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B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE PETITIONS

Item # 1

SUBJECT: **Central District Name Change. Conference voted concurrence.**
 MOTION: To change the name from “Central District” to the “Heartland District” effective July 1, 2009.

Item # 2

SUBJECT: **“Plan of Organization” – Director of Connectional Ministries. Conference voted concurrence via Decision Calendar.**
 MOTION: The Conference Personnel Committee recommends that in keeping with the language of ¶ 608 of the 2008 UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, the title of the “Conference Director,” found in section III.B.4.a. of the West Michigan Conference “Plan of Organization,” and everywhere else it appears, be changed to “Director of Connectional Ministries.”

Refer Item #3 as Amended

SUBJECT: **“Plan of Organization” – Structure of Hunger/UMCOR Committee – Refer Item to CCOM. Conference voted concurrence.**
 MOTION: Move to refer this amended Item to CCOM for review and recommendation to the 2010 Annual conference.

Amendment to Item # 3

SUBJECT: **“Plan of Organization” – Structure of Hunger/UMCOR Committee – Amend by Addition. Conference voted concurrence.**
 MOTION: Add the following:
 “The Annual Conference Congregation Transformation Committee shall be removed from the Plan of Organization in Section. III.B.4.b.1.e. and in all other places where it appears.”

Item # 3

SUBJECT: **“Plan of Organization” – Structure of Hunger/UMCOR Committee. Conference voted concurrence as amended and referred.**
 MOTION: The Annual Conference Hunger/UMCOR Committee shall be disbanded, amending the “Plan of Organization,” Section III.B.4.b.1.e. and everywhere else it appears (Section III.B.4.c.1.j.) . The Conference Board of Global Ministries shall appoint one of their members at large as “Annual Conference Hunger Coordinator,” who shall have the responsibility of promoting UMCOR’s World Hunger/ Poverty Ministry.

Item # 4

SUBJECT: **Location of Annual Conference. Conference voted concurrence.**
 MOTION: The Annual Conference Program Committee, in consultation with the Bishop, shall explore and prayerfully consider moving the location of the West Michigan Annual Conference back to Albion College as soon as possible.

Item # 5

SUBJECT:

Annual Policy Recommendations for 2010. Conference voted concurrence via Decision Calendar.

MOTION:

The following shall be the policy recommendation for 2010:

A. Special Sundays: The following Special Sundays will be observed with offerings in compliance with the action of the 2008 General Conference:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Human Relations Day	Jan 18	Jan 17
One Great Hour of Sharing	Mar 22	Mar 14
Native American Ministry Sunday	Apr 26	Apr 18
Peace with Justice Sunday*	June 7*	May 30*
World Communion Sunday	Oct 4	Oct 3
United Methodist Student Sunday	Nov 29	Nov 28

*or on a date to be determined by the local church

These Sundays will be observed with offerings (except as noted):

Racial Ethnic Local Church Sunday	Feb 1	Feb 7
Golden Cross Sunday	May 3	May 2
United Methodist Volunteer in Mission Awareness	June 7	June 6
Rural Life Sunday	Aug 30	Aug 29
Christian Education Sunday	Sept 13	Sept 12
Disability Awareness Sunday (without offering)	Oct 18	Oct 17

Bishops' Initiative on Children and Poverty – To be determined by the individual church

Camp Sunday – To be determined by the individual church

- B. Youth Ministries: From the Ministry Shares \$2.00 per youth member will be allocated for the YOUTH SERVICE FUND. 70% is to be used by the conference youth program and 30% by the general church youth program. A mission share of \$50,000 shall be authorized to continue to partially fund the staffing of conference youth and camping ministries.
- C. The line of credit, which has been established with Macatawa Bank, shall be continued up to a limit of \$300,000.
- D. The auditor of record of the Conference Treasurer shall be a firm of certified public accountants, to be determined by the Council on Finance and Administration.
- E. Furnishings allowance according to IRS regulations shall be allowed for the district superintendents and conference clergy staff persons as payroll withholding within their approved salary. A similar provision is available for local church pastors in an amount determined by the charge conference.
- F. District superintendents and other clergy on the conference staff shall be allowed to designate the amount of their individual housing allowance within the approved salary and housing allowance in accordance with IRS regulations.

Item # 6

SUBJECT:

Adults Who Are Registered Child Sex Offenders in the Life of the Church. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

The West Michigan Conference Abuse Prevention Team or designates shall design a plan for situations in which an adult convicted and/or registered as a child sexual offender is involved or seeks involvement in the conference, its activities or facilities. This plan shall be developed for consideration at the 2010 West Michigan Annual Conference.

Amendment 2 to Refer Item #7 and #7-R

SUBJECT:

Refer Item #7 and Item #7-R – Amend by Addition. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move to amend the motion to refer by adding the following to the list of members of the task force:

“Up to 4 lay representatives of local churches who serve on its Staff Parish Relations Committee or other groups who have dealt with clergy housing matters.”

So that it reads as follows:

We move to refer Item #7R and Item #7 to a task force charged with producing a report and/or recommendations regarding issues related to the West Michigan Conference Housing Policy. This report or the task force’s recommendations shall be submitted by January 1, 2010 to the Cabinet and to the Conference Director for dialogue and then action by the Annual Conference in 2010. In its recommendations or report, this task force will be charged with the following (not necessarily in order of importance):

- Clarify the relationship between itinerancy and residency and its impact on the appointive process
- Sustain the United Methodist tradition of itinerancy taking into account the Biblical and the distinctly Wesleyan theological and historical underpinnings of itinerancy
- Support the United Methodist connectional structure of our conference
- Take into account historical changes (in particular the increase of women pastors, dual career couples, and clergy couples) that impact our tradition of itinerancy, listening especially for our collective experiential wisdom
- Address the needs of clergy and their families, taking into account ways to support the physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial well-being of clergy and their families
- Address the needs of the local church
- Hold together the needs of the UMC connection, local churches, local communities, and the clergy and their families
- Address questions of equity in pension support and compensation as this relates to housing
- Take into account issues of class and socio-economic status, gender and race as these issues relate to housing
- Keep the conference true to the United Methodist commitment to inclusiveness as stated in Article IV of our Constitution (Book of Discipline ¶ 4) by directly addressing how housing and residency requirements impact under-represented groups such as women and people of color
- Provide for dialogue, transparency and openness of process by holding open meetings in which feedback is sought.

This task force shall be chosen by respective committee chairs and shall be representative of all involved in the appointive process and in housing issues, including one representative from each of the following groups as well as the individuals listed:

- Board of Ordained Ministry
- Cabinet
- COSROW
- Conference Committee on Religion and Race
- The Conference Trustees
- Committee on Equitable Compensation
- Up to 4 lay representatives of local churches who serve on its Staff Parish Relations Committee or other groups who have dealt with clergy housing matters.
- And the following individuals or their representatives: Conference Director, Clergy Assistant to the Bishop, Conference Treasurer, with Naomi Garcia as facilitator.

As well, the task force shall have representation of both clergy and laity and shall include in its clergy ranks persons in both systems of housing. The task force shall also include someone with a monitoring function to insure that all voices are heard.

Amendment 1 to Refer Item #7 and #7-R

SUBJECT: **Refer Item #7 and Item #7-R - Amend by Substitution. Ruled Out of Order.**

MOTION: Move to delete the words "to refer items 7-R and Item 7" and replace it with "establish."

