alternate Clergy:
Hartman, Jack.....North Indiana
Pier-Fitzgerald, Lynn.....West Michigan

Jones, Cindy.....Illinois Great Rivers
Kim, Gina.....East Ohio
Wilkenson, David.....Wisconsin

Lay Observers:
Oviat, Nancy.....Dakotas
Moots, Phil.....West Ohio

Alternate Lay Observer:
Arnold, Chuck.....Detroit

COURT OF APPEALS: 2004-2008

(nomination by college of Bishops, election by conference)

Clergy:

Olson, Heather Bunell...North Indiana
Alford, Joyce.....Wisconsin
Eberhardt, Penny.....Dakotas
Heisler, Benton...West Michigan

Diaconal Minister:
Jane L. Karl.....West Ohio

Full-Time Local Pastor:
Mayorga, Rosie.....Wisconsin

Laity:
Little, Claude.....West
Michigan
Witke,
Roger.....Iowa
Edwards, Alma.....Detroit

Diaconal Minister Reserve:
Kerr, Judy.....Dakotas

Clergy Reserves:
Boayue, Charles.....Detroit
Edwards, Neriah.....East Ohio
Clark, Terry.....Illinois Great Rivers
Lee, Daniel.....Northern Illinois

Laity Reserves:
Green, Virgil.....Minnesota
Largent, Dora...South Indiana
Lundquist, David..West Michigan

Local Pastor Reserve:

Winegartner, Nancy .Northern Illinois

JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL: 2004-2008

(The members of this body are elected according to The Plan of Organization,
Section V-B. The members may serve for two quadrennia in two overlapping
classes.)

Bishop.....Sally Dyck, Minnesota Area
Secretary of the Jurisdiction.....Maria D. Wiblin, Iowa
Treasurer of the Jurisdiction.....R. Stanley Sutton, West Ohio

Conference Representatives (one per conference):

Ocke, Scot.....West Ohio
Peres, Joanne.....Detroit
Thompson, Odell.....Wisconsin

Cross, Randy.....Dakotas
Thirus, Francine...Northern Illinois
Fashbaugh, Ed.....East Ohio

Stone, Ruth Ellen..North Indiana
Yockey, Carolyn...Illinois Great Rivers

King, Patty.....Iowa

At-large Representative

Howard, Jennifer.....West Ohio
Ryoo, Kevin Keihwan.....Dakotas
Kreiger, Eric..... West Michigan
Jasper, Ashley.....East Ohio

Krueger, Erika.....Wisconsin
Reagan, Jeff.....Detroit
Ottjes, Jim.....North Indiana

ON-SITE COMMTEE REPORTS

Committee on Conference Journals

The Committee on Journals met the evening before Jurisdictional Conference to review the Journals for the past four years from the Annual Conferences of the North Central Jurisdiction. We report that, the Journals are in good shape and that Conference Secretaries should be commended.

Committee on Credentials Report

The chairpersons of the delegations have reported and certified the following seating of reserve delegates at the 2008 session of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 16, 2008

DETROIT: Ed Rowe seated for James Kellermann; J.D. Landis seated for John E. Harnish

EAST OHIO: Sally Nelson-Olin seated for Linda Somerville; Ron Heasley seated for Armndo Arellano; Bruch Batchelor-Gladerseated for Orlando Chaffee; Michael Grant seated for Benita Rollins

IOWA: Dorothy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Ruth Ann Petrak seated for Jonathan Fell

MINNESOTA: Alan Bolte seated for Duane Sarazin

WEST OHIO: Ruth Lawson seated for Scott Dawson; James Waugh seated for Joon Sik Park; Joan Johnson seated for Catherine Wells

Wednesday Evening, July 16, 2008

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVER: Fred Ilutzi seated for Keith Shelton

IOWA: Dorothy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Ruth Ann Petrak seated for Jonathan Fell

MINNESOTA: Alan Bolte seated for Duane Sarazin

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: David Braden seated for Pong Javier

WISCONSIN: Becky Foster seated for Sheri Graeber; Erika Krueger seated for Michael Mueller; Rick Kindshi absent

Thursday Morning, July 17, 2008

DAKOTAS: Bob Rudebusch seated for Randy Cross

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Fred Ilutzi seated for Keith Shelton; Carol Rankin seated for Pete Paulson

IOWA: Dorothy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Ruth Anne Petrak seated for Jonathan Fell

NORTH INDIANA: Jack Dwiggins seated for Kaye Mykrantz; Monet Shettle seated for Al Bohnstedt; Paul Arnold seated for Bob Dexter

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: Charla Antrobus seated for Pong Javier

SOUTH INDIANA: Ray Wilkins seated for David V.W. Owens

WEST OHIO: Bob Imboden seated for Mary Ann Galloway

WISCONSIN: Sheri Graeber seated for Becky Foster; Erika Krueger seated for Michael Mueller; Rick Kindshi absent

Thursday Afternoon, July 17, 2008

DAKOTAS: Bob Ruedebusch seated for Randy Cross; Kathleen Enzminger seated for Janelle Jones

EAST OHIO: Sally Nelson-Olin seated for Armando Arellano; James Kelly seated for David Hartong

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Fred Ilutzi seated for Keith Shelton; Carol Ranken seated for Pete Paulson

IOWA: Dorthy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Ruth Anne Petrak seated for Jonathan Fell; Beverly Bell seated for Christina Sung

NORTH INDIANA: Toni Carmer; seated for Mark Fenstermacher

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: Charla Antrobus seated for Pong Javier; Pamela Lightsey seated for Larry Pickens

SOUTH INDIANA: Ray Wilkins seated for David V.W. Owen

WEST MICHIGAN: Joy J. Moore seated for Russell McReynolds

Thursday Evening, July 17, 2008

DAKOTAS: Bob Rudebusch seated for Randy Cross

EAST OHIO: Sally Nelson-Olin seated for Armando Arello

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Fed Ilutzi seated for Keith Sheldon; Carol Rankin seated for Pete Paulson

IOWA: Dorothy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Ruth Anne Petrak seated for Jonathan Fell; Jerry Oakland seated for Christina Sung

NORTH INDIANA: Jean Brindel seated for Bob Dexter; Paul Arnold seated for Mark Fenstermacher

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: David Braden seated for Pong Javier

SOUTH INDIANA: Ray Wilkins seated for David V.W. Owen

WEST OHIO: Cyndy Garn seated for David Meredith

WISCONSIN: Sheri Graeber seated for Becky Foster; Erika Krueger; Forrest Wells seated for Jorge Mayorga; Rick Kindschi absent

Friday Morning, July 18, 2008

DAKOTAS: Kathleen Enzminger seated for Bruce Blumer; Bob Ruedebusch seated for Teri Johnson

DETROIT: Ed Rowe seated for James Kellermann; J.D. Landis seated for John E. Harnish

EAST OHIO: Sally Nelson-Olin seated for Armando Arellano

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Fred Ilutzi seated for Keith Shelton; Bill Pyatt seated for Cindy James

IOWA: Dorothy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Ruth Anne Petrak seated for Jonathan Fell; Realff Ottesen seated for Marvin Armpriester

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: David Braden seated for Matt Kuzmma; Pamela Lightsey seated for Debbie Fisher

SOUTH INDIANA: Ray Wilkins seated for David Penlava

WEST OHIO: Cyndy Garn seated for Scot Ocke

WISCONSIN: Sheri Graeber seated for Betsy Foster; Erika Krueger seated for Michael Mueller; Janet Ellinger seated for Francis Deaner; Rick Kindschi absent

Friday Afternoon, July 18, 2008

DAKOTAS: Bob Ruedebusch seated for Teri Johnson; Kathleen Enzminger seated for Janelle Jones

DETROIT: Ed Rowe seated for James Kellermann; J.D. Landis seated for John E. Harnish

EAST OHIO: Sally Nelson-Olin seated to Armando Arellano; Bruce Batchelor-Gladerl; Valerie Stultz; Ronald Heasley seated for Wanda Wilson; Michael Grant seated to Neriah Edwards

NORTH INDIANA: Toni Carmer seated for Christ Nunley; Monet Shettle seated for Ruth Ellen Stone

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: David Braden seated for Matt Kuzma; Pamela Lightsey seated for Debbie Fisher

SOUTH INDIANA: Ray Wilkins seated for David Penlava

WEST MICHIGAN: Nicha VerVeer Guy seated for Lois Mosely (1/2 session); Nichea VerVeer Guy seated for Joel Pier-Fitzgerald (1/2 session) Joy Moore seated for Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald

WEST OHIO:

Cyndy Garn seated for Scot Ocker; Stephanie Tunison seated for Andrew Young; Deb Stevens seated for Margaret Mallory; Cathy Shick seated for Al Rhomemus; Sharon Beattie seated for cean Wilson; Soren Hessler seated for George Howard

WISCONSIN: Sheri Graeber seated for Becky Foster; Erika Krueger seated for Michael Mueller; Janet Ellinger seated for Jorge Mayorga; Rick Kinschi absent

Friday Evening, July 18, 2008

DETROIT: Ed Rowe seated for James Kellermann; J.D. Landis seated for John E. Harnish

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Michael Smith seated for Veberly Wilks-Null; Fred Ilutzi seated for Keith Shelton; Carol Rankin seated for Pete Paulson

IOWA: Dorothy Higdon seated for Inez Dawes; Erica Shannon seated for Lana Ross; Sarah Stevens seated for Twila Glenn; Ruth Anne Petrak seated for Janathan Fell; Linda Butler seated for robert Burkhart; Jerry Oakland seated for Dennis Coon

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: Pamela Lightsey seated for Debbie Fisher; David Braden seated for Matt Kuzma

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Episcopacy

Three meetings were held by the North Central Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy in the 2004-2008 quadrennium during which time we endeavored to carry out our responsibilities listed in paragraph 522, 2004 Book of Discipline.

The Committee consisted of eleven members who continued from the previous quadrennium and thirteen persons entirely new to the task. As we familiarized ourselves with our work we were also able to forge good collegial working relationships which enabled us to be productive in our times together.

At the organizational meeting in April of 2005 members selected committee assignments that covered the profile and assessment process, election, retirement recognition, legislative matters and relationship with the area committees. The committees were led by Doug Diehl, Gary George, David Bard, Marlene Cummins and Jack Dwiggins. In addition to the committees, group assignments were also made to consultation teams (which meet with our active bishops) and individuals were given the task of keeping the JCOE in touch with retired bishops/spouses.

The JCOE shared input and had regular updates with members of the committee who served as the jurisdictional committee members on the General Conference Task Force to Study the Episcopacy.

A key element of our work was the January 2006 and January 2008 consultation times with our active bishops reflecting on their ministries and the needs and challenges of the ten Episcopal areas.

Recommendation 1. Character of the Bishops

The Committee on Episcopacy, having had personal conferences with the active bishops of the jurisdiction recommends that the character of Bishops Sharon A. Brown Christopher, Michael J. Coyner, Sally Dyck, John L. Hopkins, Jonathan D. Keaton, Hee-Soo Jung, Deborah Lieder Kiesey, Linda Lee, Bruce Ough, and Gregory V. Palmer be passed and they be continued in the effective relationship.

The committee also recommends that the character of retired Bishops Edsel A. Ammons, Judith Craig Wayne K. Clymer, Emerson S. Colaw, Jesse R. DeWitt, R. Sheldon Duecker, Rueben P. Job, Charles W. Jordan, William B. Lewis, Donald A. Ott, Sharon Z. Rader, C. Joseph Sprague, and James S. Thomas be passed, and they be continued in the retired relationship.

Recommendation 2.

The Committee on Episcopacy recommends that Bishop Sharon A. Brown Christopher, having met the requirements as listed in paragraph 409.2b of the 2004 Book of Discipline, and her character having been passed, be released effective August 31, 2008, from her obligation to travel through the connection at large, from residential and presidential supervision and to be placed in the retired relation and that she receive all rights, privileges, and support as provided in the The Book of Discipline.

On behalf of the North Central Jurisdiction, the Committee on Episcopacy wishes to express sincere appreciation to Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher for the dedication and service she has rendered to the Church of Jesus Christ through her ministry.

Recommendation 3. Number of Bishops to be elected:

The Committee recommends that the North Central Jurisdictional Conference proceed to elect one bishop at the 2008 session.

Other business of the committee:

- Assigned lay members of the committee to act as moderators for nominees during the interview forums at the 2008 Jurisdictional Conference.
- Modified the profile and assessment tool for the use of area committees.

- Received written reports from the ten active NCJ bishops reflecting on their quadrennial ministry.
- Affirmed the boundaries of the twelve conferences of the jurisdiction and the related areas described in the 2008 Advanced Christian Advocate of the North Central Jurisdiction.
- Was in contact with GCF&A about a number of issues.
- Shared Episcopal area housing guidelines with Episcopal areas that needed reminding.
- Assigned a member of the committee to work with Bishop Christopher in the development of a committee to work with the College of Bishops to work on a plan for suggested Episcopal area boundaries to be presented at the 2012 Jurisdictional Conference.
- Dealt with issues of supervisory response needs.
- Elected Phillip Connolly, Janet Ellinger, and Charles Boayue to an executive Committee in addition to the officers.
- Had two substantive full committee and College of Bishop conversations reflecting on the need for strong Episcopal leadership and where we had a chance to affirm the outstanding leadership our Bishops are giving to the entire connection.