Refer Item #7 and #7-R

SUBJECT: **Refer Item #7 and Item #7-R. Conference voted concurrence as amended.**

MOTION: We move to refer Item 7-R and Item 7 to a task force charged with producing a report and/or recommendations regarding issues related to the West Michigan Conference Housing Policy. This report or the task force's recommendations shall be submitted by January 1, 2010 to the Cabinet and to the Conference Director for dialogue and then action by the Annual Conference in 2010. In its recommendations or report, this task force will be charged with the following (not necessarily in order of importance):

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Item #7-R

SUBJECT: **Response to Item #7 Addition to 2008 Flexible Housing Policy: Substitution. Referred to task force.**

MOTION: Move to amend Item # 7 by substitution so that it reads as follows:

“The use of the parsonage by the pastor may be waived, provided they have consulted with, and received approval of alternate housing arrangements from the SPRC, Superintendent, and Bishop. In those cases where the pastor may request and receive permission to live in alternate housing, the church will not automatically augment his/her compensation package, but may do so at the discretion of the SPRC and Administrative Council, with consultation and approval of the District Superintendent.”

Item # 7

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

Addition to 2008 Flexible Housing Policy. Referred to task force.

The following shall be added to the Flexible Housing Policy adopted by the 2008 West Michigan Annual Conference: “The use of the parsonage by the pastor is not required. The pastor may live in other housing, but the church will not automatically augment his/her compensation package.”

Item # 8

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

“Plan of Organization” – Renaming District Council. Item was withdrawn.

Amend Article II, Section A and B of “Plan of Organization” by replacing the words “District Council on Ministries” and “District Council” wherever they occur with the words “District Leadership Team or “Leadership Team” as appropriate.

Item #9-R

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

Response to Item #9 Camp Property Insurance: Amend by Addition. Conference voted concurrence.

Add, “liability and auto” between “property” and “insurance” so that the sentence reads as follows:

“The West Michigan Conference Board of Trustees budget shall include each year complete payment of property, *liability and auto* insurance for all conference camps.”

Add the following sentence:

“The transfer of this responsibility shall begin in the 2010 fiscal year. \$40,000 will be transferred from the CCOM budget, both of income and expenditures, to the Board of Trustees budget.”

Item # 9

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

Camp Property Insurance. Conference voted concurrence as amended.

The West Michigan Conference Board of Trustees budget shall include each year complete payment of property insurance for all conference camps. The Board of Christian Camping shall be responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the camp properties in compliance with conference and denominational rules and decision-making processes.

Amendment 3 to Item # 10

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

Conference Property and General Liability Insurance Program – Amend by Substitution. Conference voted concurrence.

Move to amend by substituting “may” with “shall.” So that it reads:

The West Michigan Annual Conference, recognizing that every dollar saved in the local church is another dollar for ministry, authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees (Board) to implement a Master Group Program whereby all churches in the conference shall insure with the same insurance company designated by the Board effective July 1, 2009, or as soon as feasible.

Amendment 2 to Item # 10

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

Conference Property and General Liability Insurance Program – Amend by Addition. Ruled Out of Order.

Move to amend by adding to the end of the motion (after feasible). “The policy would become mandatory for all churches effective August 1, 2009. The Conference Board of Trustees shall investigate ways to assist churches for whom this creates a cost increase.”

Amendment 1 to Item # 10

SUBJECT: Conference Property and General Liability Insurance Program – Amend by Substitution. Conference voted concurrence. (Standing/hand count 304 Yes, 296 No)

MOTION: Move to amend by substituting “shall” with “may.” So that it reads:

The West Michigan Annual Conference, recognizing that every dollar saved in the local church is another dollar for ministry, authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees (Board) to implement a Master Group Program whereby all churches in the conference may insure with the same insurance company designated by the Board effective July 1, 2009, or as soon as feasible.

Item # 10

SUBJECT: Conference Property and General Liability Insurance Program. Conference voted concurrence as amended, in its original form. (Standing/hand count 474 Yes, 260 No)

MOTION: The West Michigan Annual Conference, recognizing that every dollar saved in the local church is another dollar for ministry, authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees (Board) to implement a Master Group Program whereby all churches in the conference shall insure with the same insurance company designated by the Board effective July 1, 2009, or as soon as feasible.

Item # 11

SUBJECT: Medical Benefits in the West Michigan Conference. Conference voted non-concurrence.

MOTION: The West Michigan Conference shall provide medical benefits only to qualified employees, their spouses and dependents in accordance with Michigan State Law.

Amendment to Item # 12

SUBJECT: Equitable Compensation 2010 Minimum Salary Schedule – Amend by Substitution. Conference voted concurrence. (Standing/hand count 261 Yes, 243 No)

MOTION: Move to amend by substituting “a 1.1% increase” to “a 0% increase.”

It would then read:

“The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends the following Minimum Salary Schedule be adopted for 2010, reflecting a 0% increase in minimum base compensation.

In addition, the Commission also recommends that churches budget a minimum of \$1,200 for Professional Expenses, exclusive of mileage reimbursements, for each full time clergy person under appointment. In cases of less than full time appointment, it is recommended that the budgeted amount be prorated in accordance with the appointment (i.e. ½ Time = \$600; ¼ Time = \$300).”

2010 Minimum Salary Schedule

	Full Time Local Pastor		Associate Member	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Year 1	31,659	31,659	*	*
Year 2	31,976	31,976	*	*
Year 3	32,293	32,293	*	*
Year 4	32,610	32,610	*	*
Year 5	32,927	32,927	34,412	34,412
Year 6	33,244	33,244	34,754	34,754
Year 7	33,561	33,561	35,096	35,096
Year 8	33,878	33,878	36,958	36,958
Year 9	34,195	34,195	36,958	36,958
Year 10	34,512	34,512	36,958	36,958
Each Additional YOS		345		366

	Provisional Member		Full Member	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Year 1	35,329	35,329	**	**
Year 2	35,682	35,682	**	**
Year 3	36,035	36,035	**	**
Year 4	36,388	36,388	38,082	38,082
Year 5	36,741	36,741	38,463	38,463
Year 6	37,094	37,094	39,185	39,185
Year 7	37,447	37,447	39,185	39,185
Year 8	37,800	37,800	39,606	39,606
Year 9	38,153	38,153	39,987	39,987
Year 10	38,506	38,506	40,368	40,368
Each Additional YOS		385		404

In accordance with *Para. 624.3 of the 2004 Book of Discipline*, the Minimum Salary Schedule reflects the mandatory minimum cash salary which a pastor shall be paid based on their status and years of service. While not mandatory, local congregations are strongly encouraged to give consideration to paying pastors with more than 10 years of service an additional 1% of the tenth year minimum for each additional year of service they have completed. As examples: A Full Member with 15 years of service must be paid a minimum of \$40,368, but the congregation is encouraged to consider paying an additional \$2,020 (5 x \$404), for a total of \$42,388, based on 5 additional years service. A Local Pastor with 20 years service must be paid a minimum \$34,512, but the congregation is encouraged to consider paying an additional \$3,450 (10 x \$345), for a total of \$37,962, based on 10 additional years service.

Counting Years of Service To Determine Minimum Compensation

Pastors serving under appointment full or part time will have years of service counted equally for the purpose of moving through the salary schedule. Pastors serving more than six months under appointment in a year will be credited with a full year's service for the purpose of moving through the salary schedule. Pastors serving six months or less under appointment in a year will remain in the year of the salary schedule they are in. When an additional full year of service is completed pastors will move to the next year in the salary schedule. For salary schedule purposes, years of service are carried over equally from one category to another as clergy status changes.

Recommended Minimum Professional Expense Account

It is also recommended that local congregations budget a minimum of \$1,200 for Professional Expenses, exclusive of mileage reimbursements, for each Full Time clergy person under appointment. In cases of less than full time appointment, it is recommended that the budgeted amount be prorated in accordance with the appointment (i.e. 1/2 Time = \$600; 1/4 Time = \$300.).

Item # 12

SUBJECT:

Equitable Compensation 2010 Minimum Salary Schedule. Conference voted concurrence as amended.

MOTION:

The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends the following Minimum Salary Schedule be adopted for 2010, reflecting a 1.1% increase in minimum base compensation.

In addition, the Commission also recommends that churches budget a minimum of \$1,200 for Professional Expenses, exclusive of mileage reimbursements, for each full time clergy person under appointment. In cases of less than full time appointment, it is recommended that the budgeted amount be prorated in accordance with the appointment (i.e. 1/2 Time = \$600; 1/4 Time = \$300).

2010 Minimum Salary Schedule

	Full Time Local Pastor		Associate Member	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Year 1	31,659	32,007	*	*
Year 2	31,976	32,327	*	*
Year 3	32,293	32,647	*	*
Year 4	32,610	32,967	*	*
Year 5	32,927	33,287	34,412	34,791
Year 6	33,244	33,607	34,754	35,139
Year 7	33,561	33,927	35,096	35,487
Year 8	33,878	34,247	36,958	35,835
Year 9	34,195	34,567	36,958	37,365
Year 10	34,512	34,887	36,958	37,365
Each Additional YOS		349		374

	Provisional Member		Full Member	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Year 1	35,329	35,718	**	**
Year 2	35,682	36,075	**	**
Year 3	36,035	36,432	**	38,116
Year 4	36,388	36,789	38,082	38,501
Year 5	36,741	37,146	38,463	38,886
Year 6	37,094	37,503	39,185	39,271
Year 7	37,447	37,860	39,185	39,656
Year 8	37,800	38,217	39,606	40,041
Year 9	38,153	38,574	39,987	40,425
Year 10	38,506	38,931	40,368	40,811
Each Additional YOS		389		408

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Counting Years of Service To Determine Minimum Compensation

Pastors serving under appointment full or part time will have years of service counted equally for the purpose of moving through the salary schedule. Pastors serving more than six months under appointment in a year will be credited with a full year's service for the purpose of moving through the salary schedule. Pastors serving six months or less under appointment in a year will remain in the year of the salary schedule they are in. When an additional full year of service is completed pastors will move to the next year in the salary schedule. For salary schedule purposes, years of service are carried over equally from one category to another as clergy status changes.

Item # 13

SUBJECT:
MOTION:

Guidelines for Equitable Compensation Support. Conference voted concurrence.

The Commission on Equitable Compensation moves that the following Guidelines and Policies be amended as indicated.

Guidelines for Equitable Compensation Support

1. Local congregations shall conduct an annual canvass of sources of support within

the pastoral charge. Congregations receiving Equitable Compensation support are expected to participate in ongoing stewardship education and planning through programs such as the Stewardship Academy offered through the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan.

2. Local congregations shall annually counsel with the District Superintendent concerning levels of pastoral support.
3. Requests for support from the Equitable Compensation Fund shall be included in the salary recommendation approved by the charge/church conference.
4. Churches should be grouped, where feasible, in a denominational or ecumenical grouping so as to provide an average attendance of at least H2 118 under the care of one pastor.
5. Circuit churches that become station charges will usually not be eligible for financial assistance from the commission unless the church seeking assistance has an average attendance of at least H2 118.
6. Local congregations requesting equitable compensation support shall voucher pastors' travel and business expenses according to the guidelines of the Council on Finance and Administration.
7. Local congregations may receive base supplemental Equitable Compensation support for up to five consecutive years, with a goal of reducing the original grant amount by 20% each year.
8. Exceptions to these guidelines may be considered for missional purposes upon recommendation of the Cabinet.

– Approved by Annual Conference 1984, Revised 1993, 2002, 2007, 2009

Item # 14

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Conference Self-Funded Medical Insurance Plan. Conference voted concurrence.

The conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall implement a Self-Funded Medical Benefits Plan (the Plan) with stop-loss insurance coverage as a single plan for participants in active service, as soon as the board determines it to be practicable but not later than October 1, 2009. Upon implementation of the Plan, the existing PPO and HMO Plans will be terminated.

Item # 15

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Plan Administration Policy for the Self-Funded Medical Plan. Conference voted concurrence.

Amend the Conference Policy for Health Insurance, by substitution of Section X. PLAN ADMINISTRATION, subsection A, paragraphs 1 to 5 with the following paragraphs:

1. To set benefit levels, premium rates, participant premium contributions and Plan funding arrangement including prudent Stop Loss insurance and reserve funding in order to keep The Plan financially sound. The board shall make an annual report on The State of the Plan at Annual Conference and, to the extent practicable, will seek input from the Annual Conference of administrative matters that affect Plan participants.
 2. To retain consultants, retain or consult with actuaries and contract third party administrators and to select health care networks and providers of Stop Loss insurance coverage.
 3. To invest funds through its Investment Committee in accordance with the social principles in *THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE*.
 4. To interpret Plan provisions through the Conference Treasurer whose interpretation in writing will be considered final unless appealed to the board which has the final authority to decide any issue under the Plan.
- B. The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits is amenable to the Annual Conference which has the final authority to amend, suspend or terminate The Program in whole or in part in an Annual Conference session or special session called for the purpose, provided that any proposal that may affect The Program shall be referred to the board for study, and evaluation before any Annual Conference action is taken.

Item # 16

SUBJECT: Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund (MRPF) – For Past Service. Conference voted concurrence via Decision Calendar.

MOTION: The West Michigan Annual Conference shall continue with the guidelines set forth in *THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE* for past service. The Annuity Rate in 2010 shall be \$697. The surviving spouse benefit shall remain at 85 percent.

Item #17-R

SUBJECT: Response to Item #17 West Michigan Budget Recommendation for 2010: Amend by Substitution. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: The Commission on Equitable Compensation (CEC) moves to amend the proposed 2010 Budget for the "Equitable Compensation Fund" [*Connectional Ministry*, section A.3.], by increasing the budgeted amount to \$185,000.

Item # 17

SUBJECT: West Michigan Budget Recommendation for 2010. Conference voted concurrence as amended.