The Committee has sought to be responsible to its tasks of being concerned for both our Bishops and the Episcopal areas and to do this in a most collegial and confidential way. We thank both our Bishops and our areas for the cooperation we have received over the course of our work this quadrennium and in our tasks we will complete at this Jurisdictional Conference.

Finally, we want to thank our two other officers Beverly Spencer, vice-chair, and Kathleen Enzminger, secretary, whose help has been indispensable and for the many ways they have helped to facilitate the smooth functioning of this stewarding task with which we have been entrusted.

Myron F. McCoy, chair

Jurisdictional Mission Council – Financial Report

(Report prepared by the Rev. R. Stanley Sutton, NCJ Treasurer)

The Mission Council has overseen the financial matters of the jurisdiction, developing and monitoring the budget, and establishing financial policies. A sub-committee of the council has advised on investments. In keeping with policies of the sub-committee, investments have been limited to government securities, CDs, and money market instruments. Although we didn't earn great gobs of money, we didn't lose a dime in this most recent downturn in the financial markets.

Quarterly apportionment statements are mailed to each annual conference; bills are paid weekly. The jurisdictional treasurer, who is also an annual conference treasurer, browbeats his colleague treasurers about apportionment payments whenever they meet at national gatherings. In this way we achieve a higher percentage received on apportionments as a jurisdiction than any one conference can do by itself. It helps when the jurisdiction looks like a conference with only twelve churches.

Although the books are audited by an external accounting firm once a quadrennium, they are reviewed annually by a Certified Public Accountant, who delights in finding the treasurer's errors.

Recommendations:

- The budget for 2009-2012 be adopted as presented.
- \$921,20 be apportioned to the annual conferences on a ratio of the total salaries paid pastors and associate pastors as reported for the

2007 calendar year. This represents an increase of 8% over the quadrennium, the first increase in 12 years. (Yes, budget restraint is possible).

- The *per diem* in 2008 for jurisdictional delegates and those attending in an official capacity be reimbursed at \$75 per day for each day of actual attendance. The travel reimbursement be at the rate of \$.30 per mile for the first delegate in a vehicle and \$.05 per mile for each additional delegate riding in the same vehicle. Those living more than 500 miles away (one way) from the site of the jurisdictional conference may be paid up to the least expensive airfare available. Note: Delegates closer than 500 may fly or travel by other means. They will not be paid more than \$.35 per mile regardless of their actual expenses. A delegate traveling to the conference from outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction will be paid the mileage from their charge conference or home church.

Jurisdictional Mission Council

The Mission of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church remains the same, by the call of God, to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.

This mission is what has guided our Mission Council these past four years, all that we have attempted to do through our various agencies have been evaluated by the twin priorities of disciple making and leader development. Our meeting schedule and process are all designed toward holding us accountable to this mission.

The council meets early in the new quadriumum to organize itself and elect officers for the next four years. We also assigned a liaison to each of our funded agencies. These liaisons maintain ongoing contact with the agencies leaders, attend events and report back to the council.

The executive committee meets twice with the College of Bishops to discuss our common mission and any financial issues impacting the Jurisdiction.

Finally, in the fall, prior to the new quadrennium, the full Mission Council meets to hear from our agencies reporting on their ministry for the past four years and to plan together for the financial needs of the next four years. A budget grows out of this meeting and will be presented to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church in July of 2008.

The council's goals are to provide connection for leadership development

for both lay and clergy across our jurisdiction and to provide high financial accountability while continuing to improve our mission effectiveness at every level.

A word of thanks is in order to all of our Mission Council members and especially to the Reverend Maria Wiblin our secretary and the Reverend Stan Sutton our treasurer for their hard work. The whole council has worked together to advance the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in our world.

Jeffery D. Regan ,chairperson

REPORTS OF FUNDED AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES

BISHOP RUEBEN JOB CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

It has been a privilege to be the Executive Director of the Bishop Rueben Job Center for the last 10 years, serving the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church – and beyond. I am particularly grateful for the generous grants that the Mission council has provided for us to be able to hold the Church Development seminars during the last 2 quadreniums. We have annually held the First 180 Days of a New Church Start Pastor seminar, led by Rev. Barb Flory and Rev. Brad Kalajainen (both of the West Michigan Conference) and Renewal of Old Downtown First Church seminar, led by Rev. Marvin Arnpriester (Iowa Annual Conference), Rev. Douglass Fitch (California-Nevada Conference), and Revs. Karen Vannoy and John Flowers (Desert Southwest Conference). These seminars provide critical training in an important niche of ministry across our connection. We have also held Starting New Hispanic/Latino/Latina Faith Communities seminar, led by Rev. Awilda Nolla (Northern Illinois Conference) and Rev. Adrian Garcia (Illinois- Great Rivers Conference) with 63 participants from around the country and providing models and leadership is this growing need for outreach within our church. This year, we will host a seminar in the Fall on Starting New Multicultural Faith Communities, with leadership still being recruited.

In addition, through the help again of the Mission Council, we will expand our offerings of the Academy for Ministry Excellence – a three year process of three day retreats twice a year to help those in the probationary process gain models, skills, and insight into effective leadership with laity of churches in the 21st century. Dakotas Conference is the first annual conference to utilize this process and it has been so well received that they have enrolled to continue to offer this training to their probationary members.

The Bishop Rueben Job Center looks to specialize in transitions in ministry. To that end, we also offer a series of 5 Church by Size seminars to help persons be effect in ministry in different sizes of churches (especially those new in their appointment). Other seminars include Leading Change and

Managing Transitions (learning how to lead change well and deal well with the loss that accompanies it); Good to Great Churches (based on Jim Collins *Good to Great*); Multiple Church Ministry; and The Race to Reach Out (doing newcomer inclusion well). These are seminars that I lead currently but will also be developing a team of persons to lead them as well. We also offer a workshop on Intentional Interim Ministry, led by Revs. Dianne Christopher and Diane Mitchell (trained Intentional Interim Ministers from the Iowa Conference), who have also developed a training process for intentional interim ministry.

Stewardship is also a significant issue in the life of churches and judicatories. In response to this need, we offer the Stewardship Academy, led by Rev. Wayne Barrett and Denny Buwalda (West Michigan Conference) that trains clergy and laity in models and practices of effective stewardship. We have also held Conflict Transformation Training by Rev. Tom Porter with JustPeace.

Thanks to all who have attended a Bishop Rueben Job Center event. I look forward to having you as a fellow learner in another of our many seminar offerings in the future. Check our web site at www.BishopRuebenJobCenter.org for details.

**Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc. North Central Jurisdiction
Continuing Consultation Committee
2004-2008 Report**

The Continuing Consultation Committee is the programmatic arm of the North Central Jurisdiction Black Methodists for Church Renewal. The committee services over 50 African American churches to provide programs to help to strengthen the black churches in North Central Jurisdiction. The Continuing Consultation Committee held the following programs:

The focus of the **Clergy/Laity Leadership Academy Task Force** was to address barriers that hinder effective ministry, provide resources to enhance effective communication between clergy and lay, provide training experiences to develop and strengthen leadership and identify opportunities to nurture and support campus ministries and seminarians. In 2006 the task force held a Academy titled: New Paradigms for Church Leadership– A Conversation on Leadership. The event was co-sponsored with the Black Family and Christian Growth Task Force chair by Dr. Carolyn Johnson. The event was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 15-16, 2006. The goal of this event was to: Help Clergy and laity develop a more effective and loving working relationships; to help clergy and laity develop better visionary leadership skills; to help clergy and laity develop greater self-confidence in making and maturing disciples for Jesus Christ. In 2008 the task force will plan a computer/technology workshop for clergy and laity.

The Task Force on the Black Family and Christian Growth major focus this quadrennium was: 1] survey and assess the convergent issues of health, family and spirituality and 2] a focus on heritage builders and the role of “telling the story” - especially the family’s role in evangelism. The 2005 Christian Home month (May) theme is “Families Called to Love” Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and John 13:34 are the relevant spiritual references. Each church was asked to hold a 24 hour vigil sometime during May. Every hour

should be covered by a team of 3 or more praying intentionally for families in the congregation and community. Each church was provided with information regarding guidelines and suggestions for holding a BMCR Friends and Family Day. The Task force co-sponsored the Clergy/Laity Leadership Academy held in November, 2005. 2006– Focus on laymen leadership in each local church by equipping laity for evangelism and strengthen their spirituality. Provided resource material to initiate, develop and implement strategies for the development, the maintenance and the growth of strong Black local church. In 2007, Each church received resource material with program suggestions for the each month January through December.

The **Evangelism Committee** will focus on providing education and training opportunities that empowers congregations in saving souls and transforming lives. The goal of the committee will be to provide the following training opportunities:

Worship that is vibrant and relevant for the 21st Century Spiritual Formation through Bible study and Spiritual Growth Classes, hospitality that is inviting and welcoming, and Social Outreach that meets the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

2006 - Worship -Provide training and resources to equip churches for 21st Century worship environment that is vibrant and relevant. Target Groups: Pastors, Ushers, Greeters, and local church Evangelism committee members.

2007 - Spiritual Formation-To provide training and resources in spiritual formation to local churches as they make disciples of Jesus Christ. Target Groups: Pastors, Christian Educators, Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers, Small Group leaders; and Evangelism committee members. Event was held in Pontiac, Michigan in Nov. 2007.

2008 - Social Outreach -Provide training and resources for local churches in social outreach that meets the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs Target Groups: Pastors, Ushers, Greeters, and local church Evangelism committee members. An Event will be held in the fall of 2008.

The **Youth Task Force** continues to address the needs, concerns and issues that plaque our youth today. While they may be active in their local churches, many needs and issues go unmet. Therefore, we as the Youth Task Force, are attempting to focus on how we can best meet those needs. We will be seeking partnership as we examine the benefits of establishing a Youth Empowering Center for leadership development, mentoring, spiritual formation and Multi-Cultural Bi-Racial understanding. We feel the vision plan as outlined will be a beginning.

2005, we were engaged in the development stage, in partnership with United Theological Seminary, for a major event in 2007, on the new Seminary Campus, under the Institute of Applied Theology, Urban Training Center. Progress on this has been delayed due to the Seminary being in transition. This effort has further been delayed and may not occur at the Seminary in 2007. However; we still have partnership relations with UTS. 2006-2007, the Youth Task Force will be seeking grants to establish a NCJ Youth Center which will provide a site for continuing/expanded spiritual development, leadership development, nurture and mentoring. We will be recruiting identified youth/youth leaders from across the jurisdiction, to form a youth program design team in 2006 with plans to link a Youth Jurisdictional Training Event with the NCJ BMCR Jurisdictional Annual Meeting in 2008.

2006 Scholarships provided attendees of National Youth Harambee', 2006 Partial scholarships was provided to youth attendees West Ohio Ministerial Inst. and the Chicago Maceo D. Pembroke Ministerial Institute, Youth activities at the center will continue throughout the year on a daily basis with local church and community youth, keeping them engaged, 2007 - Opening

Celebration NCJ Youth of the Youth Empowerment Training Center. (Scholarship support offered to attendees) and 2008 Jurisdictional Youth Event in connection with NCJ BMCR Annual Meeting in October, 2008 in Chicago.

The purpose of Historical & Archives task force is to preserve the history of African-American People in the North Central Jurisdiction and the local church. This task force identifies those events within the like of the church which should be recorded and shared with United Methodists.

**Committee on Native American Ministries
Report to the 2008 NCJ Conference**

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

he mission of the North Central Jurisdiction Mission Council is to *make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.*

We, the North Central Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries, seek to carry out both of these missions by designing and implementing leadership development opportunities for Native American laity and clergy as well as for non-Natives working in Native ministries. We create gatherings during which issues of spiritual growth, strengthening community, restoring the earth, dismantling racism, and church growth can be addressed and acted upon. We *make disciples of Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant context.* We have accomplished this through:

- **Native American Lay Speaking School**
- **Native American Course of Study School**
- **Native American Gathering of Sisters**
- **Emiquon—Earth Healing Day**
- **Leadership support of Conference CONAMs**
- **Leadership support of Flying With Eagles (run by NAIC)**

Native American Lay Speaking School: Three schools were held, and a fourth is scheduled for summer 2008. The latest graduated 15 lay speakers, most for the very first time. One has now begun exploring the Course of Study. Seeds are sprouting!

Native American Course of Study School: Our school is fully accredited by GBHEM and is linked to the program at Methodist Theological School of

Ohio. We recently completed a fully accredited CPE program by and for Native American pastors, to our knowledge the first program of its kind in the denomination. An advanced CPE unit is already in the planning stages. Students have come from four annual conferences thus far. Two are now in seminary.

Native American Gathering of Sisters: A time for support, spiritual growth, sharing of issues unique to Native American women, teaching and looking to the future. The last gathering brought in approximately 75 women from several tribal heritages and congregations across several states. Another will be planned for the 2009-2012 quadrennial period.

Emiquon: When a major land restoration non-profit wanted to know how to build community and focus with the Native American community to make a project complete, they turned to United Methodist Native Americans. Drawing together Native American spiritual leaders, environmentalists, and a large group of United Methodists from across the jurisdiction, Emiquon—Earth Healing Day events showed the depth of Wesleyan grace and faith.

2009-2012

- **Develop Native American Disaster Response Team**
- **Native American Youth VIM team to Central America**
- **Send 2 Native Americans to every School of Christian Mission in NCJ**
- **Continue expanding existing programs**

NCJ CONAM Leadership Team:

Rev. Fred Shaw Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin
Rev. Dr. Jerome DeVine Mrs. Carmen Misner Mrs. Phyllis Singing Bird
Ballard

Rev. Thomas John Mrs. Phyllis John Rev. Elizabeth Reis

(Additional team members will be drawn in following the 2008 NCJ Conference so that every annual conference CONAM has representation.)

Hispanic Caucus

The NCJ Hispanic Caucus works on bringing together the Hispanic pastors and church leaders for empowerment, encouragement, support and training. The aim of the events hosted by the NCJ Hispanic Caucus is to further the expansion of the kingdom of God by having better equipped and healthier leadership in our Hispanic churches in the jurisdiction. It empowers the Hispanic leadership to more effectively reach out to their communities. This is the only organization in our jurisdiction providing this setting for our Hispanic leadership.

The NCJ Hispanic Caucus sponsors annually two main events. These are a camp gathering and the annual meeting. Both of these events have taken place every year in the quadrenium. These events empower and train people to become better disciples and go into the world to make disciples. As part of both events, evaluation sheets are given to people. People have been good in filling these out.

The biggest change that we implemented in the middle of the quadrenium was the shift from the Family Camp to age/interest group camp. What we heard from the participants was that it was difficult for an entire family to attend because of cost and lose of income when they took a whole weekend to participate. We decided to move it to age/interest group. In 2006, the camp was geared to youth 13-18 attending Hispanic churches in the jurisdiction. This year the camp was for Hispanic women attending our churches. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. In 2008, the camp will be to meet the need of men in Hispanic Churches. Plans are underway to make this a successful event. In 2009, the event will be gear to meet the young adults in Hispanic churches. We plan to continue this approach.

We appreciate very much the support given to our organization by the North Central Jurisdiction. Without this organization could not exist. Thank you.

Rev. Jaime Nolla
Chairperson
NCJ Hispanic Caucus

Korean Mission Council
Chairperson: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Report Submitted by:
Rev. J. Martin Lee,
Interim NCJ Korean Mission Superintendent

**1. How do your goals and objectives relate to the NCJ's mission?
How successful have you been in meeting these goals and
objectives to date?**

The North Central Jurisdiction Korean Mission Council exists to build a bridge between Korean-speaking churches and the United Methodist connectional structure. The Council does so by providing leadership training to pastors and conference leaders, developing new congregations and strengthening healthy ones, supporting the itinerancy, educating Korean American churches about denominational programs and structures, and interpreting the mission and challenges of the Korean American church to the larger church.

In its support of Korean American leaders and congregations, the Council seeks to make disciples who make disciples – to equip and send out Christians who are passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ. The Council is particularly committed to reaching new people through new churches, and with the support of the Council, 15 churches have been started in the last 12 years. In addition, The Council offered training programs in the Korean language, including the first Spiritual Formation academy to be offered entirely in Korean, and provided funding for Korean ministries in several communities.

2. What planned events and activities have taken place? How did they fulfill the NCJ's mission? How were they evaluated? What changes will you make in future events and activities based on the evaluations?

- The Korean Mission Council met three times, in July 2006, September 2006, and March 2007. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 2007.
- The National Korean Caucus gathered in Chicago in April 2007. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung hosted a Mission Celebration Banquet to celebrate the work of Korean-American clergy and lay across our United Methodist connection.
- Korean pastors and their families gathered twice for Korean Pastors' Family Retreats, held in December and July. The events provide opportunities for support, fellowship and community-building.
- We published a 2007 North Central Jurisdiction Korean Newsletter and Directory to further communication among Korean clergy and church leaders.
- Congregational development continues to be a priority for the Council; current projects include a new-church start in downtown Chicago, where 3,900 Koreans and 23,000 other Asian Americans live within a five-mile radius of the new congregation. Total funding of \$210,000 (\$70,000/year for three years) has been promised from the following sponsors: the NCJ Korean Mission Council, the Northern Illinois Conference, the United Methodist Council on Korean American Ministries, Korean United Methodist Church of South Suburban, and First Korean United Methodist Church of Chicago.

- Evaluation and future recommendations: The Korean Mission Council meets twice annually to review our current projects and plan for future ministry. We have concluded that there is a great zeal for starting new missions, but that some churches are not fully plugged into the United Methodist Connectional System, and that pastors are sometimes sent to mission churches without the necessary training and skills. We are working, therefore, to establish new systems of support and accountability within districts and annual conferences; to create on-going training programs for new-church pastors; to set an apportionment for each new mission church from the beginning, so that they will be connected and learn connectionalism; and to build healthier congregations through participation in the Natural Church Development process. Some of the above events are in response to this evaluation, and we continue to shape future plans with these goals in mind.

3. How has your agency addressed issues of inclusiveness and diversity?

In addition to representing a minority group within the greater United Methodist System, the NCJ Korean Mission Council and its membership churches reach out to the broader Asian-American population, to persons in interracial marriages with an Asian-American spouse and to families who have adopted Korean children. These groups include many Anglos and African-Americans as well as a broad range of Asian-Americans.

The Council has also supported a female pastor in starting a new mission church in the greater Chicagoland area. The Sam Mool

Korean United Methodist Church has grown steadily and on July 2, 2006 celebrated the election of lay deacons and lay elders from among their community, putting in place strong lay leadership to work alongside their pastor in ministry.

4. Have you been successful in reaching “unreached” constituencies? How and with what results?

The Council supports conferences, districts and local congregations across the jurisdiction in their efforts to reach Korean-American persons as well as the broader Asian-American population and all who are connected by family and friendship ties to these communities.

The South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs estimates a 7% increase in the Korean population living in the area of the North Central Jurisdiction from 2003 to 2005 (from 210,347 in 2003 to 225,800 in 2005). About 3,900 Koreans live within a five-mile radius in downtown Chicago alone, with another 23,000 Asian-Americans in the same area. The Council has joined with the Northern Illinois Conference, two area Korean United Methodist Churches, and the United Methodist Council on Korean-American Ministries to plant a new Korean mission church in this area of downtown Chicago. The Detroit West District has led their Conference in ministry among Koreans in Detroit, and in the East Ohio Conference, after consultation with the Council and with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung’s guidance and leadership, a struggling Korean United Methodist congregation in Canton is now thriving.

We are also focusing our attention upon 1 ½ generation and 2nd generation Korean-Americans who generally do not attend Korean-

speaking congregations. These persons often do not speak the same language as 1st generation Korean-Americans, but still desire to gather with others who share common cultural experiences and understandings of worship and community. We are reaching out to this new generation in specific ways, providing English-language ministries that allow Asian-Americans to worship in culturally-meaningful ways with others who share their experiences of living in multiple cultures and communities.

- 5. In what ways has the liaison relationship been effective or ineffective? Has the NCJ Mission Council liaison been in contact with your agency? ...attended meetings and events? Have you mailed your meetings minutes and brochures to the liaison?**

The NCJ Korean Mission Council has met three times, in July 2006, September 2006 and March 2006. Our NCJ Mission Council Liaison has not attended these meetings, but has been in contact with us and has received minutes from each meeting. We will provide notice of upcoming meetings as they are scheduled.

- 6. What are your agency's financial expectations for the next Quadrennium (2009-2012) Budget? The full council will be reviewing the requests on Nov. 16 & 17 in Chicago.**

The NCJ Korean Mission Council requests total funding of \$355,000 for the next Quadrennium, or \$88,750 per year.

This funding would include: (See below for further details)

\$70,000 / year

Funding for new church starts

\$10,000 / year

Retreats and support ministry

\$ 5,000 / year

Korean Mission Superintendent Travel and

Expenses

Plus, two one-time expenses:

\$10,000 2009 Trip to Korea for NCJ Bishops and Cabinet

Members

to promote cultural understanding and

communication

\$ 5,000 Funding for Igniting Ministries advertising of Korean

Churches

in the NCJ

The NCJ Korean Mission Council anticipates planting and/or supporting 7 new Korean-American faith communities during the next quadrennium. They include:

1. A congregation in Madison, WI (Wisconsin)
2. A congregation in Fenley, OH (West Ohio)
3. A congregation in the Mankato, MN area (Minnesota)
4. A 2nd generation Korean-American Congregation in Chicago, IL (Northern Illinois)
5. Zion KUMC in Chicago, IL (Northern Illinois)
6. Norwestern McHenry, IL (Northern Illinois)
7. Yang Moon KUMC in Chicago, IL (Northern Illinois)
8. Jesus' Love in DesPlaines, IL (Northern Illinois)
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The Korean Mission Council strives to support Korean clergy and their families through annual retreats and fellowship gatherings.

Recent tragedies within the Korean American community, including the suicide of a prominent Korean-American pastor, make evident the need for ongoing support and encouragement among our clergy. We are seeking funding to continue and expand our support ministry in the years ahead.

In the past, GBGM funding provided for a NCJ Korean Mission Superintendent. Since that funding ended, I have served as volunteer

interim Mission Superintendent, in addition to my full-time appointment as Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment for the Northern Illinois Conference. As volunteer Interim Superintendent, I have limited time and attention to give to the Council, and it has been more difficult to maintain frequent contact with partner agencies and councils. We are hoping for increased funding to provide again for a devoted Mission Superintendent who can lead us in carrying out the work of the NCJ Korean Mission Council. Until that time, we request \$5,000 per year to support travel and expenses of the volunteer Korean Mission Superintendent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. J. Martin Lee, Interim NCJ Korean Mission Superintendent
August 29,

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Our mission is to compassionately help God's people in need locally, nationally and around the world, and to offer a center to fulfill the call for service to neighbors in Christ's name. The first part "help God's people in need" is the reason MMDC exists. The second part "a center to fulfill the call for service" is the way the mission is carried out.

The "help God's people in need" is very great as evidenced by the huge number of disasters around the world including tsunamis, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires, genocides, wars, etc. The Center works hard to respond to the resulting tragedies promptly by collecting, sorting, packing, storing and sending personal hygiene kits, medical kits, flood buckets, blankets (handmade and commercial), beans & rice, medical equipment & supplies, bikes, sewing machines, books, computers and some furniture to name most items. From 2004-2007 MMDC received over 508 tons of in kind donations from churches, districts, conferences (inside and outside the North Central Jurisdiction) plus factories, service clubs, and individual persons. Most of these goods are delivered by vehicles owned by MMDC or shipped via. ocean going containers and eighteen wheel semi trucks.

The Center "fulfills the call for service" by doing this mission with volunteers. The past three years MMDC had 8,814 volunteers who donated 129,278 hours of time. This is equivalent to a crew of 18 persons working full time. These volunteers process all the donated goods, make the kits, build the desks, and prepare all items for storage in the enlarged 18,000 foot warehouse then shipped out as needed. These persons stay at the MMDC from one to several weeks in a modern 32 bed dormitory located on the 8 acre property. There are also 13 spaces with full hookups available in the RV Park located near the dormitory. The agency shipped 2,086,809 pounds of relief items to 109 international and 1,228 domestic sites the first three years of this quadrennium.

The campus is located East of Chatham, IL, about 4 miles south of Springfield. In addition to the Dormitory, RV Park, and Warehouse there is a Twice Giving Gift Shop, Schoolroom Wood Shop, a Staff House for the Warehouse Supervisor and a Duplex for volunteer coordinators. In addition to the existing 7,500 square foot Warehouse an addition was completed in 2007 and expands its capacity by 10,500 square feet for a total of 18,000 square feet. There are three full time staff - the Executive Director, Warehouse Supervisor and Administrative Assistant. The mission was initiated by the Illinois Great Rivers Conference in the late 1990's, but is gradually being broadened through its affiliation with the North Central Jurisdiction. The Center cooperates with UMCOR at Baldwin, LA and is glad for this tie. MMDC is a not-for-profit agency. It is also an approved advance special, #901435. The agency borrows no money and has no debt. To learn more about Midwest Mission Distribution Center, call 217-483-7911 or E-mail office@midwestmissiondc.org.