- MOTION:**
1. The Council on Finance and Administration recommends the following:
The anticipated income of the West Michigan Conference for 2010 shall be based on the Base Percentage Rate of 12.4% of each congregation's Actual Receipts as reported in Table III. This rate is a decrease from 12.6% last year.
 2. The amount of \$6,201,600 shall be the Conference Budget in 2010, which is \$493,290 less than last year due to the uncertainty in the economy. *This recommended conference budget does not include the District Ministries Funds budget that is funded separately by the respective districts.*
 3. The World Service and Conference Benevolence budget will be distributed as follows: 36.4% to World Service, 63.6% to the Annual Conference Benevolence.
 4. The salary and housing allowance of district superintendents, conference director and conference treasurer shall remain at last year's rate of \$73,182 and \$20,000, respectively.
 5. The West Michigan Annual Conference shall adopt the following as the budget for 2010:

West Michigan 2010 Budget Recommendation

	Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Budget 2009	Proposed 2010
Anticipated Ministry Shares Revenue	\$6,024,180	\$6,558,913	\$6,694,890	\$6,201,600

Expenditures Budget

A.Connectional Ministry

DS Salary	\$70,982	\$70,982	\$73,182	\$73,182
1. District Superintendents Fund				
Salaries	\$425,891	\$425,892	\$439,092	\$439,092
New Pastor Orientation	534		1,500	1,000
Continuing Education	2,473	9,000	9,000	3,000
Health Care Plan	74,606	75,000	77,400	75,000
Workers Comp Insurance	1,800	1,100	1,400	1,800
Pension Support	80,031	82,714	83,608	83,352
Travel Expense & Intro Meetings	70,615	75,500	73,528	73,508
BOM and Fall Retreat	0		3,000	
New Superintendent Transition Fund	0		1,000	
Renewal Leave	695		2,000	2,000
Contingency	3,721	3,000	5,500	3,000
	\$660,366	\$672,206	\$697,028	\$681,752
District Office Expense				
Albion	\$56,878	\$56,512	\$58,907	
Central	56,807	57,070	59,456	

Grand Rapids	54,304	55,742	58,137	
Grand Traverse	53,147	54,519	57,229	
Kalamazoo	56,613	57,132	59,527	
Lansing	41,859	44,847	46,803	
District Office Rentals	63,599	62,031	62,031	
Misc. Exp/Office Equipment	0	8,400	16,800	
Total District Office Expense	\$383,207	\$396,253	\$418,890	\$385,852
Total District Superintendents Fund	\$1,043,573	\$1,068,459	\$1,115,918	\$1,067,604

2. Episcopal Fund	\$258,694	\$258,694	\$268,711	\$266,518
3. Equitable Compensation Fund	167,277	200,000	185,000	185,000
4. Retiree Health Care	90,446	100,000	100,000	50,000
5. Ministerial Pension & Insurance Reserve	0	10,000	10,000	5,000
6. Bd. Of Ordained Min/Min Enhancement	59,561	65,000	67,600	65,000
7. Clergy Advocacy	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
8. Moving Expense Fund	193,711	130,000	180,000	175,000
9. Clergy Transition Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
10. Abuse Prevention Team	262	500	500	500
11. Contingency Fund	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Connectional Ministry Funds	\$1,813,524	\$1,852,653	\$1,947,729	\$1,834,622

B. Administrative Funds

1. General Church Apportionments				
Interdenominational Cooperation	\$25,392	\$25,392	\$26,665	\$25,816
General Administration	87,079	87,079	110,231	104,986
Total General Apportionments	\$112,471	\$112,471	\$136,896	\$130,802
2. Jurisdictional Conference	\$29,153	30,000	15,000	18,000
3. Michigan Area Administration				
Area Expense Fund	\$41,493	\$45,685	\$46,598	\$45,685
Area Assistant To Bishop's Office	85,784	93,583	95,918	93,583
Area Episcopal Committee	800	800	800	800
Area Parsonage Committee	2,862	3,200	3,200	3,200
Total Area Administration	\$130,939	\$143,268	\$146,516	\$143,268
4. Conference Administration				
Commission on Archives and History	\$13,584	\$14,325	\$15,325	\$18,000
Conference Properties	124,372	137,000	140,000	170,000
Program Committee	13,617	15,000	15,000	15,000
Secretary Expenses	28,741	36,000	36,000	30,000
Statistician Expenses	0	500	500	500
Victim's Fund	0	2,500	2,500	1,000
Legal Contingencies	9,963	5,000	6,000	8,000
At Large Lay Members Expense	26,037	24,000	30,000	28,000
U.M. Foundation of WMC	31,744	35,000	35,000	15,000
Council on Finance & Administration				
Treasurer's Office	\$207,460	\$224,065	\$227,270	\$210,000
Auditing Expense	19,196	14,200	15,000	19,000
CFA Meeting Expenses	991	1,500	1,000	800
Church Fidelity Bond	0	0	0	0
Administrative Services	46,086	46,135	44,900	47,000
Total CF&A	\$273,733	\$285,900	\$288,170	\$276,800
Conference Committees	0	8,500	3,000	1,000
Nomination & Leadership Development	2,536	6,000	15,000	5,000
Total Conference Administration	\$524,327	\$569,725	\$586,495	\$528,300
5. Administration Contingency Fund	0	20,000	20,000	5,000
6. Conference Budget Reserve	22,566	80,000	82,800	50,000
Administrative Funds	\$819,456	\$955,464	\$987,707	\$915,374

	<u>Actual 2008</u>	<u>Budget 2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009</u>	<u>Proposed 2010</u>
C. World Service & Conference Benevolences				
1. World Service	\$989,258	\$989,190	\$989,258	\$968,945
2. Conference Benevolences				
Commission on Christian Unity	16	458		
Commission on Religion & Race	3,257	7,973		
COSROW	16	1,271		
Board of Christian Camping	204,103	205,316		
Board of Church & Society	6,807	10,216		
Board of Discipleship	16,082	17,940		
Board of Global Ministries	324,858	398,672		
Racial Ethnic Local Church	98,101	119,602		
Higher Ed. & Campus Ministry	354,642	369,136		
Communications Commission	87,062	104,651		
Conference Council on Ministries	554,604	614,834		
Board of Lay Ministries	1,044	4,286		
Conference Personnel Committee	1,162	849		
Board of Evangelism	5,280	7,973		
United Methodist Men	780	917		
Hunger Committee	235	1,993		
Prison Ministry	3,311	7,998		
Indian Workers Conference	2,799	4,586		
Disability Concerns Committee	1,103	1,395		
Congregational Transformation	1,645	9,967		
Conference Emerging Ministries	4,500	9,967		
Conference Benevolences Total	\$1,671,407	\$1,900,000	\$1,896,000	\$1,652,000
3. WS & Conf. Benevolence Contingency Fund	0	32,830	0	0
World SVC & Conference Benevolences	\$2,660,665	\$2,922,020	\$2,885,258	\$2,620,945
D. New Church Development	\$301,535	\$351,000	\$365,000	\$344,500
E. Ministerial Education Fund	303,893	321,490	342,150	331,696
F. Black Colleges Fund	128,016	128,016	136,497	132,327
G. Africa University Fund	28,270	28,270	30,549	29,616
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET	\$6,055,359	\$6,558,913	\$6,694,890	\$6,209,076
Excess Revenue Over Expenditure	(31,179)	0	(0)	(0)

C. 2008 GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Item #18 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – I Yes – 467, No – 197

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 558 Yes, 276 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division One, ¶ 4, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division One, ¶ 4, Article IV)) amend by deletion and addition as follows:

After “worth” add “and that we are in ministry to all” and after “persons” delete “without regard to race, color, national origin, status or economic condition” and after “sacraments,” add “and” and after “members” delete “; and” and insert a period and add “All persons,” and after “faith” add “and relationship in Jesus Christ, shall be eligible to” and after “body” delete “of the Church because of race, color, national origin, status or economic condition”.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 4 (¶ 4) would read:

Inclusiveness of the Church — The United Methodist Church is a part of the church universal, which is one Body in Christ. The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth and that we

are in ministry to all. All persons shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, and upon baptism be admitted as baptized members. All persons, upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith and relationship in Jesus Christ, shall be eligible to become professing members in any local church in the connection. In the United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body.