Daniel R. Stone, Chairman
Board of Directors, January 2008

URBAN NETWORK

A. 2004 – 2008 QUADRENNIUM REPORT

B. 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIUM GOALS

A. 2004 – 2008 QUADRENNIUM REPORT

The 2004 – 2008 quadrennium for the NCJ Urban Network was an excellent period for the life of the organization. The highlight was the national urban training event that we sponsored in Minneapolis in 2005. More than 325 people from all over the country attended and we are still receiving compliments from participants! One unique feature of the event was the support and participation of urban Native Americans from across the country. Their presence was significant; from the opening smudge ceremony and evening banquet to raising the consciousness of all present to the unique challenges facing the Native American population in our cities today.

We built our Steering Committee membership up to 42 persons and have active representation from all our conferences. Our website was developed and online during this quadrennium as well.

We continue to enjoy a close relationship with the Town and Country Association and conducted three joint events across the jurisdiction. In that vein, we have worked together to highlight 2008 General Conference legislation that is of importance to each organization and have found meaningful conversation about these and other related issues to be very productive.

The NCJ Urban Network is still the model and example that is held up for all the other jurisdictional networks across the connection. We set the standard and lead the way. That is something of which we should all be proud,

especially the NCJ Mission Council, because without the Mission Council's support, this effort would be greatly compromised.

B. 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIUM GOALS

Maintain and enrich the relationship with the Town and Country Association by having joint training events that offer affordable learning opportunities for constituents.

In order for us to plan, develop and host these events, the Urban Network is requesting \$2250 per year over the four year period for a total of \$9,000. This is a slight increase to cover the costs of members' travel costs to planning meetings as well as other related expenses.

Conduct an "immersion" in one of our jurisdictional cities.

While training events continue to be an avenue for us to meet the needs of our members, there are many urban ministry practitioners and their churches that are not able to benefit from these events for a variety of reasons. Alongside this phenomenon, there are also seasoned urban ministry practitioners within our Steering Committee itself and across the jurisdiction that are available to resource many of our people.

Therefore, the NCJ Urban Network will conduct an "immersion" in one of our jurisdictional cities during the next quadrennium. This immersion would be in conjunction with the conference, district and local church leadership of the selected city. The city would be selected on the basis of several criteria: 1) State of the urban church in the city, 2) Readiness of the conference, district and local churches for renewal, 3) Particular opportunities and challenges in the local churches and urban neighborhoods of the city and 4) a commitment to support this effort financially.

Once a city and/or several urban neighborhoods and churches within the city are identified, seasoned urban ministry practitioners and coaches will be mobilized to lend their assistance in the renewal of those churches and

neighborhoods over a period of 3-4 years. There will be a kick-off event with goal setting to create the basis for a strategic plan. Following this event, the NCJ Urban Network will work with local leaders in the area around the opportunities and challenges identified by the local leadership.

The funding request is for \$5,000 (\$1250 per year) over the span of the quadrennium to cover travel, room and board, and materials, etc. of the immersion. It is expected that the host city (conference, district, and/or local churches) will match these funds.

Continue to develop the website and focus on advertising and publicizing its presence as a way to network, support and resource our constituents. The website will not only help the Urban Network build a more cohesive membership but will expand our membership base as well. Communication, on all levels, is still our primary obstacle. While it comes with the jurisdictional territory, it can be mastered.

The funding request is for \$1200 (\$300 per year) in order to pay a webmaster and have the needed materials, etc. to circulate across the jurisdiction.

On-going funding.....	\$9,000
New funding.....	6,200

Total for the Quadrennium.....\$15,200

Please direct any comments, questions or concerns to E. Cary Simonton, Chairperson – NCJ Urban Network; simonton@att.net or 513-227-3092

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Setting of Time and Place for Jurisdiction Conference, Call to Order, Service of Communion and Memorial

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church shall at the times set by the Council of Bishops and the place determined by the Local Arrangements Committee, continuing the rotation shown on pages 7 and 8 of the 2008 Journal of the North Central Jurisdiction. The conferences shall have the power and duties as specified in paragraph 25, *The 2000 Book of Discipline*.

The resident bishop of the Episcopal area in which the conference is held shall call the conference to order followed by a Celebration of Holy Communion and Memorial. The names of bishops, bishops' spouses, and members of jurisdictional standing committees who have died since the last Jurisdictional Conference, plus delegates-elect who have died since their election, and of others who in the judgment of the Local Arrangements Committee in consultation with the College of Bishops, may appropriately be remembered, shall be read.

I. ORGANIZATION and AGENDA of the OPENING SESSION

The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening session of the Jurisdictional Conference at which the agenda will be:

A. Greetings and Introductions by the Bishop of the Host Area

B. Roll Call

The roll shall be called by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference in the following manner:

1. The secretary of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction shall report the names of the bishops who are present and who are absent.

2. The roll of delegates shall be called according to annual conferences. The chairperson of the delegation will report to the conference the number of delegates and reserves present.
3. The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of The United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the Conference and report their presence during roll call.

C. Report of the Committee on Rules of Order

1. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until amended by a Jurisdictional Conference in regular or special session. Any amendments or additions recommended by the Jurisdictional Committee on Rules of Order for action by the Jurisdictional Conference must be in accordance with the Rules of Order.
2. A majority of the Jurisdictional Conference delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
3. The committee shall report any proposals to change the election process or any questions of credentials before the first ballot is taken.

D. Confirmation of the Jurisdictional Conference Committees and Secretarial Staff

1. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, membership on the various on-site and standing committees as elected by the appropriate Episcopal areas or annual conferences.
2. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, those who are serving as members of the conference secretarial staff.

E. Report of the Committee on Episcopacy

The Committee on Episcopacy shall report on the number of bishops to be elected.

F. Report of the Committee on Elections

1. Appropriate Disciplinary materials, including the paragraphs 406.2a &b from *The 2008 Book of Discipline*, p. 288,
2. The balloting procedure shall be explained.

G. Taking the First Ballot

The first ballot shall be taken. (See II, Procedures for Episcopal Elections).

H. Report of the Local Arrangements Committee

I. Report of the Jurisdictional Treasurer

II. PROCEUDRES for EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS

The Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy, shall recommend the procedures for Episcopal nominations and elections.

- A. Episcopal Nominee Information Forms** for supplying biographical and other information regarding nominees shall be developed by the Committee on Elections in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy. These forms shall included but not be limited to requests for: name and address; date and place of birth; family; formal education and continuing education; previous vocational record prior to ordination; ordination date(s) and conference(s); appointment and pastoral record, current annual conference membership and appointment; membership on boards and agencies: a) church (denominational and ecumenical) and b) community activities; publications, awards, and honors.

1. No later than three months prior to Jurisdictional Conference, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send the Episcopal Nominee Information form and proposed procedures to annual conference secretaries

and chairs of the annual conference delegations. The annual conference secretary shall have responsibility to inform the population of the respective annual conferences of the availability of the forms through such means as will reach the widest possible audience. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall distribute a press release to the director of communications in each conference specifying when and where Episcopal Nominee Information Forms will be available.

Delegates, first reserves, members of the College of Bishops, and other persons with Jurisdictional Conference responsibilities.

Nominees must submit the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms immediately after the close of their annual conferences, and no later than June 25, in order to be included in the packet of nominee information sent to all the Jurisdictional Conference delegates. The secretary of the jurisdiction shall assign a voting number to each clergy delegate and any others who have properly submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.

B. Balloting and Procedures

A 60% majority of the valid votes cast on any ballot is needed for the election of a bishop (see Rule 25-E).

Prior to every ballot, a bishop or member of the Committee on Episcopacy will lead the conference in prayer.

A person who has not been assigned a voting number may secure one by requesting such in writing from the secretary. The bishop presiding shall report the additional name(s) and voting number(s) to the Jurisdictional Conference.

1. Reporting the first ballot:

- a) In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced first and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such and introduction, the bishop presiding will continue reading the names only on the rest of the first ballot.

- b) All persons receiving ten or more votes shall be introduced alphabetically by the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. Upon introduction, each nominee will give name, community where presently residing, and current appointment. An opportunity for withdrawal from nomination shall be given by the bishop presiding. If any of these nominees has not completed an Episcopal Nominee Information Form previously, one will be furnished by the secretary. The nominee will have thirty (30 minutes) to return the form to the secretary who will copy it for distribution to the delegates prior to the next ballot.
- c) The names and vote totals of the nominees will be read in descending order of votes received following the interviews and before the second ballot is taken.

2. Interviews. All nominees, having been introduced to the conference will be assigned rooms for interviews. Space for these interviews will be arranged by the Local Arrangements Committee in consultation with the Committee on Elections. The interview moderators shall be the lay members of the Committee on Episcopacy with additional lay members of the Jurisdictional Conference being selected by the committee as needed. Three twenty-minute periods shall be scheduled with ten-minute breaks between each period, providing every delegate an opportunity to hear and question three candidates. This process will be followed by a thirty-minute period for delegation meetings.

3. After the interviews and report of first ballot votes, balloting shall continue for the second and subsequent ballots in this manner: In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such an introduction, the bishop presiding will continue the reading of the results of the ballot in descending order of votes received by those who obtained ten or more votes.

4. Balloting shall continue until the elections are completed. To facilitate the election process, a variety of opportunities for dialogue shall be offered:

nominee interviews, spot conversations, delegation meetings or other processes determined by the Committee on Elections.

- a) Spot conversations are for those situations when delegations might need a brief time together.
- b) Delegation meetings provide opportunity for delegations to converse among themselves regarding the election and to receive further information regarding any of the nominees.

5. A nominee may formally withdraw his/her name before the beginning of any ballot by either;

- a) submitting a withdrawal in writing to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary who will immediately notify the bishop presiding and who, in turn, will report the withdrawal, or
- b) submitting their withdrawal orally through a point of personal privilege (two-minute limit recommended).

III. THE OFFICERS of the JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

A. Secretary of the Jurisdiction

1. The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall present a nominee from the clergy or lay membership of the North Central Jurisdiction for secretary-designate. Other nominations may be made from the floor. The Committee on Agenda shall schedule a time for election to be held during the session of the Jurisdictional Conference. If there is more than one nominee, the election shall be by ballot. If, in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the office of the secretary shall for any reason become vacant, the College of Bishops shall appoint a secretary to serve through the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. The secretary-delegate shall assume the responsibility 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 transfer of responsibility to the secretary-designate shall be determined by the College of Bishops, but shall not be later than twelve months after the adjournment of the

Jurisdictional Conference. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall serve through to the end of the next Jurisdictional Conference.

3. The secretary of the jurisdiction is authorized to perform the following tasks:

a) Nominate assistant secretaries from the membership of the United Methodist church within the North Central Jurisdiction as is deemed necessary, to be presented to, and confirmed by, the Jurisdictional Conference at the opening session.

b) Edit and arrange for the publication of The Advance Journal prior to the conference, and carry out the same tasks for The Journal following the conference.

c) Prepare and send by the November 1st preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference the nominating forms with instructions for jurisdictional councils, boards, and committees to each annual conference delegation chair.

d) Prepare and send the nominating forms for general church councils, boards, and committees to each annual conference secretary no later than the May 1st prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference.

e) Notify the members of the Committee on Nominations of the time and place of the meeting held at least one day prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference. Compile the notebooks necessary for the work of this committee based on The 2008 Book of Discipline and The plan of Organization.

f) Three months prior to the Jurisdictional Conference, prepare the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms and distribute them to annual conference secretaries and chairs of annual conference delegations. At the same time, a press release is to be sent to directors of communication on each conference as to how these forms can be obtained.

g) Edit and make copies of the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms, and no less than 17 days prior to the start of Jurisdictional Conference, send a packet of the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms via first class mail to every delegate, all first reserves, members of the College of bishops, and annual conference communicators.

H) Prepare for the registration packets a list of voting numbers assigned to all clergy members of delegations eligible for the office of episcopacy and for

any clergy not in a delegation who have submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.

- i) Make the conference floor seating assignments for delegations and reserves.
- j) The secretary, in consultation with the chair of the Committee on Credentials, will provide a daily form on which to report in writing the attendance of the members of the delegation. Absence of delegates and substitutions by reserve delegates shall be recorded.
- k) Serve as a full member of the Jurisdictional Missions Council and the Committee on Elections, and in advisory capacity to the Local Arrangements Committee. Serve ex officio on the Committee on Rules of Order, and the Committee on Journals.

B. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

1. The conference shall elect, on nomination of the jurisdictional Committee on Nominations, a treasurer and assistant treasurer. Consultation prior to the nomination with the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Treasurers is recommended.

2. The treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference is authorized to perform the following tasks:

- a) Pay the bills incurred in connection with the quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference upon the approval of the chairperson of the local arrangements committee or the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Mission Council or a designee of the Council.
- b) Make other disbursements as may be authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference.
- c) Pay travel and per diem expense to the duly elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference upon receiving properly completed and signed vouchers from them.
- d) Execute contracts on behalf of the Jurisdictional Conference.
- e) Pay travel and other expenses incurred during the quadrennium by the Jurisdictional Mission Council, the Local Arrangements Committee, the Committees on Appeals, Elections, Episcopacy, Program and Arrangements, and other committees authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference upon receipt of properly completed and

signed expense vouchers from the members of these committees. All other expense vouchers must receive approval from a designee of the Jurisdictional Mission Council before payment can be made by the treasurer.

f) Prepare financial reports at least quarterly for the finance committee of the Jurisdictional Mission Council.

g) Send quarterly invoices and statements to annual conference treasurers for North Central Jurisdictional apportionments.

h) Prepare financial records and reports for an annual review of the books and a quadrennial audit.

i) Prepare such reports as are required by the IRS and other government agencies.

IV. COMMITTEES

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have on-site and standing committees with functions as prescribed and other committees as it may order. Each committee shall develop a handbook of practices and procedures, a copy of which shall be retained by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary and treasurer. The delegation from each Episcopal area or annual conference shall nominate and elect from their delegation their representatives to these jurisdictional committees unless otherwise prescribed. These names shall be forwarded to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by the February 15th prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference.

A. On-Site Committees

The College of Bishops shall select the chairperson of each on-site committee with due consideration given to geographical spread, the selection of racial and ethnic minorities, and women to serve in these areas of responsibility. The chairperson shall be chosen from the membership of these committees, and shall be responsible for convening their committees at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. At that time, they may elect other officers as needed.

1. **AGENDA.** There shall be a Committee on Agenda composed of the chairpersons of all standing and on-site committees. The committee shall

propose the agenda for each business session, and include a time for election of the jurisdictional officers. The chairperson of the committee shall:

- a) confer with the presiding officer of each session regarding the proposed agenda, including orders of the day.
- b) decide on the validity of questions of privilege, and if valid, recommend them to the conference to be heard;
- c) prepare and present to the conference for its action any complimentary resolutions as occasion dictates;
- d) determine those to whom courtesies of the conference should be extended and make appropriate arrangements.

2. **CREDENTIALS.** There shall be a Committee on Credentials composed of one member elected from each area.

- a) The chairperson of the annual conference delegations shall report the attendance and absence of delegates, and name the available reserve delegates for absentees.
- b) The chairperson of the Committee on Credentials shall tabulate by session the daily attendance and absence of delegates and the substitution by reserve delegates, to be then reported to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary for publication in The Journal .

3. **JOURNALS.** There shall be a Committee on Journals composed of one member elected from each area. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall serve *ex officio*.

- a) This committee shall examine daily the record of the secretary, and report its findings to the conference with appropriate recommendations. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of The Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the conference for correction.
- b) The Committee on Journals shall also examine the annual conference journals of the past quadrennium to see if they conform to the guidelines as set forth in The 2008 Book of Discipline, Para. 606.3.

4. **NOMINATIONS.** There shall be a Committee on Nominations for the purpose of nominating the Jurisdictional conference secretary and treasurer, and persons to general church councils, boards and commissions, to the

Jurisdictional Missions Council, and other positions necessary to fulfill jurisdictional structure. It shall be composed of:

- The active bishops of the jurisdiction;
 - One clergy person from each annual conference;
 - One lay person from each annual conference;
 - One representative of the Division on Ministry with Young People with voice only;
 - One representative with voice only from each of the following four racial/ethnic minority groups, to be elected by the group represented for assignment to the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations: Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Native American International Caucus, MARCHA, and the Asian American United Methodist Caucus.
- a) No member of the Committee on Nominations shall be nominated by that committee for membership on any council, board or commission of the general church. No staff member of a general council, board or commission of The United Methodist Church shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Committee on Nominations.
- b) The Committee on Nominations shall hold its first meeting at the site of the Jurisdictional Conference at least one day prior to the opening of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall notify the members of the time and place of the meeting.

5. **PRESIDING OFFICERS**. There shall be a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one member elected from each area. This committee shall select the presiding officer for each session of the conference, and in each instance report its selection to the conference prior to the adjournment of the previous session. The presiding officers shall be chosen from among the bishops in the active relationship. The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening business session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

B. Standing Committee.

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have the following standing committees with the term of office beginning, unless otherwise specified, with the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference, and continuing until their successors have been confirmed. Each committee shall be convened on call by a member of the College of Bishops and shall elect its own chairperson.

1. **APPEALS**. There shall be a Court of Appeals appointed in accordance with provisions of The 2008 Book of Discipline, Para. 2716.

2. **ELECTIONS**. There shall be a Committee on elections composed of one clergy and one lay person from each area plus the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary and the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. The committee will assume responsibility for all decisions, activity and functions in regards to the Episcopal nomination process in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy. The Committee, also in consultation with the committee on Episcopacy, will determine the method for balloting and make provisions for the equipment and supplies necessary for voting.

3. **EPISCOPACY**. There shall be a Committee on Episcopacy with membership, functions and terms of office as provided in The 2008 Book of Discipline Para. 522.

a) The bishop of each area shall make a written report to this committee not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional conference. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- A review of the bishop's Episcopal administration during the quadrennium;
- A report on annual conference program emphases, goals and achievements;
- Evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the area; a statement on the major issues facing the Church in the area; matters of concern regarding the bishop's Episcopal assignment.

b) The Committee on episcopacy assumes the responsibilities of caring-honoring functions of the bishops which includes: ceremonial

recognition of those bishops entering the retired relationship following Jurisdictional conference, attention to the needs of newly-elected bishops, a responsibility which begins at the moment of election, and recognition and hospitality for all Episcopal leaders within the jurisdiction in consultation with the Local Arrangements Committee.

4. **COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION**. There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of seven elders in full connection, with not more than one elder from each annual conference and two lay observers. Five reserve elders and one reserve lay observer also shall be elected. The committee shall be elected on nomination of the college of Bishops, and shall elect a chair at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. See The 2008 Book of Discipline, Para 2703.1

5. **RULES OF ORDER**. There shall be a Committee on Rules of Order composed of one member elected from each area. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall be an ex officio member. All proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and all matters related to particular procedures of the Jurisdictional Conference shall be referred to this committee for recommendation to the Jurisdictional Conference. In the interim between Jurisdictional Conferences, the committee shall meet on call of the College of Bishops or by action of the Jurisdictional Conference. If no meeting is called by either of these means, in the year preceding Jurisdictional Conference, the chair shall convene the committee for a single meeting. Prior to the meeting, the chair shall notify all chairs of standing committees of the deadline for submitting any proposed changes to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

V. JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

Mission/Vision Statement

The MISSION of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is, by the call of God, to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.

The VISION of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is of holy, bold disciples of Jesus Christ living in unique and connected faith communities energized by dynamic spiritual leadership, both lay and clergy.

The CORE PROCESS of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church are to:

- Provide connections for unique leadership, spiritual and outreach development across the North Central Jurisdiction, and
- Provide for the election and assignment of bishops in the North Central Jurisdiction.

A. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall consult with the College of Bishops and the Association of Conference Council Directors in order to:

1. articulate a vision of the Church within the jurisdiction and develop models for implementing the vision;
2. clarify the vision to the annual conferences within the jurisdiction through conference council directors;
3. enable and support networking throughout the jurisdiction; constantly test the structures against the stated purpose and the vision;
4. constantly test the structures against the stated purpose and the vision;
5. establish criteria for funding and evaluate programs funded by the jurisdiction;
6. prepare a financial budget for the succeeding quadrennium for the operation of the Jurisdictional Mission Council;
7. set a budget, allocate funds, and oversee the investments within the jurisdiction.

B. The membership of the Jurisdictional Mission Council shall number twenty persons elected for two quadrennial terms (eight years) in two classes of ten persons each. Those twenty persons shall be:

- One representative from each annual conference within the jurisdiction for a total of twelve who have been nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations from the pool of names

submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference.

- Eight (8) members-at-large nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference;
- In addition, the following designated persons will serve the quadrennium in which they are named: a bishop selected by the College of Bishops; a conference council director named by the North Central Jurisdiction Association of Conference Council Directors, and the secretary and treasurer of the jurisdiction.
- In the event that a member is unable to continue on the council for a second quadrennium the chair shall notify the Committee on Nominations by July 1 in the year of Jurisdictional Conference to name a replacement from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations for the four-year balance of the member's term.
- The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall be faithful to the commitments of the United Methodist Church to racial and ethnic inclusiveness, shall give consideration to the expertise needed to fulfill the functions of the Mission Council, and shall provide for full participation of clergy and laity.

C. Organizational Structure and Meetings

1. There shall be on Executive Committee of the Mission Council comprised of:

- a) a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary elected by the Jurisdictional Mission Council;
- b) a finance person to work with the treasurer on matters of investment and budget;
- c) the bishop named to the council;
- d) the council director serving on the Mission Council;
- e) the officers of the jurisdiction being the secretary and treasurer;
- f) two at-large members who will be designated according to need;

2. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall meet to organize by October 30th in the year of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall have the authority to organize as it deems necessary. Organization shall include the election of officers and orientation of the membership. In addition to the organizational meeting, the full council shall meet two additional times during the quadrennium:

a) The agenda for the second meeting shall include evaluation of the effectiveness of the ministry programs funded in the current quadrennium.

b) The agenda for the third meeting shall include establishing recommendations for the allocation of funds for the quadrennium and setting the budget. Representatives from funded ministry groups, emerging ministries, networks, and other appropriate resource persons shall be invited and encouraged to be present for all full council meetings at their own expense. They shall have voice but not vote except when invited to do so.

c) The Executive Committee shall have the discretion to meet as needed.

3. Periodic consultations with the College of Bishops and the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Council Directors would be highly desirable for exchange of information and resources and opening of possibilities for new ministries to be supported. These may be arranged at the behest of the Mission Council, the College of Bishops, or the council directors.

Consultations between any of these bodies shall be coordinated in such a manner as to minimize travel and the total number of jurisdictional meetings.

4. In order for the Jurisdictional Mission Council to understand the scope and nature of its ministry across the jurisdiction, each funded committee, agency or program of the North Central Jurisdiction shall have a member of the Jurisdictional Mission Council as its link or liaison to the Mission Council. During the quadrennium, the liaisons shall attend meetings and events of the committee or agency, receive its minutes, publications and financial reports, and act as a reminder to the affiliated groups of their “goal integrity” in regards to funding.

D. Financial Administration and the Jurisdictional Conference

1. On the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference, the council shall present a proposed budget for the ensuing quadrennium, and based upon that proposed budget, determine the amounts to be apportioned to the annual conferences. All additional requests for funds shall be referred to this council.

2. At the final business session of the Jurisdictional Conference, the council shall present for action a revised budget with appropriate adjustments in conference apportionments. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall recommend to the Jurisdictional Conference for action the per diem and travel expense of all jurisdictional delegates and others attending Conference in an official capacity.

a) The report of attendance by the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for paying the per diem to the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

b) The total expense for travel shall be paid to the delegate who is present and seated. If, during the session of the conference, a reserve delegate is seated in the delegate's place, the delegate shall adjust the travel reimbursement with the reserve delegate on the basis of the time served by each.

VI. PROCEDURES for ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS to GENERAL and JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

The annual conferences shall select the nominees for membership on the various general and jurisdictional councils, boards and commissions in accordance with the requirements of The 2008 Book of Discipline, Para. 705., and the Plan of Organization of the Jurisdictional Conference. It is strongly urged that bishops be full participants in this process.

1. To secure nominations for general church councils, boards and commission, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send nominating forms with instructions to the Annual Conference secretaries by the May 1st before the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference.

All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary within one week after the close of the

annual conference session and no later than fifteen days prior to the convening of Jurisdictional Conference.

2. To secure nominations for jurisdictional councils, boards and committees, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send nominating forms with instructions to delegation chairpersons by the November 1st preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference. All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by the February 15th prior to the Jurisdictional Conference.

3. The Committee on Nominations shall utilize worksheets prepared by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary proving the following information relative to the general church councils, boards and commissions;

- Number of persons to be nominated; tenure if other than the quadrennium;
- Names of incumbent members identified as being eligible or ineligible and including the conferences which they represent;
- The names of persons each annual conference is nominating and the particular general church councils, boards or commissions to which they are being nominated;
- Number of nominees from each annual conference in ratio relative to annual conference membership within the jurisdiction;
- Relative representation in The 2008 Book of Discipline, ¶ 705.1b.

4. Each annual conference nominating group shall be encouraged to give strong consideration to returning effective agency members for a second four-year term. No person shall be eligible to serve on any general church council, board or commission for more than the time provided in The 2008 Book of Discipline, ¶ 710.3.