Item #19 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – II Yes – 598, No – 66

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 744 Yes, 86 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division One, following ¶ 5, Article V, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division One, following ¶ 5, Article V)) amend by addition as follows:

Add a new paragraph, “All official organizations, groups, committees, councils, boards, and agencies of The United Methodist Church shall adopt ethics and conflict of interest policies, applicable to both members and employees, which embody and live out our Christian values.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, the new paragraph would read:

All official organizations, groups, committees, councils, boards, and agencies of The United Methodist Church shall adopt ethics and conflict of interest policies, applicable to both members and employees, which embody and live out our Christian values.

Item #20 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – III Yes – 412, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section I, ¶ 9, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section I, ¶ 9, Article II)) amend by deletion and addition as follows:

Delete “central” before conference and add “regional”. At the end of the paragraph, add the parenthetical note, “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 9 (¶ 9) would read:

There shall be jurisdictional conferences for the Church in the United States of America, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth; provided that in The United Methodist Church there shall be no jurisdictional or regional conference based on any ground other than geographical and regional division. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #21 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – IV Yes – 406, No – 258

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 593 Yes, 295 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section I, ¶ 10, Article III, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section I, ¶ 10, Article III) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional”, and delete “for the church outside the United States of America” before “and” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 10 (¶ 10) would read:

There shall be regional conferences and, if necessary, provisional regional conferences, all with such powers, duties and privileges as are hereinafter set forth. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect

January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #22 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – V Yes – 410, No – 254

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, ¶ 15, Article III, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section IV, ¶ 15, Article III) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Add “regional and” before “jurisdictional” and delete “and central” before “conferences”, delete “central” before “conference”, and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 15 (¶15) would read:

The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, regional and jurisdictional conferences from the annual conferences, missionary conferences, and the provisional annual conferences, computed on a two-factor basis: (1) the number of clergy members of the annual conference and the missionary conference, and (2) the number of professing members in the annual conference, and the missionary conference, provided that each annual conference, missionary conference, or provisional annual conference shall be entitled to at least one clergy and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the jurisdictional or regional conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #23 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – VI Yes – 193, No – 470

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 690 Yes, 165 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, ¶ 15, Article III, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section IV, ¶ 15, Article III) amend by addition, as follows:

Add at the end of the paragraph, “Any other provision of the Constitution notwithstanding, General Conference may provide for a transitional period for newly created annual, missionary, or provisional annual conferences, not to exceed two quadrennia, during which time such a conference may be represented at General, jurisdictional, and regional conferences on other than a proportional basis. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 15 (¶ 15) would read:

The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, jurisdictional, and central conferences from the annual conferences, missionary conferences, and the provisional annual conferences, computed on a two-factor basis: (1) the number of clergy members of the annual conference and the missionary conference, and (2) the number of professing members in the annual conference and the missionary conference; provided that each annual conference, missionary conference, or provisional annual conference shall be entitled to at least one clergy and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the jurisdictional or central conference. Any other provision of the Constitution notwithstanding, General Conference may provide for a transitional period for newly created annual, missionary, or provisional annual conferences, not to exceed two quadrennia, during which time such a conference may be represented at General, jurisdictional, and regional conferences on other than a proportional basis. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

If both Amendments V and VI are adopted, the resulting paragraph would read:

The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, regional and jurisdictional

conferences from the annual conferences, missionary conferences, and the provisional annual conferences, computed on a two-factor basis: (1) the number of clergy members of the annual conference and the missionary conference, and (2) the number of professing members in the annual conference, and the missionary conference, provided that each annual conference, missionary conference, or provisional annual conference shall be entitled to at least one clergy and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the jurisdictional or regional conference. Any other provision of the Constitution notwithstanding, General Conference may provide for a transitional period for newly created annual, missionary, or provisional annual conferences, not to exceed two quadrennia, during which time such a conference may be represented at General, jurisdictional, and regional conferences on other than a proportional basis. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #24 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – VII Yes – 411, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, ¶ 16, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, ¶ 16, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

In ¶ 16.3 and 16.10 delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional”, and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the 16.10.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 16.3 and .10 (¶ 16.3 and .10) would read:

3. To define and fix the powers and duties of annual conferences, provisional annual conferences, missionary conferences and missions, and of regional conferences, district conferences, charge conferences, and congregational meetings.

10. To fix a uniform basis upon which bishops shall be elected by the jurisdictional conferences and to determine the number of bishops that may be elected by regional conferences. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #25 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – VIII Yes – 596, No – 65

On April 29, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 804 Yes, 39 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, ¶ 16, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, ¶ 16, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

In ¶ 16.1 and .14 add “, gender” after “race”.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 16.1 and .14 (¶ 16.1 and .14) would read:

1. To define and fix the conditions, privileges, and duties of Church membership, which shall in every case be without reference to race, gender or status.

14. To secure the rights and privileges of membership in all agencies, programs, and institutions in The United Methodist Church regardless of race, gender or status.

Item #26 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – IX Yes – 597, No – 64

On April 29, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 821 Yes, 50 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section IV, ¶ 23, Article I, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section IV, ¶ 23, Article I) amend by addition, as follows:

Add “, provided that no jurisdictional conference shall have fewer than 100 delegates” before the period at the end of the first sentence.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 23 (¶ 23) would read:

The jurisdictional conferences shall be composed of as many representatives from the annual conferences and missionary conferences as shall be determined by a uniform basis established by the General Conference, provided that no jurisdictional conference shall have fewer than 100 delegates. The missionary conferences shall be considered as annual conferences for the purpose of this article.

Item #27 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – X Yes – 411, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 649 Yes, 195 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, and ¶ 28, Article I, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, and ¶ 28, Article I) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “Central” before “Conferences” and add “Regional” before “Conferences” in the heading of Section V.

Delete “shall” before “be” and add “may” before “be” and delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” and delete “outside the United States of America” before “with” in the first sentence. Delete the second sentence. Delete “Subsequently” at the beginning of the third sentence and delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” in the third and fourth sentences, and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, the heading of Section V and ¶ 28 (¶ 28) would read:

Section V. Regional Conferences

¶ 28. Article I.-There may be regional conferences for the work of the Church with such duties, powers, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth. The General Conference shall have authority to change the number and boundaries of regional conferences. The regional conferences shall have the duties, powers, and privileges hereinafter set forth. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #28 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XI Yes – 411, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, ¶ 29, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, ¶ 29, Article II) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” in the first sentence and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 29 (¶ 29) would read:

The regional conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be clergy and lay in equal numbers. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #29 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XII Yes – 411, No – 254

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 749 Yes, 119 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, ¶ 30, Article III, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, ¶ 30, Article III) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” in the first sentence. Delete the second sentence and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 30 (¶ 30) would read:

The regional conferences shall meet within the year succeeding the meeting of the General Conference at such times and places as shall have been determined by the preceding respective regional conferences or by commissions appointed by them or by the General Conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #30 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XIII Yes – 410, No – 255

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 544 Yes, 252 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, ¶ 31, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section V, ¶ 31, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” in the first sentence.

Add “In those regional conferences where there are no jurisdictional conferences,” at the beginning of ¶ 31.2 and delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences.” Add “In those regional conferences where there are jurisdictional conferences, bishops shall be elected by the respective jurisdictional conferences.”

Delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” in ¶ 31.3, .6, and .7 and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 31 (¶ 31) would read:

The regional conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, social-concern, and benevolent interests and institutions of the Church within their own boundaries.
2. In those regional conferences where there are no jurisdictional conferences, to elect the bishops for the respective regional conferences in number as may be determined from time to time, upon a basis fixed by the General Conference, and to cooperate in carrying out such plans for the support of their bishops as may be determined by the General Conference. In those regional conferences where there are jurisdictional conferences, bishops shall be elected by the respective jurisdictional conferences.
3. To establish and constitute such regional conference boards as may be required and to elect their administrative officers.
4. To determine the boundaries of the annual conferences within their respective areas.
5. To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries including such changes and adaptations of the General Discipline as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.
6. To appoint a judicial court to determine legal questions arising on the rules, regulations, and such revised, adapted, or new sections of the regional conference Discipline enacted by the regional conference.
7. To appoint a committee on appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that regional conference from the decision of a committee on trial. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #31 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XIV Yes – 411, No – 252

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 32, Article I, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 32, Article I) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” before “conferences” and add “regional” before “conferences” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 32 (¶ 32) would read:

The annual conference shall be composed of clergy members as defined by the General Conference, together with professing lay members elected by each charge, the diaconal ministers, the active deaconesses under Episcopal appointment within the bounds of the annual conference, the conference president of United Methodist Women, the conference president of United Methodist Men, the conference lay leader, district lay leaders, the president or equivalent officer of the conference young adult organization, the president of the conference youth organization, the chair of the annual conference college student organization, and one young person between the ages of twelve (12) and seventeen (17) and one young person between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) from each district to be selected in such a manner as may be determined by the annual conference. In the annual conferences of the regional conferences, the four-year participation and the two-year membership requirements may be waived by the annual conference for young persons under thirty (30) years of age. Such persons must be professing members of The United Methodist Church and active participants at the time of election. Each charge served by more than one clergy shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy members. The lay members shall have been for the two years next preceding their election members of The United Methodist Church and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election. If the lay membership should number less than the clergy members of the annual conference, the annual conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the annual conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #32 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XV Yes – 532, No – 116

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 718 Yes, 117 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 32, Article I, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 32, Article I) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete everything in the first paragraph following “shall be composed of” and add “professing lay and clergy members as defined by the General Conference. Lay members shall have been members of The United Methodist Church for one year preceding their election.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 32 (¶ 32) would read:

The annual conference shall be composed of lay and clergy members as defined by the General Conference. Lay members shall have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for one year preceding their election.

If the lay membership should number less than the clergy members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the Annual Conference.

If both Amendments XIV and XV are adopted, the resulting paragraph would read:

The annual conference shall be composed of lay and clergy members as defined by the General Conference. Lay members shall have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for one year preceding their election.

If the lay membership should number less than the clergy members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the Annual Conference.

Item #33 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XVI Yes – 409, No – 254

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 33, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 33, Article II) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Add “, regional” following “General” and before “and” and delete “the” before “jurisdictional” and delete “or central” before “conferences” in the first sentence. Add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 33 (¶ 33) would read:

The annual conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of clergy and lay delegates to the General, regional and jurisdictional conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its clergy members, and on the ordination of clergy and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy except that the lay members of the conference board of ordained ministry may vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy, with the further exception that lay members of the district committee on ordained ministry be full participating members of the district committee on ordained ministry with vote. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #34 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XVII Yes – 542, No – 116

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 812 Yes, 49 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 33, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 33, Article II) amend by addition, as follows:

Add “and the committee on investigation” following “ministry.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 33 (¶ 33) would read:

The annual conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of clergy and lay delegates to the General and the jurisdictional or central conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its clergy members, and on the ordination of clergy and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy except that the lay members of the conference board of ordained ministry and the committee on investigation may vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy, with the further exception that lay members of the district committee on ordained ministry be full participating members of the district committee on ordained ministry with vote. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

If both Amendments XVI and XVII are adopted, the resulting paragraph would read:

The annual conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of clergy and lay delegates to the General, regional, and jurisdictional conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its clergy members, and on the ordination of clergy and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General

Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy except that the lay members of the conference board of ordained ministry and the committee on investigation may vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy, with the further exception that lay members of the district committee on ordained ministry be full participating members of the district committee on ordained ministry with vote. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #35 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XVIII Yes – 412, No – 250

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 34, Article III, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 34, Article III) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Following “jurisdictional” delete “or central” and add “and regional”, and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 34 (¶ 34) would read:

The annual conference shall elect clergy and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its jurisdictional and regional conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the jurisdictional and regional conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the jurisdictional and regional conference. The additional delegates to the jurisdictional and regional conference shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The annual conference shall also elect reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional and regional conference as it may deem desirable. These reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional and regional conferences may act as reserve delegates to the General Conference when it is evident that not enough reserve delegates are in attendance at the General Conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #36 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XIX Yes – 633, No – 43

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 696 Yes, 135 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 35, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 35, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Before “clergy” delete “ordained ministerial” and before “from” delete “by and” and before “members” delete “ordained ministerial” and before “members” add “clergy” and before “the annual” delete “with” and before “the annual” add “of” and after “the annual conference” add “who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.”

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 35 (¶ 35) would read:

The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

Item #37 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XX Yes – 411, No – 251

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 35, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 35, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “or central” following “jurisdictional” and add “and regional” following “jurisdictional” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 35 (¶ 35) would read:

The ordained ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional and regional conference shall be elected by and from the ordained ministerial members in full connection with the annual conference or provisional annual conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

If both Amendments XIX and XX are adopted, the resulting paragraph would read:

The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or regional conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #38 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXI Yes – 411, No – 252

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 36, Article V, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 36, Article V) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “and” before “jurisdictional” and delete “or central” before “conferences” and add “and regional” before “conferences” in the first clause, delete “or central” before “conferences” and add “and regional” before conferences in the last clause and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 36 (¶ 36) would read:

The lay delegates to the General, jurisdictional and regional conferences shall be elected by the lay members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference without regard to age; provided such delegates shall have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years next preceding their election, and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the annual conference electing them at the time of holding the General and jurisdictional and regional conferences. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #39 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXII Yes – 655, No – 21

On April 29, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 757 Yes, 27 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VII, ¶ 37, Article I, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division

Two, Section VII, ¶ 37, Article I) amend by addition, as follows:

Before “Connecticut” add “Bermuda”.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 37 (¶ 37) would read:

The United Methodist Church shall have jurisdictional conferences made up as follows:

Northeastern-Bermuda, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, West Virginia.

Southeastern-Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia.

North Central-Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

South Central-Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Western-Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming and the territory of the United States in the Pacific region.