VII. RULES of ORDER

The Rules of Order adopted by the immediately previous General conference shall be the Rules of Order of the Jurisdictional Conference insofar as they apply.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until changed by this or a succeeding Jurisdictional Conference. They may be amended or changed according to Rule 28 which is printed with other rules in The Advance Journal for delegates to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A. Daily Schedule

Rule 1: Hours of meetings are to be set by the Local Arrangements Committee.

Rule 2: After the opening session (which is set by the Plan of Organization), the daily sessions of the conference shall be conducted as proposed by the Committee on Agenda and adopted by the Jurisdictional Conference.

B. Presiding Officers

Rule 3: Authority of the Chairperson

- a) The bishop presiding shall be the legal chairperson of the Jurisdictional Conference.
- b) The chairperson shall decide points of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as the chair deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject in both cases 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 three minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the chair (see Rule 25b). Any member who raises a point of order shall cite by number the rule adjudged to have been violated.
- c) The bishop presiding shall have the right to recess a session of the Jurisdictional Conference at any time at the chair's discretion and to reconvene at such time as the chair shall announce. The bishop presiding shall also have the right to stipulate that the session shall reconvene with only delegates' authorized guests permitted to attend such a session following recess.

Rule 4: Calling the Conference to Order

When the chairperson stands and calls the conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

B. Rights and Duties of Members

Rule 5: Attendance and Seating Reserves

- a) No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall be absent from the sessions of the conference without permission of the conference; all absentees shall be reported by the chairpersons of the annual conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials on forms provided by the secretary for that purpose.
- b) Reserve delegates may be seated upon authority of the chairpersons of the delegations who shall report the substitutions in writing to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided by the secretary. Any reserve delegate seated in the place of a delegate shall have been duly elected by his/her annual conference and shall meet the requirements set forth in The 2008 Book of Discipline, ¶ 514.

If the committee disapproves the substitution, after consultation with the chairperson of the delegation, it may report to the Jurisdictional Conference with its recommendation.

The chairperson of the Committee on Credentials shall make a daily written report to the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference, listing all changes of seating approved by the committee. These reports shall be recorded in The Journal.

- c) The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of the United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the conference. These persons shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters affecting the interests of their respective councils, boards and commissions. The expenses for these persons shall not be assumed by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 6: Directions for Securing the Floor

Unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, the delegate shall not speak until granted the floor. A delegate desiring to speak to the conference shall move to a microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer. Once recognized, the delegate shall first announce her or his name and the annual conference represented, which the presiding officer shall then announce to the conference.

Rule 7: Interrupting the Speaker

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a point of order, a misrepresentation, a parliamentary inquiry, a point of information, or to call attention that the time has arrived for a special order.

Rule 8: Speaking More than Once; Length of Speech

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, no more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, and no longer than three minutes unless that time shall be extended by the conference. This three-minute limit may be amended by a majority vote of the conference at any time and for any period of duration.

Rule 9: Point of Order

A delegate wishing to raise a point of order shall address the presiding officer and say, "I rise to a point of order." The presiding officer shall interrupt the proceeding; if a delegate is speaking, that one shall immediately yield the floor. The presiding officer shall then direct the delegate raising the point of order to state the point as briefly and concisely as possible, citing the authority of the point, but the delegate shall not presume to decide the question or argue the point. A point of order is decided by the presiding officer without debate, unless in doubtful cases the chair submits the question to the body for the advice or decision. When the presiding officer rules on a point, debate is closed, but the decision may be appealed.

Rule 10: Voting Area of the Conference

Only delegates within the area of the conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates with in 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: Voting Procedures

- a) Voting shall be as recommended by the Committee on Elections unless otherwise ordered by the conference.
- b) 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 such business as the chair may deem appropriate.

Rule 12: Division of the 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 the delegate 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.

D. Business Procedures

Rule 13: Motion for Adoption of Reports

Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof 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 there unto.

Rule 14: Required Forms for Resolutions, Reports, Motions, Amendments

All resolutions and committee reports shall be prepared as directed by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference. Motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

Rule 15: Alterations of Motions, Etc.

When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read or is published, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the conference and may not be altered except by action of the conference.

Rule 16: Un-debatable Motions

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- a) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the conference finally (See Rule 19);
- b) To suspend the rules;
- c) To lay on the table;
- d) To take from the table;
- e) To call for the previous questions (See Rule 21);
- f) To reconsider a non-debatable motion (See Rule 26);
- g) To limit or extend the limits of debate;
- h) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 17: Rights of the Main Question

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit or to refer, 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 11b. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 18: Precedence of 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 (see also Rule 24):

- a) To fix the time at which the conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table);
- b) To adjourn;
- c) To take a recess;
- d) To lay on the table;

- e) To order the previous question (see Rules 16e, 21, 23);
- f) To limit or extend the limits of debate;
- g) To postpone to a given time;
- h) To commit or refer;
- i) To amend or to amend by substitution (one amendment being allowed to an amendment);
- j) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 19: Exceptions to the Motion to Adjourn Being in Order

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate and shall always be in order, except:

- a) when a delegate has the floor;
- b) when a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken and before it is finally decided;
- c) when the previous question has been ordered and action there under is pending;
- d) when a motion to adjourn has been lost and no business or debate has intervened;
- e) when the 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.

Rule 20: Tabling Related Motions

No motion which adheres to another motion or has another motion 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 21: Previous Question

Any member who moves the previous question (that is, that the vote now be taken on the motion or motions pending) shall also indicate to what it is intended to apply if any secondary motions are also pending. If said member 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. If it is adopted,

the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate. (See also Rules 16, 23, 24).

Rules 22: Referring Reports, Etc.

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.

Rules 23: Procedure for Amending by Substitution

When a resolution or committee report is properly before the conference for consideration, even if amendments are pending, a substitute may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report, resolution, or amendment under consideration. This substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the house. The conference shall then proceed first to perfect the original report or resolution, including consideration and action upon any amendments which may be offered to it. The same perfecting process shall then be followed with respect to the substitute. The question shall then be put first on the motion or substitute, followed by the motion to adopt the report or resolution provided however that the motion for the previous question shall not be in order on the adoption of the report or on recommendation or on making the proposed substitution until the opportunity has been given for at least two members to speak on each side of the question of substitution or adoption.

Rule 24: 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 25: Exceptions to Majority Vote

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all question with the following exceptions:

- a) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the chair is doubted.
- b) A tie vote sustains the chair. (See Rule 3b)

- c) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (Rule 27) or amend the rules. (Rule 28) A call for the previous question is a motion to suspend the rules and therefore requires a two-thirds vote.
- d) A majority of 60% shall be required to approve a proposal for a constitutional amendment.
- e) A majority of 60% shall be required for an Episcopal election.

Rule 26: 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 it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated. (Rule 16f)

E. Suspending, Amending, and Supplementing

Rule 27: Suspension of the Rules

The operation of any of the provisions of the Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the conference. (Rule 25c)

Rule 28: Amending Rules

The Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the conference, provided the proposed change or amendment has originated in the Committee on Rules of Order, or has been presented to the conference in writing and referred to this committee. The Committee on Rules of Order shall report on the proposed change or amendment not later than the following day. If submitted on the last business day of Jurisdictional Conference, it will be referred to the Committee on Rules of Order for the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 29: Robert's Rules of Order as the Supplement Authority

In any parliamentary situation not covered by the Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the Jurisdictional Conference shall be governed in its actions by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

F. Additional Rules

Rule 30: Persons without Right to Make or Second Motions

A person seated in the conference with the right to speak, but without vote, does not have the right to make a motion or second a motion.

Rule 31: Effective Date

All legislation of the Jurisdictional conference shall become effective January 1 following the session of the conference at which it is enacted, unless otherwise specified.

BOUNDARIES OF CONFERENCES IN THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

The North Central Jurisdiction consists of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

DAKOTAS

The entire state of North Dakota, all of South Dakota, and the Humboldt United Methodist Church in Kittson County, Minnesota.

DETROIT

In the State of Michigan: The conference encompasses the entire Upper Peninsula and the eastern half of the lower peninsula in the State of Michigan. The conference's western boundary in the lower peninsula coincides with the western county line of the following counties, beginning at the Straits of Mackinaw: Cheboygan, Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Gladwin, Midland, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Livingston, Washtenaw and Lenawee.

EAST OHIO

In the state of Ohio: Counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Huron, Jefferson, Know, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Monroe, Morrow, Noble, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne; the towns of Homer and Utica in Licking County; east of the Muskingum River in the counties of Moran, Muskingum (plus the Trinway United Methodist Church and excluding the city of Zanesville); Washington (excluding the city of Marietta); the portions of Delaware County east and north of a boundary line which follows Route 23 coming from the north of the city of Delaware and Sandusky Street in the city of Delaware), thence going east on Route 36 from Delaware to Old State Road, thence south to Lewis Center Road, thence east on Lewis Center Road and Big Walnut Road to

Hoover Reservoir and continuing easterly along Center Village Road to the Licking County Line;

East of Route 23 in the counties of Marion and Wyandot (excluding the city of Upper Sandusky); east of the 83rd longitude in Ottawa County; and east of the Sandusky River through the counties of Sandusky (excluding the city of Fremont); and Seneca.

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS

In the state of Illinois: The new Illinois Conference includes that part of the state below a line beginning at the point where Whiteside County intersects the Mississippi River, proceeding south along the west boundary of Whiteside County to Highway 78; then diagonally southeast to the point where Route 23 intersects the east boundary of Henry County. Continue on the diagonal to the point where County Highway 24 intersects County Highway 28; then straight east along a line designated as 1200 N to the center of the Illinois River. Continue east along the Illinois River to the point where the west boundary of Will County intersects the Illinois (Des Plaines) River. Turn south following the west boundary of Will. County to Highway 113. Turn east on Highway 113 following a straight line which becomes the south boundary of Will County and proceed on the Illinois-Indiana State Line.

IOWA

The entire state of Iowa and the town of East Dubuque in Jo Daviess county in the state of Illinois. Carter Lake is in the Iowa Conference. This agreement was worked out between a task force from Iowa and Nebraska.

MINNESOTA

The entire state of Minnesota with the exception of the Humboldt United Methodist Church in Kittson County.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

In the state of Illinois: Counties of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess (excluding the town of East Dubuque), Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago; northeast of a diagonal line drawn from Route 78 at the northern boundary of Henry County to the intersection of roads 24 and 28 in Bureau County; north of the Illinois River through Grundy and LaSalle Counties; and north of Route 113 in Will County.

NORTH INDIANA

In the state of Indiana: All that part of Indiana from the northern boundary southward to and including the following counties: Randolph, Delaware, Madison, Tipton, Clinton, Tippecanoe and Warren; the towns of Attica in Fountain County and Mechanicsburg in Henry County; Aroma United Methodist Church in Hamilton County; and Sugar Grove United Methodist Church in Hancock County.

SOUTH INDIANA

In the state of Indiana: All the part of Indiana from the southern boundary northward to and including the following counties: Vermillion, Fountain, Montgomery, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock and Wayne (but excluding First United Methodist Church of Attica in Fountain County, the town of Mechanicsburg in Henry County, Aroma United Methodist Church in Hamilton County, and Sugar Grove United Methodist Church in Hancock County.)

WEST MICHIGAN

Part of the state of Michigan: The conference encompasses the western half of the lower peninsula in the state of Michigan. The conference's eastern boundary coincides with the eastern county line of the following counties, beginning at the Straits of Mackinaw: Emmett, Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Clare, Isabella, Gratiot, Clinton, Ingham, Jackson and Hillsdale.

WEST OHIO

In the state of Ohio: Counties of Adams, Allen, Athens, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Defiance, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Gallia, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Licking (excluding the towns of Homer and Utica), Logan, Lucas, Madison, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Putnam, Ross, Scioto, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, Vinton, Warren, Williams and Wood; west of the Muskingum River in the counties of Morgan, Muskingum (including the city of Zanesville), and Washington (including the city of Marietta); the portions of Delaware County west and south of a boundary line which follows Route 23 coming from the north to the city of Delaware and Sandusky Street in the city of Delaware (excluding Asbury United Methodist Church), thence going east on Route 36 from Delaware to Old State Road, thence south to Lewis Center Road, thence east on Lewis Center Road and Big Walnut Road to Hoover Reservoir and continuing easterly along Center Village Road to the Licking County line; west of Route 23 in the counties of Marion and Wyandot (including the city of Upper Sandusky); west of the 83rd longitude in the Ottawa County; and west of the Sandusky River through the counties of Sandusky (including the city of Fremont) and Seneca.