Item #40 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXIII Yes – 409, No – 254

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 590 Yes, 255 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VII, ¶ 38, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VII, ¶ 38, Article II) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

After “Church” delete “outside the United States of America” and after “into” delete “central” and after “into” add “regional” and after “determined” delete “by the Uniting Conference,” and after “Conference” delete “having authority subsequently to make changes in the number and boundaries.” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 38 (¶ 38) would read:

The work of the Church may be formed into regional conferences, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the General Conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #41 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXIV Yes – 412, No – 252

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VII, ¶ 40, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section VII, ¶ 40, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Before “conferences” delete “central” and before “conferences” add “regional” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 40 (¶ 40) would read:

Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the annual conferences and episcopal areas may be effected by the jurisdictional conferences in the United States of America and by the regional conferences outside the United States of America according to the provisions under the respective powers and pursuant to the respective structures of the jurisdictional and the regional conferences. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #42 Proposed constitutional Amendment – XXV Yes – 410, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 46, Article I, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 46, Article I) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Before “conferences” delete “central” and before “conferences” add “regional” and before “conference” delete “central” and before “conference” add “regional” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 46 (¶ 46) would read:

The bishops shall be elected by the respective jurisdictional and regional conferences and consecrated in the historic manner at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference for those elected by the jurisdictions and by each regional conference for those elected by such regional conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #43 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXVI Yes – 410, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 560 Yes, 275 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 48, Article IV, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 48, Article IV) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Before “conference” delete “central” and before “conference” add “regional” and following “Bishops” delete “, and such” and following “Bishops” add “In regional conferences where there are jurisdictional conferences, the jurisdictional colleges shall arrange the plan of episcopal supervision of the annual conferences, missionary conferences and missions within their jurisdictions. In regional conferences where there are no jurisdictional conferences, the regional conference” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 48 (¶ 48) would read:

The bishops of each jurisdictional and regional conference shall constitute a College of Bishops. In regional conferences where there are jurisdictional conferences, the jurisdictional colleges shall arrange the plan of episcopal supervision of the annual conferences, missionary conferences and missions within their jurisdictions. In regional conferences where there are no jurisdictional conferences, the regional conference College of Bishops shall arrange the plan of episcopal supervision of the annual conferences, missionary conferences, and missions within their respective territories. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #44 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXVII Yes – 411, No – 252

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 246 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 49, Article V, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 49, Article V) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

In the first sentence, before “conferences” delete “or central” and before “conferences” add “and regional” and in the first sentence of the second paragraph delete “central” before “conference” and add “regional” before “conference” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 49 (¶ 49) would read:

The bishops shall have residential and presidential supervision in the jurisdictional and regional conferences in which they are elected or to which they are transferred. Bishops may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction for presidential and residential supervision under the following conditions: (1) The transfer of bishops may be on either of two bases: (a) a jurisdiction that receives a bishop by transfer from another jurisdiction may transfer to that jurisdiction or to a third jurisdiction one of its own bishops eligible for transfer, so that the number transferred in by each jurisdiction shall be balanced by the number transferred out; or (b) a jurisdiction may receive a bishop from another jurisdiction and not transfer out a member of its own College of Bishops. (2) No bishop shall be transferred unless that bishop shall have specifically consented. (3) No bishop shall be eligible for transfer unless the bishop shall have served one quadrennium in the jurisdiction that elected the bishop to the episcopacy. (4) All such transfers shall require the approval by a majority vote of the members present and voting of the jurisdictional committees on episcopacy of the jurisdictions that are involved. After the above procedures have been followed, the transferring bishop shall become a member of the receiving College of Bishops and shall be subject to residential assignment by that jurisdictional conference. A bishop may be assigned by the Council of Bishops for presidential service or other temporary service in another jurisdiction than that which elected the bishop; provided that the request is made by a majority of the bishops in the jurisdiction of the proposed service.

In the case of an emergency in any jurisdiction or regional conference through the death or disability of a bishop or other cause, the Council of Bishops may assign a bishop from another jurisdiction or regional conference to the work of the said jurisdiction or regional conference, with the consent of a majority of the bishops of that jurisdiction or regional conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #45 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXVIII Yes – 412, No – 251

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 50, Article VI, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 50, Article VI) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

In the third sentence, delete “central” before “conference” and add “regional” before “conference” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 50 (¶ 50) would read:

The bishops, both active and retired, of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of The Methodist Church at the time union is consummated shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church.

The bishops of The Methodist Church elected by the jurisdictions, the active bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church at the time of union, and bishops elected by the jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church shall have life tenure. Each bishop elected by a regional conference of The Methodist Church shall have such tenure as the regional conference electing him shall have determined.

The jurisdictional conference shall elect a standing committee on episcopacy to consist of one clergy and one lay delegate from each annual conference, on nomination of the annual conference delegation. The committee shall review the work of the bishops, pass on their character and official administration, and report to the jurisdictional conference its findings for such action as the conference may deem appropriate within its constitutional warrant of power. The committee shall recommend the assignments of the bishops to their respective residences for final action by the jurisdictional conference. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #46 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXIX Yes – 412, No – 251

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 51, Article VII, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 51, Article VII) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” before “or jurisdictional” and add “regional” before “or jurisdictional” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 51 (¶ 51) would read:

A bishop presiding over an annual, regional, or jurisdictional conference shall decide all questions of law coming before the bishop in the regular business of a session; provided that such questions be presented in writing and that the decisions be recorded in the journal of the conference.

Such an episcopal decision shall not be authoritative except for the pending case until it shall have been passed upon by the Judicial Council. All decisions of law made by each bishop shall be reported in writing annually, with a syllabus of the same, to the Judicial Council, which shall affirm, modify, or reverse them. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #47 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXX Yes – 411, No – 252

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 52, Article VIII, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Three, ¶ 52, Article VIII) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” after “jurisdictional and” and add “regional” after “jurisdictional and” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 52 (¶ 52) would read:

The bishops of the several jurisdictional and regional conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective conferences. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #48 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXXI Yes – 410, No – 253

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Four, ¶ 56, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Four, ¶ 56, Article II) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” after “jurisdictional or” and add “regional” after “jurisdictional or” and delete “central” after “jurisdictional or a” and add “regional” after “jurisdictional or a” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 56 (¶ 56) would read:

The Judicial Council shall have authority:

1. To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops or one-fifth of the members of the General Conference and to determine the constitutionality of any act of a jurisdictional or regional conference upon an appeal of a majority of the bishops of that jurisdictional or regional conference or upon the appeal of one-fifth of the members of that jurisdictional or regional conference.
2. To hear and determine any appeal from a bishop’s decision on a question of law made in the annual conference when said appeal has been made by one-fifth of that conference present and voting.
3. To pass upon decisions of law made by bishops in annual conferences.
4. To hear and determine the legality of any action taken therein by any General Conference board or

jurisdictional or regional conference board or body, upon appeal by one-third of the members thereof, or upon request of the Council of Bishops or a majority of the bishops of a jurisdictional or a regional conference.

5. To have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference.

6. To provide its own methods of organization and procedure.

(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Item #49 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – XXXII Yes – 411, No – 252

On May 1, 2008, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Fort Worth, Texas, the following Constitutional Amendment was made by a recorded vote of 629 Yes, 248 No. It is now presented to the Annual Conferences for vote.

In the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Five, ¶ 61, Article II, (2008 Book of Discipline, Division Five, ¶ 61, Article II) amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Delete “central” after “jurisdictional or” and add “regional” after “jurisdictional or” and add “(The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)” at end of the paragraph.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, ¶ 61 (¶ 61) would read:

A jurisdictional or regional conference may by a majority vote propose changes in the Constitution of the Church, and such proposed changes shall be submitted to the next General Conference. If the General Conference adopts the measure by a two-thirds vote, it shall be submitted to the annual conferences according to the provision for amendments. (The change in name from “central” to “regional” takes effect January 1, 2013 at which time this parenthetical procedural note will be removed from the Constitution.)

Amendments III, IV, V, VII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XVI, XVIII, XX, XXI, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX, XXXI, and XXXII are all part of the Worldwide Nature of the United Methodist Church proposal.

Amendments V and VI are both for ¶ 15. Amendments VII and VIII are both for ¶ 16, but for different subparagraphs. Amendments XIV and XV are both for ¶ 32. Amendments XVI and XVII are both for ¶ 33. Amendments XIX and XX are both for ¶ 35.

D. OTHER LEGISLATION AND NEW BUSINESS

Motion #18

SUBJECT: **Schedule an Open Meeting Regarding the Process of Appointments. Conference clergy voted concurrence.**

MOTION: Move that the Clergy Session of the West Michigan Annual Conference direct the chairs of the Orders of Elders, the Order of Deacons, the John Wesley Association and the Board of Ordained Ministry to schedule an open meeting for the members of those groups with the Bishop and Cabinet, to discuss the process of appointment-making in the West Michigan Conference, with particular reference to our Conference Flexible Housing Policy and how it is administered and that this meeting happen prior to December 1, 2009.

Motion #19

SUBJECT: **Limits of the Floor. Conference voted concurrence.**

MOTION: Move the limits of the floor as the main level of the arena and the center section 212 in the balcony. The other sections in the balcony will be reserved for non-voting guests.

Motion #20

SUBJECT:

Rules of Order. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move the adoption of the Rules of Order as printed in Book B as the Rules of Order for the Conference.

Motion #21

SUBJECT:

“Rules of Order” Rule 19 - Amend by Addition. Conference voted concurrence to refer to the Rules of Order Committee.

MOTION:

Move to amend Rule 19 by addition of the following sentence to the rule: “Prior to each Annual Conference session all recommendations for action at the Corporate Session shall be submitted and considered as Petitions under Rule 12.”

Rule 19 would then read: “The Conference Program Committee shall designate a specific time for the Corporate Session to meet during the Conference. Prior to each Annual Conference session all recommendations for action at the Corporate Session shall be submitted and considered as Petitions under Rule 12.”

Motion #22

SUBJECT:

Rules of Order – Exception of Corporate Session Motion. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move the adoption of the Rules of Order as printed in Book B as the Rules of Order for the Conference, with the exclusion of Motion #21.

Motion #23

SUBJECT:

Annual Conference Agenda. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move the adoption of the agenda as printed in the Program Book with necessary changes and that the constitutional amendments be considered on Friday morning and voted on by 11:00 AM.

Motion #24

SUBJECT:

Voice but No Vote to Episcopal Staff and Guests. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move to allow voice but no vote to Terry Euper, Diane Allarding, Vicki Gibbs, Paul Thomas, Mike Clark, Dr. Charles Yoost and Dan R. Dick during Annual Conference.

Motion #25

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of Vol. 1 of the Journal. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Benton Heisler moved the adoption of the reports as printed in the Conference Journal Volume 1 found online.

Motion #26

SUBJECT:

Voice but No Vote to Other Guests. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move to allow voice but no vote to Ronald Stoll and Robert Richards during Items #14 and #15, and Jack Tingle during Item #10.

Motion #27

SUBJECT:

Call the Previous Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move to call the previous question regarding Constitutional Amendment #1.

Motion #28

SUBJECT:

Limit Debate. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move to limit debate to three speeches for and three against and limit speeches to three minutes each.

Motion #29

SUBJECT:

Extend Debate. Conference voted non-concurrence.

MOTION:

Move to extend debate past the order of the day.

Motion #30

SUBJECT: Minutes of Daily Proceedings of Thursday, June 4, 2009. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move the acceptance of the minutes of the Daily Proceedings of Thursday, June 4, 2009.

Motion #31

SUBJECT: Call the Previous Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to call the previous question.

Motion #32

SUBJECT: Reconsider the Amended Item #10. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to reconsider the amended Item #10.

Motion #33

SUBJECT: Postpone Item #10. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to postpone Item #10 until the next legislative session.

Motion #34

SUBJECT: Lift Item #10 from the Table. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to lift Item #10 from the table.

Motion #35

SUBJECT: Call the Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to call the question on all that is before conference.

Motion #36

SUBJECT: Limit Debate. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to limit debate to four speeches for and four against and limit speeches to three minutes each.

Motion #37

SUBJECT: Call the Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to call the question to refer.

Motion #38

SUBJECT: Special Offering for Central Conference Pension Fund. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to take a special offering on Sunday, June 7 for support of the Central conference Pension Fund.

Motion #39

SUBJECT: Call the Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to call the question on all that was before conference.

Motion #40

SUBJECT: Refer Item #10 to Judicial Council. Conference voted non-concurrence. (Standing/hand count 101 Yes, 300 No)

MOTION: Move that the decision made on Item #10 be referred to Judicial Council.

Motion #41

SUBJECT: Call the Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to call the question of all that is before conference.

Motion #42

SUBJECT: Call the Question. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION: Move to call the previous question and all that is before the conference.

Motion #43

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Discontinuance of Brandywine Trinity UMC. Conference voted concurrence.

Moved to approve the discontinuation of Brandywine Trinity UMC in accordance with ¶2548.2 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2008*.

Motion #44

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Transfer of Property, Church and Parsonage. Conference voted concurrence.

Moved to approve the transfer of Brandywine Trinity UMC church property and parsonage by the Board of Trustees of the West Michigan Conference to Buchanan Faith UMC, contingent upon the review and approval by the Conference Chancellor.

Motion #45

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Adjourn Corporate Session. Conference voted concurrence.

Move to adjourn Corporate Session.

Motion #46

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Minutes of Daily Proceedings, June 5-7. Conference voted concurrence.

Moved the acceptance of the minutes from June 5-6 and to give the Conference Secretary permission to perfect the minutes of Sunday, June 7.

Motion #47

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Implementation of Item #10. Conference voted concurrence as amended.

If, with the implementation of Item #10, a local congregation can demonstrate to the Conference Trustees by means of a written quote, that they could obtain equivalent insurance coverage from an alternate A.M. Best Rated A+ provider at a lower premium cost and the provider under the master group program will not match that premium, the Annual Conference shall reimburse the local church the difference out of the savings realized by coverage of Conference Facilities and properties.

Motion #48

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Implementation of Item #10 - Amendment. Conference voted concurrence and referred to CF&A.

Move to amend by striking "shall" insert "may" and add after may "for up to one year", then at end "as long as sufficient funds exists."

So that the motion reads:

"If, with the implementation of Item #10, a local congregation can demonstrate to the Conference Trustees by means of a written quote, that they could obtain equivalent insurance coverage from an alternate A.M. Best Rated A+ provider at a lower premium cost, and the provider under the Master Group Plan will not match that premium, the Annual Conference *may, for up to one year* reimburse the local congregation the difference out of the savings realized by coverage of Conference Facilities and properties, *as long as sufficient funds exist.*"

Motion #49

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Call the Question. Conference voted concurrence.

Move to call the previous question and all that was before conference.

Motion #50

SUBJECT:

MOTION:

Limit Debate. Conference voted concurrence.

Move to limit debate to three speeches for and three speeches against and limit speeches to three minutes each.

Motion #51

SUBJECT:

Nominations Report. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move the acceptance of the final report and for permission for the Committee to perfect it.

Motion #52

SUBJECT:

Adjournment of Conference. Conference voted concurrence.

MOTION:

Move adjournment of the 2009 West Michigan Annual Conference following Ordination.