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Arellano, Amando	11611 Granger Road, Garfield Hts, OH 44125	216-641-4149	E OH
Armstrong, Marvin	11 South 1 st St, Council Bluffs, IA 51503	712-322-7741	IOWA
Armstrong, Gary	302 W Ashland Ave, Indianola, IA 50125	515-961-5418	IOWA
Armstrong, Kevin	3808 North Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208		SIND
Arnold, Paul	1791 E Ravenwood LN, Columbia City, IN 46725	260-244-4085	NIND
Askin, Harry	1612 Westhill Blvd, Westlake, OH, 44145	440-835-0867	E OH
Baek, Sarah Hey-Young	42255 Shaffer Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512	616-459-4503	WMICH
Bank, Wayne	6551 Lakeshore Rd, Lexington, MI 48450	810-359-7281	DETR
Bard, David	230 E Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55911	218-727-5021	MINN
Barrett, Anna	4175 S. Johnson St Apt R, Ada, OH 45810	419-957-5179	W OH
Barrett, Joy	10 Sycamore Street, Chelsea, MI 48118	734-475-8819	DETR
Barrett, Scott	218 West Columbus St, Kenton, OH 43326	419-674-4031	W OH
Batchelor-Glader, Bruce	135-Adams St, Port Clinton, OH 43452	419-732-3161	E OH
Beard, Frank	2936 Bagley Dr W, Kokomo, IN 46902	765-864-0599	NIND
Bell, Beverlee	101 S 4 th St, Winterset, IA 50273	515-450-2624	IOWA
Benitone, Troy	PO Box 647 402 6 th St, Pawnee, IL 620558	217-625-7692	ILGR
Bias, Timothy	116 NE Perry, Peoria, IL 61603	309-673-3641	ILGR
Bingman, James	1199 Stanley Dr, Columbus, OH 43229	614-302-0095	W OH
Bishop, Shane	339 Frank Scott PKWY E, Fairview Heights, IL 62208	618-277-4659	ILGR
Black, Paul	3012 Winterwood Dr, Springfield, IL 62704	217-529-2040	ILGR
Blaedel, Anna	1798 Scenic Ave #338, Berkeley, CA 94709	510-845-4799	IOWA
Blumer, Bruce	PO Box 460, Mitchell SD, 57501		DAKT
Boayue, Charles	22495 Ivanhoe Lane, Southfield, MI 48034	313-622-6400	DETR
Bohnstedt, Albert	5926 Millhollow LN, Ft Wayne, IN 46815	260-485-6632	NIND
Boley, John	400 S Main St, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858	989-773-6934	WMICH
Bolte, Alan	2203 Parkview Rd NE, Alexandria, MN 56308	320-763-6795	MINN
Boruff, Benjamin	6120 Thrushwood Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46250		SIND
Boyd, Bruce	15120 Kirkwood Rd, Sidney, OH 45365	937-498-2111	W OH
Braden, David	855 W Buena Ave Apt 1 E, Chicago, IL 60613	717-817-0875	NILL
Brindal, Jean	656 Maple Drive, Frankfort, IN 46041		NIND
Brooker-Jones, Rose	1411 Missouri Ave, East St. Louis, IL 62201	618-274-2323	ILGR
Brooks, Gloria	3038 White Bark Place, Columbus, OH 43221	614-529-9333	W OH

Brown, Diane	6655 Jackson Rd #160, Ann Arbor, MI 48103	734-662-0469	DETR
Brown, Marvin	245 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 442244	330-923-5241	E OH
Bryant, Dan	3680 Archwood Dr, Rocky River, OH 44116	440-331-9433	E OH
Bunch, Anne	837 Maple Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804		SIND
Burkhart, J. Robert	808 Summit Place, Indianola, IA 50124	515-962-2497	IOWA
Burns, Jennifer	4701 Wilmington Pike #2, Kettering, OH 45440	937-479-2405	W OH
Burrows, Ellen	720 Norbury Dr, Hudson, OH 44236	330-342-0899	E OH
Burwell, Susanne	5309 Midmoor Rd, Monona, WI 53716	608-222-1633	WISC
Bushfield, James	1520 South Liberty Dr, Bloomington, IN 47403		SIND
Butler, Linda	5019 Keats St, Ames, IA 50014	515-268-3360	IOWA
Calvillo, Melissa	2317 N County Rd 1800, Burnside IL 62330	217-755-4296	ILG
Campanano, Juancho	1679 Jeanel Lane, Aurora, IL 60502	630-229-0576	NILL
Campbell, Rufus	120 N Range Rd, Springfield, MN 56087	507-723-4860	MINN
Capelle, Paul	723 Woodbine, Willard, OH 44890	419-933-4573	E OH
Carmer, Toni	13519 Leo Road, Leo, IN 46765	260-627-5386	NIND
Carmichael, Anthony	953 Bryden Rd, Columbus, OH 43205	614-580-8798	W OH
Carrasco, Oscar	217 Division St, Elgin, IL 60120	847-931-0710	NILL
Carver, Philip	1434 Westview Drive, Coralville, IA 52231	319-530-3052	IOWA
Chaffee, Orlando	5981 Sharon Dr, Youngstown, OH 44512	330-270-3400	E OH
Chalker, Ken	3000 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115	216-432-0150	E OH
Chivington, David	910 E Third St, Ottawa, OH 45414	419-645-4791	W OH
Clark, Irma	10633 S Peoria Street, Chicago, IL 60643	773-239-0704	NILL
Cobb, Michelle	650 E 4 th St, Hobart, IN 463420	219-942-0034	NIND
Coleman III, Norman	8230 Cox Rd, West Chester, OH 45069	513-777-9553	W OH
Council-Austin, Mary	5109 Washington Ave, Racine, WI 53406	262-632-6996	WISC
Connolly, Katherine	491 Maranatha Dr, Marysville, OH 43040	937-537-1810	W OH
Connolly, Philip	Box 271, Marysville, OH 43040	937-537-0997	W OH
Cook, Beth Ann	2109 Lincoln, Evansville, IN 47714		SIND
Coon, Dennis	2701 Kimball Ave, Waterloo, IA 50702	319-296-1393	IOWA
Crain, Margaret	2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201	847-866-3973	NILL
Crandall, Robert	5424 SW 16 th St, Des Moines, IA 50315	515-244-6251	IOWA
Crane, David	PO Box 797, Washington, IN 47501		SIND
Crawford, Kara	308 E Sale St, Tuscola, IL 61953	217-253-2451	ILGR
Creech, Gregory	218 E Sandusky, Findlay, OH 45840		W OH
Cross, Randy	PO Box 460, Mitchell, SD 57301		DAKT
Crowell, Linda	6727 Chinkapon St, Oakwood Village, OH 44146	440-786-9096	E OH
Curlless, Roger	441 Featherock Dr, Aurora, IL 60506	630-892-9373	NILL
Cushman Wood, Darren	5065 West 16 th St, Indianapolis, IN 46222		SIND
Dahlberg, Mary Jo	38336 Casselberry Dr, North Branch, MN 55056	651-674-2718	MINN
Dahlman, Laurie	1228 Southern Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49001	269-343-1490	WMICH
Daniel, Wesley SK	604 Eighth St SW, Altoona, IA 50009	515-967-7639	IOWA
David, Deborah	406 Quail Run, Archbold, OH 43502	419-445-1635	W OH
Dawes, Inez	2443 Quail Ridge, St Charles, IA 50240	515-974-8908	IOWA
Dawson, Scott	17665 St Rt 138, Clarksburg, OH 43115	740-993-4943	W OH
DeVine, Jerome	505 E Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49015	269-962-7760	WMICH
Deaner, Francis	329 North St, Madison, WI 53704	608-249-9222	WISC
Delong, Amy	872 250 th St, Osceola, WI 54020	715-294-1841	WISC
Dexter, Bob	56816 Meadowood Dr, Elkart, IN 46516	574-295-6216	NIND
Dominick, Mike	4130 S Albright Rd, Kokomo, IN 46902	765-864-9841	NIND

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Dwiggins, Jack	10837 S Springboro Rd, Brookston, IN 47923		NIND
Eberhart, Diane Wasson	916 5 th Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112	641-236-3757	IOWA
Edger, John	1370 South Fifth St, Columbus, OH 43207	614-327-5468	W OH
Edwards, Neriah	7222 Pitts Blvd, N Ridgeville, OH 44039	440-327-8753	E OH
Ehrman, Jim	425 S Rocky River Dr, Berea, OH 44017	216-736-7298	E OH
Ellinger, Janet	127 S Second St, River Falls, WI 54022	715-425-6233	WISC
Enzminger, Kathleen	911 9 th Ave SW, Jamestown, ND 58401		DAKT
Euper, Terry	11463 S State Rd, Morrice, MI 48857	517-625-2920	DETR
Euper, Jacqueline	11463 S State Rd, Morrice, MI 48857	517-625-2920	DETR
Evans, Dan	PO Box 1367, Indianapolis, IN 46206		SIND
Fairchild, Darryl	1404 Harvard Blvd, Dayton, OH 45406	937-239-0688	W OH
Farnum, ebecca	1160 Glen Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	989-773-1070	W MICH
Fell, Jonathan	2219 Maple Ave O-3, Evanston, IL 60201	319-331-4971	IOWA
Fenstermacher, Mark	2708 E Jackson Blvd, Elkhart, IN 46516	574-295-0946	NIND
Fenstermacher, Ed	PO Box 869, Marion, IN 46952		NIND
Fishcer, Deborah	448 W Hawthorne Ct, Lake Bluff, IL 60044	847-234-9163	NILL
Foster, Becky	N1966 Julius Drive, Greenville, WI 54942	920-757-5101	WISC
Freeman, Robert	302 N State St, Geneseo, IL 61254	309-944-2793	ILGR
Gaither-Gant, Rita	4102 North DeQuincy, Indianapolis, IN 46226		SIND
Galloway, MaryAnn	13 Put Dr 142 Chesapeake, OH 45619	740-867-3000	W OH
Garn, Cyndy	2929 Kenny Rd Ste 100, Columbus, OH 43221	614-222-0602	W OH
Gates, Mary	3420 Skycroft Circle, Minneapolis, MN 55418	612-789-8767	MINN
Gatz, Elisa	1202 E 20 th St, Sterling, IL 61081	815-622-9344	NILL
George, Gary	PO Box 2800, N.Canton, OH 44720	330-499-3972	E OH
Gibson, L. Jerome	3315 Dovershire Dr, Belleville, IL 62221	618-233-6587	ILGR
Glass, Ann	600 Simmons St, Plainfield, IN 46168		SIND
Glenn, Twila	4250 NW 11 th St, Des Moines, IA 50313	515-282-3672	IOWA
Gordan, Ginny	863 S Greenwood Ave, Kankakee, IL 60901	815-932-7587	ILGR
Grace, Roger	2755 Independence Ct, Grove City, OH 43123	614-871-1083	W OH
Graeber, Sheri	3159 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54904	920-233-7668	WISC
Graham England, Melva	4508 W Bridalwood, Peoria, IL 61615	309-692-2264	ILGR
Grant, Holly	6664 Shawbutte St, St. Poland, OH 44514	330-757-1310	E OH
Grant, Michael	6664 Shawbutte St, St. Poland, OH 44514	330-757-1553	E OH
Grant, Mary	491 Sterling St S, Maplewood, MN 55119	651-735-5789	MINN
Gregorson, Cindy	122 W Franklin Ave #400, Minneapolis, MN 55404	612-230-6143	MINN
Hahs, Elouise	1 N Highland Dr, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	618-244-9465	ILGR
Haller, Laurie	2320 Elmwood Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506	616-246-5813	WMICH
Hammon-McDavid, Pamela	6712 Preston Drive, Springfield, IL 62711	217-553-1508	ILGR
Hanover, Thomas	11335 Rosewood LN, Athens, OH 45701	740-797-4581	W OH
Hanson, Ann	8608 W Tulip Tree Dr, Muncie, IN 47304	765-759-7319	NIND
Harnish, John	1589 W Maple Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009	248-646-1200	DETR
Harris, Chet	645 Dueber Ave SW, Canton, OH 44706	330-830-2600	E OH
Harris, Rosa	4062 East 34 th St, Indianapolis, IN 46218		SIND
Hart, Angie	30845 Dover, Warren, MI 48093	586-573-4316	DETR
Hartong, David	604 Jackson Ave NW, Massillon, OH 44646	330-830-2600	E OH
Harvey, Derek	1047 Linn Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060	507-213-7870	MINN
Haswell, Linda	71501 Skyview Dr, Martins Ferry, OH 43935	740-425-4355	E OH
Hausman, Sharon	PO Box 223, Somerset, OH 43783	740-743-1029	W OH

Hazen, Catherine	2150 Teggerdine, White Lake, MI 48386	248-698-9326	DETR
Heasley, Ron	462 Lee St, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338	419-947-6040	E OH
Hefley, Charles	4839 N Parkway Dr, Kokomo, IN 46901		NIND
Heisler, Benton	4528 Manitou Drive, Okemos, MI 48864	517-349-3635	WMICH
Higdon, Dorothy	7035 Boxwood Ln NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	319-294-1161	IOWA
Hines, Derik	7640 Elgin Trail, Blacklick, OH 43004	614-861-0943	W OH
Hood, David	1114 Sterling Dr, Champaign, IL 61821	217-359-0366	ILGR
Horst, Mark	513 W Myrtle St, Stillwater, MN 55082	651-439-1880	MINN
Howard, George	32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington OH 43085	614-844-6200	W OH
Hutsell, Roxie	4936 Plainville Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45227	513-561-8029	W OH
Imboden, Bob	28 Tecumseh Dr, Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-775-0762	W OH
Ireland, Jessica	1400 Artesian, Chicago, IL 60622	515-468-0171	IOWA
Isbell, Sara	901 N Main St, Decatur, IL 62521	217-429-5374	ILGR
Iutzi, Fred	2317 N County Rd 1800, Adrian, IL 62330	217-755-4296	ILGR
Jackson, Anita	PO Box 418, Adena, OH 43901	740-284-5871	E OH
Jackson, Maggie	232569 Shurmer Dr, Warrensville Hts, OH 44128	216-687-4599	E OH
Jackson, Ernest	3216 Whitehead Rd, Columbus, OH 43204	614-278-2209	W OH
Javier, Aquillino	1750 Cloverview Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60577	312-573-8221	NILL
Johnson, Teri	625 5 th St, Brookings, SD 57006		DAKT
Johnson, Carolyn	2550 Yeager Rd Apt 19-2, West Lafayette, IN 47906		NIND
Johnson, Joan	1059 Nagle, Dayton, OH 45430	937-252-4467	W OH
Jones, Janelle	835 Hill St #205 Spearfish SD 57783		DAKT
Jones, Cynthia	2206 4 th St, Charleston, IL, 61920	217-345-3917	ILGR
Jones, Ethan	421 Main Cross St, Charlestown, IN 47111		SIND
Kahler-Miller, Noreen	204 Eagle Drive, McGregor, IA 50627	563-873-1597	IOWA
Kail, Edward	1407 Mulberry St, Atlantic, IA 50022	712-243-4265	IOWA
Kalajainen, Bradley	2045 68 th St. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316	616-698-3170	WMICH
Kellermann, James	3882 Highland Rd, Waterford, MI 48328	248-681-0040	DETR
Kelly, Jim	2553 Paxton Ave, Akron, OH 44312	330-784-9371	E OH
Kesley-Powell, Ana	224 N Main Street, Wheaton, IL 60187	773-750-5353	NILL
Kim Jueng, Ouk-Yean	1652 Red Oak Lane, Rockford, IL 61107	815-399-3811	NILL
Kindschi, Rick	N1966 Julius Drive, Greenville, WI 54942	920-757-5101	WISC
Kindschi, Roger	PO Box 66 Forrest Junction, WI 54123	920-989-1151	WISC
King, Lisa	750 Windsor St PO Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI 53590	608-837-7320	WISC
Kercherval Short, Mary	10875 Fallsington Ct, Cincinnati, OH 45242	513-794-0359	W OH
Kraus, Jeanette	8 Birch Row Dr, Delaware, OH 44017	740-368-3318	E OH
Krueger, Erika	30 N Brinard St CM 1734, Naperville, IL 60540		WISC
Kuzma, Matthew	1458 W Winnemac Ave #3 S, Chicago, IL 60640	773-419-114	NILL
LaBumbard, Billie	750 Windsor St PO Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI 53590	888-240-7328	WISC
Laferty, Allen	368 Maple, Crestline, OH 44827	419-683-3897	E OH
Laferty, Matthew	368 Maple, Crestline, OH 44827	419-683-3897	E OH
Landis, J.D.	7400 Miller Rd, Swartz Creek, MI 48473	810-635-4555	DETR
Lang, Marie	3530 S Keystone Ave Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46227		SIND
Lawson, John	7124 Gregory Creek LN, Westchester, OH 45069		SIND
Lawson, Ruth	2551 S Limestone St, Springfield, OH 45505	937-322-2109	W OH
Lee, Martin	77 W Washington St Suite 1820, Chicago IL 60602	847-951-5200	NILL
Lett, Steven	9417 W Scenic Lake Dr, Laingsburg, MI 48848	517-881-8483	WMICH
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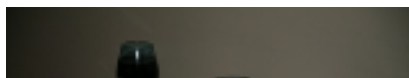
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Lundquist, C. David	5920 Wood Valley Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49009	269-372-2044	WMICH
Lutz, Benis	641 West Main St, Ashville, OH 43103	740-983-3354	W OH
Lyall, Alka	1245 W Stephenson St, Freeport, IL 61032	815-232-6210	NILL
Mallory, Margaret	2602 Scattwood Ave, Toledo, OH 43610	419-344-3924	W OH
Manzi, Mark	2 N 421 Ancient Oaks Rd, West Chicago, IL 60185	630-876-1632	NILL
Marshall, Carolyn	204 North Newlin St, Veedersburg, IN 47987		SIND
Mayorga, Jorge	1442 North Farwell Ste 402, Milwaukee, WI 53202	414-271-5080	WISC
McCabe, Harriet	9 W Bailey Road, Naperville, IL 60565	630-355-4617	NILL
McGarvey, Greg	11879 Silverado Dr, Fishers, IN 46038		SIND
McGhee, Delaine	1056 Sunshine Ct, Grafton, OH, 44044	440-926-2034	E OH
McReynolds, Russell	1721 Dover Place, Lansing, MI 48910	517-977-1556	WMICH
Mennega, Sheila	1314 13 th St NE, Watertown, SD 57201		DAKT
Meredith, David	501 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215	614-221-4571	W OH
Milford, Brian	E 7 th Street Ste #300, Atlantic, IA 50022	712-243-8573	IOWA
Millard, Kent	100 West 86 th St, Indianapolis, IN 46239		SIND
Miller, Diana Spitnale	1148 Cadmus Dr, Troy, MI 48085	248-828-9900	DETR
Miller, Patricia	1041 Muessing Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46239		SIND
Miller, Rachel	2200 Eagles Lake Dr, Piqua, OH 45356	937-778-8614	W OH
Minglin, Beckie	2155 Canvasback Dr, Indianapolis IN 46234		SIND
Moore, Kathleen	735 35 th St, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	319-551-4336	IOWA
Moore, Joy	204 N Lexington Ave, Wilmore KY 40390	859-858-8945	WMICH
Morgan, Mike	1298 7 th Ave, Marian, IA 52302	319-377-4856	IOWA
Morrison, Norma	2117 Americana, Muscatine, IA 52761	563-260-7651	IOWA
Moseley, Lois	1735 Breton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506	616-949-8938	WMICH
Mueller, Beth	1325 N College Ave C-217, Claremont, CA 91711	909-438-1787	MINN
Mueller, Norma	748 Enloe RD, Rewey, WI 53580	608-943-6091	WISC
Mykrantz, Kayc	2105 E Broadway, Loganport, IN 46847	574-753-7078	NIND
Nelson-Olin, Sally	3 Stower Lane Unit 5, Norwalk, OH 44857	419-668-6115	E OH
Newkirk, Vickie	2870 South 700 West, New Palestine, IN 46163		SIND
Ney, Sue	935 3 rd St E, Cresco, IA 52136	563-547-1002	IOWA
Noel, Phares	18273 Pennington, Detroit, MI 48221	313-345-3786	DETR
Nolte, Beverly	4112 SE 23 rd Ct, Des Moines, IA 50320	515-237-8544	IOWA
Nunley, Chris	665 Windy Oak Ct, Hebron, IN 47320	765-284-3753	NIND
Nygaard, Christian	PO Box 35, Wesley, IA 50483	515-679-4083	IOWA
Nygaard, Anne	PO Box 35, Wesley, IA 50483	515-679-4083	IOWA
Oakland, Jerry	211 E 3 rd St, Storm Lake, IA 50588	712-732-5458	IOWA
Ocke, Scot	405 S Sackett St, Maumee, OH 43537	419-893-0003	W OH
Odeen, Diane	811 Oak Knoll Ave, River Falls, WI 54022	715-426-5325	WISC
Olgesby, Mildred	6850 Sampson, Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45236	513-871-0593	W OH
Olson-Bunnell, Heather	963 Oak Park Dr, Roanoke, IN 46783	260-672-3031	NIND
Ott, Louise	3617 Mackinaw, Saginaw, MI 48602	989-793-8838	DETR
Ottesen, Realff	1330 Spruce Hills, Bettendorf, IA 52722	563-344-1974	IOWA
Ottjes, Jim	418 N Mishawakast Akron, IN 46910	574-893-4252	NIND
Owen, David VW	1100 W 42 nd St Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208		SIND
Park, Joon-Sik	3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015	740-362-3367	W OH
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Petersen, Dwain "Pete"	124 Sapphire Ct, Mankato, MN 56001	507-345-6707	MINN
Phillips-Carmichael, Irma	953 Bryden Rd, Columbus, OH 43205	614-258-4093	W OH
Pickens, Larry	475 Riverside Dr-Room 1306, New York, NY 10115	212-749-3553	NILL
Pier-Fitzgerald, J. Lynn	57 West Tenth St, Holland, MI 49423	616-396-5205	WMICH
Pier-Fitzgerald, Joel	83 West 18 th Street, Holland, MI 49423	616-510-6727	WMICH
Plum, Alexander	5203 Birchcrest Dr, Swartz Creek, MI 48473	810-210-0090	DETR
Poster, Stephen	750 Windsor St Ste 303, Sun Prairie, WI 43590	608-837-8526	WISC
Preston, James	77 W Washington St #1820, Chicago, IL 60602	312-346-9766	NILL
Price, Dennis	407 Edwardsville Rd, Troy, IL 62294	618-667-6331	ILGR
Purvis, Judith	1601 Old Orchard Road, Vincennes, IN 47591		SIND
Pyatt, William	402 Main Street, Carthage, IL 62321	217-357-2964	ILGR
Radley, Dorthy	627 Highview Dr, Slinger, WI 53086	414-852-5026	WISC
Rankin, Carolyn	1851 E Co Rd 250, West Point, IL 62380	217-743-6305	ILGR
Rebeck, Victoria	122 W Franklin Ave #400, Minneapolis, MN 55404	612-239-6143	MINN
Regan, Jeffrey	PO Box 80307, Rochester, MI 48308	248-651-9361	DETR
Reich, Eldon	1135 Ashwood Drive, Aberdeen, SD 57401		DAKT
Reisman, Kim	3072 Hamilton St, West Lafayette, IN 47906	765-497-7193	NIND
Reis, Kim	352 CR 2700 N, Mahomet, IL 61853	217-417-4703	ILGR
Reyes, Luis	327 S Hawthorne Ave, Bensenville, IL 60106	630-766-4124	NILL
Reynolds, Cindy	3201 E Center St, Warsaw, IN 46582	574-256-1919	NIND
Rhoades, Ellen	6114 Sapphire Trail, Fort Wayne, IN 46804	260-432-7500	NIND
Rhonemus, Alfred	9822 Bradysville Rd, Aberdeen, OH 45101	937-549-2993	W OH
Rinehart, Jerry	1046 Alamo Road, Carrollton, OH 44615	330-868-7374	E OH
Robbins, Luke	8512 Springmill Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260		SIND
Robinson, Randall	18 Forest Park West, Jacksonvill, IL 62650	217-245-0266	ILGR
Rollins, Benita	PO Box 1294, Delaware, OH 43015	740-363-1146	E OH
Roper, Jocelyn	4400 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229	513-421-2057	W OH
Ross, Roger	3002 W Bloomington Rd, Champaign, IL 61822	217-359-8909	ILGR
Ross, Lana	6707 77 th Lane, Indianola, IA 50125	515-681-9298	IOWA
Rowe, Edwin	2013 Hyde Park , Detroit, MI 48207	313-965-5422	DETR
Royoppa, Samuel	750 Windsor St PO Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI 53590	608-837-0056	WISC
Ruby, Sandra	707 West Pike St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933		SINDS
Ruedebusch, Bob	3500 Canyon Lake Dr, Rapid City, SD 57702		DETR
Ruggles, Jane	619 Buena Vista, Ashland, OH 44805	419-496-2882	E OH
Ruhs Kruse, Annette	PO Box 371, Everly, IA 51338	712-249-6652	IOWA
Ryder, Jack	629 Barnsdale, LaGrange Park, IL 60526	708-352-7632	NILL
Sanders, Jill	4520 Navajo Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	319-361-0737	IOWA
Sarazin, Duane	11100 River Hills Dr, Burnsville, MN 55337	952-890-2515	MINN
Schick, Cathie	3431 Mooney Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45208	513-871-4833	W OH
Schnoor, F. "Jay"	1291 Lost Park Dr, LaCrescent, MN 55947	507-895-2876	MINN
Schobert, Diane	5833 Lochinvars Trail, Marshall, WI 53559	608-225-4129	WISC
Scholl, Leo	5513 Royalwood Dr, Dayton, OH 45429	937-434-6008	W OH
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Stultz, Valerie	170 Seminary St, Berea, OH 44017	440-234-3525	E OH
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Sutton, Tara	1721 Lynbrook Dr, Flint, MI 48507	810-338-3843	DETR
Sutton, Robert Stanley	32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington, OH 43085	614-844-6200	W OH
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